

Swimming Auckland Board Meeting 25th March 2010

MINUTES

of Board Meeting held on Thursday 25th March 2010 at 7.30 pm
at Sports House, Harbour Sport, Stadium Drive, Albany

Present: Andy Brown (Chair), Teresa Stanley, Gwen Ryan, Willem Coetzee, Dominic Toomey, Alison Fitch, Brian Palmer, Julie-Ann Mold

1.0 Apologies: Suzanne Speer, Ken McEwan

2.0 Register of Interest: No items to register

3.0 Previous Minutes:

Approved as a true record. Moved GRyan/WCoetzee

Various matters which arose in the previous minutes were discussed. These included:

- EO's performance review – this will be undertaken by A Brown and T Stanley on a date to be agreed with the EO, but preferably before the April meeting.
- PI Insurance proposals for board members to complete were distributed.
- An amended proposal relating to a replacement photocopier from Fuji Xerox at West Wave was considered but it was agreed to stand by the previous decision of deferring this purchase until prior to the next major meet where a bottleneck on copying facilities will occur. That will be AK Winters in July.
- AGM – a repeat of the invitation for any business or remits for consideration to be brought forward in sufficient time for due consideration and preparation.

4.0 Team Manager reports.

The team manager reports from NZ Juniors (together with a further report by G Ryan relating to NZ Juniors) and NZ Age Groups were reviewed. The report relating to NZ Div II which has only just concluded has not yet been received.

5.0 Auckland Opens.

The meet directors report has not yet been received, but the EO reported on various aspects of the Auckland Opens which were the result of views expressed by some key coaches and stakeholders. Overall the Ak Opens accomplished most of the performance objectives, although it was less well attended than we had hoped for. While this is perhaps explained by the events proximity to NZ Age Groups the consensus view is that its timing was intended to provide ideal preparation for our athletes preparing for NZ Opens, From that view point the timing was considered ideal and should be persisted with. In financial terms, with pool hire being underwritten by grant funding generously provided by TTCF (Waitakere Licensing trust) the meet operated at a break even level. Of the \$3,000 allocation of prize money which had been made from now lapsed AIS provision, \$2,400 had been recovered from commercial support as had the cost of the non-perpetual trophies which were given out. The new championship medals were considered a 'hit' with the athletes – definitely worth swimming for was a common response. In short, overall response from participating athletes and coaches was positive and the new format is considered worth building on for future years. There were also several key learning issues considered which could further enhance the meet and create better participation in future years. These will be reviewed when planning for the 2011 event is being undertaken.

6.0 Registrars Report.

The registrars report, including a report of new Auckland Records established was submitted and approved. AFitch/GRyan

7.0 Transfers

The EO reports that there have been several transfers but that due to the absence on annual leave of the administrator that this list was not available for the board at this time. It would be circulated around the board when available and has now been appended to these minutes.

8.0 Auckland Swimming League.

With the ASL ready to commence in April, the EO reported on progress to date including a confirmation that pool hire costs have now been underwritten through a generous grant by the ASB Community Trust. This now ensures that the financial objectives of the League as a contributor to increased ASA profitability can be realised even if overall participation numbers are less than anticipated, although at this stage early indications are of a very significant uptake and participation being likely.

9.0 Auckland Winter Championships.

The draft program (which is still subject to some final time-lining) as prepared by CSG was submitted for review and consideration. Various minor editing issues were identified as were some issues with the qualifying times. Subject to these corrections, the overall program was accepted.

10.0 SNZ Opens

The EO reported on preparations for the forthcoming SNZ Opens. While we still have some gaps in our requirements for volunteers and staffing it is coming together as well as can be expected at this stage. Various technical issues are being resolved as it relates to the scoreboard and agreement has been reached with SNZ relating to the use (and payment by SNZ) of the scoreboard for multi-media purposes. This includes the preparation of a new software interface which will allow for the display of provisional results, a capacity which has not been available since the introduction of the new screen. Regrettably the resurfacing of the scoreboard end start blocks is proving more complex than originally considered likely and will not be done or attempted prior to SNZ Opens.

11.0 Executive Officers Report

The monthly financial statements to the end of February were submitted and the EO was able to report that significant progress has been made with cash flows this year. This means that as the ASA approaches the year end which has traditionally been the weakest cash flow point in the annual cycle that we have sufficient current cash reserves to meet all our commitments without any anticipated need to call on Association reserves or term deposits. While difficult to predict exactly how the adjusted year end accounts will show, present indications are that the majority of the loss which has dogged the association for several years has now been turned around and that we should post a small profit for the current financial year.

12.0 General Business

- Correspondence from Lesley Johns relating to swimwear and a personal issue arising in consequence of the change of regulations was reviewed. While no immediate solution to this issue was immediately obvious the EO reported that efforts were

being made to find a satisfactory solution and that various discussions with swimwear suppliers were ongoing.

- D Toomey raised a concern about the number of times there was mention of apparent conflict with coaches and wondered if this reflected an endemic issue. Those concerns were duly noted.

Next meeting 22nd April.

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Date: