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Competitive Swim Group

Held on Tuesday 9 September, 2008 at 9.30am

At Sports House, Harbour Sport, Stadium Drive, Albany

Present: Gwen Ryan, Judith Wright, Donna Bouzaid, Charlie Root, Robin Baddock, James Stenhouse, Ian Turner, Anthony Kattan and Philippa Bouzaid

Apologies: Simon Mayne (Beijing)

Agenda Items:

Competitive Swim Group members:

It was agreed that due to the Board's review of its strategic plan and structure, CSG would remain as is, with Gwen Ryan and Sandra Burrow as elected members and all coaches being involved as and when required. Information can be by way of email and if discussion is required, a meeting will be called of all coaches.

Qualifying Times re AK Winters:

In light of feedback received from Auckland Winters with regard to times, length of meet and distance events, the coaches discussed the meet overall and where time could be managed better and whether the qualifying times were to be reviewed annually.

Moved by Judith Wright that we go with top 24 qualifying times for 2009 but times are to be reviewed annually straight after the event.

Seconded: Gwen Ryan

Carried

Moved further by Donna Bouzaid that all distance events be at the start of the session.

Seconded: Anthony Kattan

Carried

Ak Open Championships :

It was agreed that this meet remain as a mix of heats, finals for 50, 100 and 200 metre events and timed finals for the distance events, e.g. 400, 800 and 1500. This is to remain at a four session meet.

Ak Juniors – medal presentations:

The coaches agreed to try once again to present medals to our junior swimmers. Philippa to organize the format and email out to the group for confirmation. A recommendation is that we present medals in blocks of ages during the meet.

Refunds for Scratching at Auckland Championships:

Moved by Judith Wright that amendments be made to the Auckland Championship posters to state that there is to be no refunds for scratchings.

Seconded: Ian Turner

Carried

Constitution re Application for Auckland Records:

Discussion from the coaches regarding the paperwork that is required when swimmers break Auckland records. This is not always applicable at the time, especially if the swimmer or the coach was not aware that the record had been broken. If the referee has signed off the electronic results sheet after the event, and the results have been published, the report that is generated by Team Manager from the office should suffice to provide information for ratification of any records.

Moved by Gwen Ryan that there be a remit put forward at the 2009 AGM for the Constitution to be changed accordingly.

Seconded: Donna Bouzaid

Carried

1500 / 800 events for interclub meets:

Anthony advised the meeting of his concern for our level 2 and 1 swimmers with regard to entering into the 1500 and 800 events at interclub meets. This was discussed at length.

Moved by Donna that Level two swimmers who have qualified to move into Level 1 can enter the distance events without first achieving the qualifying time stipulated.

Clarification is that once a swimmer has achieved a qualifying time in any stroke/ distance to move them into the next level, they then have the right to compete in all the strokes / distances whether they have met the qualifying time or not.

Seconded: Anthony Kattan

Carried

General Business:

1. *Constitutional change re visitors:*

Donna sought the group's feedback with regard to deleting the visitor's rule. An interesting discussion followed and it was agreed that a remit be put to the 2009 AGM as follows:

“that all swimmers competing in Auckland championships (including visitors) have the right to compete in the final. Auckland swimmers must contest the final to receive a medal.”

2. *Board's Strategic Plan review:*

Philippa advised the meeting that the Board were reviewing the Strategic Plan on 18th September and sought from the coaches their thoughts on where they would like to see Auckland swimming moving with regard to competition, coaches and swimmers.

Comments as follows:

- Sound and solid structure. Auckland Swimming caters for all levels of development and does so in a very capable manner.
- Relays / Winters – pool deck running was excellent
- Stick to the Rules – don't change once published
- Address the development side – upskilling of coaches
- Organise top quality swim coaches to speak on specific items (e.g. speed session, long distance, tapering)
- Run stroke camps
- Sharing information and knowledge around coaches
- Coaches to support the development seminars

- SNZ only runs the School of Coaching for the development of coaches
- SCAT is looking at doing more along the development of coaches
- Clive Rushton and Clive Power would be good people to contact with regard to the seminars for the upskilling of coaches.

3. *Swimmers Yearbook:*

Agreed that a calendar yearbook would suffice better. Print yearbook for 2010 once championship events have finished in December 2009 and qualifying times for the 2010 year have been confirmed. Suggest that the yearbook is printed during January to be distributed to clubs end of January,/February for the calendar year.

Meeting finished at 10.45am.