



MINUTES OF THE SWIMMING TARANAKI INC. BOARD MEETING, 9th July 2024.

Start time 7pm, Paul Rust's house, 193 Carrington St., New Plymouth

PRESENT: Paul Feltoe, Mariano Garcia Nani, Louisa Parker, Kim Treeweek, Carol Powell.

APOLOGIES: Carol and Mariano

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER: None.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held were read and accepted.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: None

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The group (Paul R, Paul F and Mariano Nani) had their first meeting a couple of weeks ago with the aim to try to align with SNZ as much as possible. They are meeting again on Thursday. The group are hoping to move away from a 30-page document and condense this to a 2-page document instead. There are 3 key areas being looked at – swimming safety, competition participation and coaching. They intend to split up the work plan and establish some goals and try to keep this simple. Then they will pass this document on to the various clubs. They are taking the main topics from SNZ, adjusting them to be more specific to Swimming Taranaki but still in line with SNZ.

POLICIES: Next couple of months a road show is being held by SNZ

HEALTH & SAFETY: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Profit and Loss attached

We received funding for wages from NZCT for \$20,000. (applied for \$27,000)

We have received \$4000 from Toi Foundation for an annual grant (this was allocated by Toi and there was no opportunity to apply for an amount). The Board to look at options for where this money could be allocated. Ribbons, spot prizes, local carnivals, towels printed with ST on, Epic swim products, etc. To be discussed at the next meeting.

We have received \$15,000 from Toi Foundation for the Programme and Events grant for Taranaki Winters and Taranaki Camps (Senior, Intermediate and Junior), catering and accommodation at these camps, medals, coaching fees and pool hire.

We have applied for funding to Lions Foundation for transport and accommodation for \$12,544.80 for Stratford and Aquabladz to go to Springs (Hawera had no swimmers wanting to go). There should be a decision before the end of the month from Lions.

The board will pay the deposit if this means retaining the accommodation.

Email to clubs to tell them we will pay the deposit

Move that the financial report as circulated for 11th June – 9th July is taken as a true and correct record.

Kim Treeweek/Paul Feltoe

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Record broken at NAGS

This has been confirmed by the official recorder & it will be presented during swimming Taranaki Awards.

Congratulations to Max Cave, Brooklyn Taylor, Nathan Whitehead and Jack Rust.

The event was 4 x 50 Relay LC at NAGS. Boys 15 & under

Taranaki Winters 2024

The starting times for the Taranaki Winters Weekend are:

Friday warmup from 4:45pm racing starting 5:30pm (pool booked until 8pm)

Saturday warmup from 8:30am racing starting 9:15am (pool booked until 8pm)

Sunday warmup from 9:30am racing starting 10:15am (pool booked until 4pm)

Funding for pool hire has been received from Toi Foundation.

Swimhub/Arena will be there to sell their products, at the right-hand side as you enter the pool. Gene has been to meet up with Jason at Bell Block Pool.

There was an issue with those entering the races with times outside of 1 year but everyone with a time will swim their event.

Daniel noted that there should be an 18 months qualification period for events – but then it is all about encouraging swimmers not deterring swimmers.

Those entered without a time, despite being told on the flyer and T & C's and on FB will not be swimming without a time. If they have entered, then they will be taken out of the race and refunded by ST.

Louisa to contact the swimmers with no times, explain why they cannot be in the race. If there are further problems with this, she is pass them onto Daniel. Swimming a race for the first time should be done at a local carnival – not the equivalent of a championship meet.

Paul to set up the gazebo and chairs on Friday night (19th July). Might hire some heaters depending on the weather. Daniel has access to 2 heaters.

Pekarin Pizzas will open earlier to do coffee's and they will take orders and deliver. Louisa to put flyer on FB and to advertise this. Busiest time for coffees will be during warm up.

Louisa to organise food and raffles for officials.

Louisa also will speak to the café about getting food for officials. Small bites. 10am – 12 midday.

Relays:

The freestyle relays will be held on Saturday after the racing has finished.

The Medley relays will be held on Sunday after the racing has finished.

Louisa to send out a flyer to encourage the coaches to enter their teams. The coaches to send us their entries before 8am on Saturday. There is no charge for entering.

No national anthem. Still do the oath.

Louisa to do flyer re. seating and to remind clubs that they can only have 1 manager (+ 2 coaches) per 20 kids on the bleachers side with the teams.

There will be seating on the other side of the pool provided by the school hall.

If lots of outside swimmers attending – might have to do seating plan.

If parents are worried about lack of seating then this is a good opportunity to become a timekeeper.

Senior Camp

Senior Camp (and Intermediate and Junior now have funding from Toi Foundation)

This funding will cover food, Mariano's coaching and pool hire. The swimmers will have to pay for entry into laser tag themselves.

The Dietician talk is free.

Louisa to find out what time she wants to be there and what she needs and let Paul F know.

Louisa to buy her something to show our appreciation.

Wellington Short Course, Wellington 21-23rd June

Wellington SC 21-23rd June – can be discussed at next meeting as Carol and Mariano not available to discuss this event.

National Events 2025

Accommodation bookings for 2025/funding deadlines will be early January. So far, we have Stratford, Hawera and Aquabladz at the same accommodation for NAGS (Hawera's number included in the Stratford booking) and accommodation under Swimming Taranaki for 35 people for Div 2.

It would be really helpful for the coaches to keep in touch with Louisa to let her know of any significant changes in estimated numbers attending.

The funding applications will need to be done in January/February so quotes for accommodation and transport will need to be finalized by then.

Transfers

Louisa is in contact with SNZ to try and get Mrs G Davis transferred from Highlands haven't approved (due to no contact) the transfer to Aquabladz. This is to update everyone and let you know that it is being worked out.

Governance Changes

SNZ Plan Governance Working Groups and workshops. An email sent to everyone offering free courses/information hubs if they are interested in attending them in Taranaki which are run by Wheelhouse.

Volunteering New Plymouth Awards

Daniel and Louisa attended to support Ali Hickford. This was a great event and quite inspirational. There were a lot of people there and Ali seemed pleased with the morning.

Life Service Awards for SNZ

Service award suggestions: Rowan and Cath do loads of work locally but not nationally.

We cannot think of anyone to put forward with national as well as local work experience as these are historically the most successful applicants.

Letter from Tawa Swim Club to SNZ

It was agreed that we need to acknowledge this letter. Mainly the issues of ceasing with Div 2 and taking 17 year olds away from NAGS. ST should be supporting this letter.

Div 2 is really important. Opens should be separate from Div 2's. NAGS and Div 2 should be held close together.

Louisa to compose a letter to SNZ supporting Tawa, (as a region) saying that as a region we support the letter sent to SNZ. We will copy this letter to Tawa and Wellington Swimming as well.

Louisa to draft one to go and run by Daniel ASAP.

Medals

Medals for visitors – It was asked if we are able to set this up manually or can it be set up in MM?

Louisa to ask Sonia/Beth and to look at giving away different medals to visitors in the future.

Louisa showed the board the Wellington visitors medal and is to look at getting a selection of swimmers favourite medals for future purchasing and design. Perhaps running a post on FB to find swimmers opinions.

Instagram

Louisa to start a new ST Instagram account. She is looking for good photos of our swimmers for the website as well as Instagram and FB.

Daniel suggested asking the coaches for photos.

Accountant Review

New Accountant for ST – the accountant who does the review for Okato is Danelle King at Accountants on Hobson. Louisa will make contact and get prices.

Police Vetting to be discussed next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 8:30pm

**Next Meeting: 13th August 2024
Safety Solutions,
Molesworth St.**

(Daniel possibly unavailable – Paul Rust away for next meeting – may look to reschedule)

Signed as a true and correct record:

Date: