

Swimming Auckland Board Meeting 22nd October 2009

MINUTES

of board meeting held on Thursday 22nd September 2009 at 7.30 pm
at Sports House, Harbour Sport, Stadium Drive, Albany

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

- 1.0 **Apologies:** Ken McEwan, Julie-Ann Mold, Suzanne Speer
- 2.0 **Register of Interest:** Dominic Toomey, as a Director of SNZ for all matters arising in future which may be affected by his membership of the SNZ board.
- 3.0 **Previous Minutes:**
- Approved as a true record. Moved GRyan/ABrown

4.0 **NZ Spring Competition Managers Report.**

The Team managers report was tabled and reviewed. The following issues were noted:

- The CSG has discussed and considered the issues surrounding Relays and has determined that in future Auckland will only enter relay teams in 200m plus relay events (ie: no 8 x 25, or mixed Relays). That for other relays Auckland will only enter a single relay team.
- That CSG will establish a clear protocol for the selection and management of relay teams at the event – this protocol will be circulated to all coaches prior to the National Event and all coaches will be expected to respect the position of the Manager and appointed team selectors.

The EO provided further information which derived from a verbal report with the team manager and which involved serious breaches of discipline by certain swimmers as it related to relay selection and their treatment of the team manager. Further evidence was supplied of disrespectful and intimidatory treatment of the manager by certain coach(s) as well. A consequence of this behaviour has been the receipt of notification by a club who has previously been considered a strong supporter of Auckland Relay's that they no longer intend making their swimmers available for participation in the future.

These issues were discussed at length and a range of options were considered.

The following motion was proposed:

"That a disciplinary process by way of Tribunal be established to consider disciplinary action with regards to [REDACTED]."

Moved: GR/DT – passed.

The Board requested that the names of those athletes be deleted from the public record of this meeting. It was further requested that the Executive Officer draft a letter on the Boards behalf to [REDACTED] with regard to the intimidatory treatment of the team manager by [REDACTED]. It was further noted that identifying detail of the above should be removed from the public record.

The EO is to write to [REDACTED] to advise them of the intended disciplinary action.

The disciplinary tribunal shall comprise an independent Chair with appointment advice to be sought from Sport North Harbour and Ken McEwan and Andy Brown for Auckland Swimming.

The Board has requested the EO with assistance from Andy Brown to establish a code of procedure for the operation of a disciplinary tribunal (in the apparent absence of a procedure clearly established within the ASA Constitution and Rules).

The EO is to review the (any) code of conduct provisions with a view to having all attendees at National Events being required to sign the ASA Code of Conduct in order for their entries to be accepted.

The EO to write to Laser Mt Eden SC to proffer the Boards regret for the behaviour which occurred and to inform them of the fact that the Board has determined these breeches are of sufficient seriousness to warrant disciplinary action, together with the hope that they will feel able to make their athletes available for future Auckland Selection.

5.0 Registrars Report.

Moved that the report be accepted: DTtoomey/AFitch

6.0 Transfers

Transfer report submitted by Registrar.

Moved that all transfers be accepted. GRyan/ABrown

7.0 Budget Approval for Forthcoming Auckland Championships

Detailed Budgets were submitted for the forthcoming Auckland Junior and Age Group competitions with the note that grant funding from TTCF has been approved to cover pool hire for Juniors. Application for funding has been made, but not yet approved for Auckland Age Groups and also Auckland Distance. These budgets were accepted. A preliminary draft budget was submitted for Auckland Opens but it was noted by the EO that this was still a work in progress.

The Poster for Auckland Opens was reviewed and certain minor presentational issues were noted for correction. Once these are made the Poster and Meet Conditions were approved to be published.

Moved: DTtoomey/WCoetzee

The EO had previously circulated and received comment from the Board a proposal for the re-allocation of previously AIS provisions which have now expired for use as cash incentive awards at the Auckland Opens. This allocation is a total of \$500 per award for 6 Awards as noted in the Auckland Opens Poster and Conditions of Meet.

Moved for Acceptance: ABrown/TStanley

Some discussion ensued relating to calendar changes which CSG has been discussing – it was noted that the proposed (CSG) changes to schedule as it relates to Auckland Age groups from its present December date to the Auckland Anniversary weekend in January 2011 will create a calendar conflict with a major surf event on the same weekend. The EO noted that no consideration had been made by CSG with regard to the calendaring of other sports and agreed that we would note this conflict for comment and consideration by CSG.

8.0 Executive Officers Report

Executive Officer tabled current financial statements and noted that the normal KPI report has not been completed due to a heavy schedule of meetings this week preceding the Board Meeting. This will be circulated directly to the board for information by email.

9.0 General Business

TS Raised the issue of recent press articles surrounding proposed facilities on the North Shore. The EO replied that this was/appears to be a part of a broader political move by potential CWG Aquatic sites to further their claims. A brief report was supplied with regard to current activity the EO is engaged in relating to the possible CWG bid and its potential impact on the issue of facilities.

WC noted feedback from Coast Club on their meeting with the EO relating to the provision of officials at meets in consequence of their correspondence which was reviewed last Board meeting. WC noted that Coast appeared happy at the direction taken and were now working with the ASA Technical Group on a proposed solution.

WC asked about [progress with Muriwai and the EO reported on his recent visit to the owners of the 'Fools Pool' at Muriwai and various meetings with Fools Pool & Ignite Swimming as it related to the proposed establishment of a Muriwai Club, based at Fools Pool. The EO reported that arrangements have been made with Helensville for Muriwai Swimmers to register through Helensville in the interim with the intention of establishing Muriwai once appropriate paper work has been completed and the requisite membership numbers have been attained.

Next meeting noted for 10th December 2009.

Approved as a true record:

Date: