



Minutes of the Swimming Southland Delegates Meeting, held on Tuesday 13th April 2010 at the Senior Citizens Rooms, Forth Street, Invercargill - 7.30pm

Nigel Soper, President - welcomed all Delegates to the meeting and congratulated swimmers on the recent successes in particular Natalie Wiegiersma on successfully qualifying for the 2010 Commonwealth Games

Special welcome to Life Members: John Sutton, Elizabeth Tapper, Robin Jackson, Judi Devine and Lyn Sutherland

Roll Call

Key:	* No Notification
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Name	No. Del's	Club	Pres/Apol/Nil	Proxies	Pres/Apol
	2	Bluff	*		
Yvonne McDonald	3	COL	Apology	Warren Joyce	Present
Adrienne Pope			Present	Sheryl Joyce	Present
Michelle Anderson	3	CSL	Apology	Judi Devine	Present
Jason Unahi		CSL	Present		
Caroline Stewart		CSL	Apology		
Annette Flewellen	3	FIO	*		
Bev Thorne			*		
Fiona Macdonald			*		
Brigitte Morrison	3	HOK	Apology		
Edward Barron			Apology		
Bev Catto			Apology		
	2	MAT	*		
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Jane Fisher	4	MKU			
Jane Morgan			Present		
Andrew Holden			Present		
Murray Hamilton				Lea Tommei	Present
Barbara Grant	3	OCA	Present		
Lisa Crooks			Present		
Phillipa Marshall			Present		

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Debbie Warrender	2	RIV	*		
Tania Cleaver			*		
Bronwyn Johnston	2	WAI		Dana Adams	Present
Wendy Adams			Present		
Fiona Dooley	3	WAV	Present		
Diane Cullen			Present		
Greg Smith					

First Name	Last Name	Title	Company	Present/Apology
Elizabeth	Tapper	Life Member	S.Southland	Present
Annette	Flewellen	Life Member	S.Southland	
Robin	Jackson	Life Member	S.Southland	Present
John	Sutton	Life Member	S.Southland	Present
Margaret	Sutton	Life Member	S.Southland	
Alan	Matheson	Life Member	S.Southland	
Graeme	Mulligan	Life Member	S.Southland	Apology
Ethel	Naylor	Life Member	S.Southland	
Joy	McVicar	Life Member	S.Southland	
Joan	Hodges	Life Member	S.Southland	Apology
Lyn	Sutherland	Life Member	S.Southland	Present
Judi	Devine	Life Member	S.Southland	Present
Jan	Douglas	Life Member	S.Southland	Apology
Nigel	Soper	President/Chair	S.Southland	Present
Yvonne	McDonald	Management	S.Southland	Apology
Fiona	Dooley	Management	S.Southland	Present
Joka	Wiegersma	Management	S.Southland	Apology
Shona	Tomlins	Management	S.Southland	Present
Barbara	Grant	Management	S.Southland	Present

Others in attendance

David Prattley – Executive Officer

Apologies

Moved Judi Devine

Seconded Barbara Grant

“That the apologies as recorded, be sustained” CARRIED

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Additions to General Business

Nigel Soper called for additions to General Business
John Sutton (LM) – Constitution
John Sutton (LM) – Coaches Contract
Judi Devine (CSL) – Sth Country Club Champs
Jane Morgan (MKU) – SNZ correspondence with clubs
Andrew Holden (MKU) – Ribbon Day

Minutes Approval

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Moved Andrew Holden
Seconded Jason Unahi

“That the Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held 29th October 2008 be received”

CARRIED

Matters Arising

Elizabeth Tapper (LM) asked what had finally happened with the Spirit of Southland club. Nigel Soper advised that the club had been put into recess in case it was able to be used in the future. Judi Devine (LM) advised that she thought it was an incorporated club so needs to have its financial returns filed with the Companies office. EO to check.

Moved Jane Morgan (MKU)
Seconded Andrew Holden (MKU)

“That the Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held 29th October 2008 are accepted as a true and correct record as circulated” CARRIED



Finance Report David Prattley – Executive Officer

The EO tabled the financial report and detailed the contents to the meeting.

Debtor Aged Balances as at 31/3/10

	Current	30 days	60 days	90 days	Total
Bluff	29.00	22.50	56.25		107.75
Central Southland	12.00				12.00
Collegiate	-50.90				-50.90
Fiordland	920.00	457.50			1377.50
Hokonui Aquatics	1014.30				1014.30
Mataura	0.00				0.00
Murihiku	2044.20				2044.20
Orca Swimming Club	1253.80	4077.91			5331.71
Oreti Swimming Club			56.25		56.25
Riverton Swimming Club					
Waiau Swimming Club	189.50				189.50
Waverley Swimming Club	0.00				0.00
Other Sundry Debtors	969.39				969.39
	6381.29	4557.91	112.50		11051.70

Profit & Loss Comparison as at 31/03/10

	Actual	Prev Year			Forecast	Actual
	May 1 09 to Mar 31 10	May 1 08 to Mar 31 09	Diff	% Diff	Full Financial year to 30/4/10	Full Financial year to 30/4/09
Income						
General Revenue	21413.67	22775.98	-1362.31	-5.98%	22204.80	23032.75
Development Revenue	136958.46	136153.28	805.18	.59%	136711.32	136414.13
Total Income	158372.13	158929.26	-557.13	-.35%	158916.12	159446.88
Expenses						
Administration Expenses	50474.39	52521.10	-2046.71	-3.89%	57707.39	59852.88



<i>Officials Travel</i>	652.45	2883.14	-2230.69	-77.37%	652.45	3076.03
<i>Swimmer & Official Development</i>	76107.97	79294.99	-3187.02	-4.02%	81846.16	91376.15
<i>Team Mgrs & Coaches Travel</i>	6143.58	4823.03	1320.55	27.38%	10473.20	15931.99
Total Expense	133378.39	139522.26	-6143.87	-4.40%	150679.20	170237.05
Gross Income over Expenditure	24993.74	19407.00	5586.74	28.78%	8236.92	-10790.17
<i>Other Income/Expense</i>						
<i>NZ Juniors 2009</i>		1000.01				1000.00
<i>South Island Champs 09</i>	5219.84				5088.28	
<i>Sth Island C & T Comp 10</i>	6685.46				3998.79	
Net Income over Expenditure	36899.04	20407.01	16492.03	80.81%	17323.99	-9790.17

Notes

Explanation of variances.
Revenue

Scholarships ILT Foundation -\$1200
Grants Southern Trust -\$1513
Grants Lion Foundation -\$800
Carnival Entries +\$3173
Interest -\$1620

Expenses

Administration

Auditor request to change accounting for PAYE means a difference between Admin expenses and development expenses

Officials Travel

No grants received from Southern Trust for Tec Official travel resulted in no expenses

Development

Some high Performance expenses not used yet as grant runs for period 1/11 to 31/10

Coach and Manager Travel

Overall savings for all travel will result in a year end saving over the previous year of \$5458

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Balance Sheets Comparison as at 31/3/10

<u>Assets</u>	31/3/10	30/4/09
Westpac Trust Current Account	0.00	-959.66
Westpac Trust Online Saver	0.00	21889.32
SBS Bank Star Account	47141.03	0.00
Westpac Trust Travel A/c	2211.18	1387.27
SBS Bank Term Deposit	9348.02	8868.08
SBS Bank Term Deposit	25292.81	25000.00
Accounts Receivable	11051.70	9977.95
Prepayments	600.89	0.00
Equipment	6701.26	5191.92
Total Assets	<u>102346.89</u>	<u>71354.88</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable	213.98	0.00
Tax Payable	-1223.73	-1967.61
Income in Advance	0.00	7077.78
Accruals	0.00	-212.89
Other Current Liabilities	328.55	328.55
Total Liabilities	<u>-681.20</u>	<u>5225.83</u>
Net Assets	<u>103028.09</u>	<u>66129.05</u>
<u>Equity</u>		
Opening Balance	62256.70	62256.70
Retained Earnings	3872.35	13662.52
Net Income	36899.04	-9790.17
Total Equity	<u>103028.09</u>	<u>66129.05</u>



Lyn Sutherland (LM) asked if the committee would consider an application for Div 2s in the future.

Judi Devine (LM) commented on other funding agencies that Swimming Southland could use. A need to broaden the net. She will forward a list to the EO.

Judi also asked that a statement of financial position be provided to clubs. EO offered to include the statement of position with the minutes. Meeting agreed.

Moved Barbara Grant (MM)
Seconded Shona Tomlins (MM)
"That the Finance Report as tabled be accepted as true and correct"
CARRIED

General Business

Southland Champs

The EO introduced his work paper on Southland Champs and answered questions.

Moved John Sutton (LM)
Seconded Wendy Adams (WAI)
"That the Southland Championships be held in December annually"

Moved Elizabeth Tapper (LM)
Seconded Robin Jackson (LM)
An amendment to the motion
"That the Southland Championships be held in December 2010 and be reviewed for subsequent years"

The amendment was put to the meeting CARRIED

The amendment became the motion and was put to the meeting CARRIED

Moved Sheryll Joyce (COL)
Seconded Elizabeth Tapper (LM)
"That the Swimming Southland Management committee explores the option of the 3 region championship with the other regions (Otago and ED)" CARRIED

The EO was asked to formally approach the other regions and a full cost analysis also be produced.



Judi Devine (LM) asked for a time line to be put on the investigation and the EO agreed to report back at the AGM.

Lea Tommei (MKU) suggested that Southland should host in year one.

Judi Devine suggested that the concept could be extended to include Country Club championships.

Constitution – John Sutton (LM)

John Sutton (LM) asked the president on the current status with the constitution. Nigel advised that it is currently all still on hold due to committee size. No further action in the immediate future.

Coaches Contract – John Sutton (LM)

John Sutton (LM) asked the president on the current status with the coaches' contract and has the new contract met with the approval of the coach and committee. Nigel advised that it has been drawn up and is currently with solicitors to check before being presented to the coach.

High Performance Funding – John Sutton (LM)

John Sutton (LM) asked the President for an update on the High Performance fund. EO advised that the coach supplies the Management committee with an annual budget of requirements and in turn an application for this is made to the ILT. This year Swimming Southland received \$12000 for its High Performance fund which is distributed by Swimming Southland at the direction of the coach.

Southland Country Club Champs – Judi Devine (CSL)

The Central Southland club wanted to know the current status of the Southland Country Club Champs. Wendy Adams (WAI) outlined the issues with the 2010 champs and why they were not held.

Central Southland reminded Swimming Southland that it is a championship meet and clubs still want the meet and asked that the date is in the handbook and the flier and entry file is distributed.

Lyn Sutherland suggested that the Country Club manual might need updating.

Review required by the Executive Officer.

Correspondence with Swimming NZ – Jane Morgan (MKU)

Murihiku expressed concern at the approach made by Swimming NZ directly to coaches for swimmers recently selected in the NZ Age Group camps. Clubs were not included in the correspondence.

EO advised that regions were not included until the camp teams were finalised and at that point they would be and he would ensure that it was passed onto clubs. The initial correspondence with the coach/swimmer was an invitation to attend only.



Ribbon Day – Andrew Holden (MKU)

The Murihiku club asked about the Ribbon day format for swimmers and could it be reviewed. They find it difficult to encourage new competitive swimmers to attend as it is the last meet of the season and the clubs are charged for a competitive swimmer fee.

Lyn Sutherland suggested that Ribbon day could be developed with perhaps new distances and a different date.

Phillipa Marshal advised that the non-competitive swimmers did not receive ribbons but Joka Wiegersma and Yvonne McDonald agreed at the last meet to present these and all those swimmers were happy.

The EO asked the meeting if more development meets are required during the season. Meeting agreed that not required.

Judi Devine advised that CSL were trying to promote swimming in their area assisting with the local schools and by having a pre meet prior to Southland Junior Schools next year.

The EO to review entire Ribbon Day meet.

Waverley 50th Jubilee meet – Fiona Dooley (WAV)

Fiona advised that the 50th Jubilee celebrations were set down for 16th of October and a meet would be held at Splash Palace. 50s and 100s plus a Skins race. Further details will be coming out in due course.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 9.21pm

Chairman’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attachment: Executive Officers Work paper and Recommendations

***Southland Championships
Work paper and Recommendations***

OPTION 1

Following the Southland Championships of 2010 and the serious decline in swimmer numbers attending I have prepared the following submission to go out to clubs for consultation.



Recent History

During 2008 Swimming Canterbury made a change to the timing of the Canterbury Championships for 2009 resulting in the Otago region also making a change.

Canterbury coaches drove a change to the date of their championships and they have now moved a week later and subsequently Otago have moved the Otago Champs a week later and Southland are now in the position where the Southland Championships are on the same weekend as Otago Championships. We now no longer receive any support from Otago swimmers for our championships and likewise no Southland swimmers attend Otago Champs.

Previously Southland Championships had been held on the last weekend of January annually with Otago the weekend prior and Canterbury the weekend prior to that although there appears to be an anomaly in 2006 where Otago and Southland were also run on the same weekend.

Both Otago and Southland swimmers currently still attend Canterbury Champs.

Swimmer Numbers

As a result of the above the numbers attending the Southland Champs have declined rapidly

Year	Southland	Outside	Total	Diff	% Diff to previous
2010	111	3	114	-27	-19.15%
2009	139	2	141	-57	-28.79%
2008	123	75	198	25	14.45%
2007	128	45	173	50	40.65%
2006	122	1	123	-118	-48.96%
2005	144	97	241	18	8.07%
2004	165	58	223	2	0.90%
2003	163	58	221		

Overall there has been a decline of 127 (52.69%) swimmers from 2005 (peak) to the 2010 championship (low). This is a mix of Southland swimmers (-33) and outside swimmers (-94).

This has resulted in a decline of 926 entries (50.51%) and revenue totaling \$4717 GST exclusive (46.15%). This will have been partially offset by pool hire being lower.

Seasonal Planning

Coaches break their annual plan into short and long course seasons with the short course season running from May until October and the long course season running from October until April. These tie in with Swimming New Zealand national competitions.

The South Island long course season currently has the following meets (2009/2010).

23/10/09	Orca Labour Weekend Meet	Invercargill	(5 sessions)
14/11/09	Murihiku Anniversary Meet	Invercargill	(1 session)



6/12/09	Collegiate Interclub Meet	Invercargill	(1 session)
21/1/10	Canterbury Champs	Christchurch	(8 sessions)
29/1/10	Otago Champs	Dunedin	(6 sessions)
29/1/10	Southland Champs	Invercargill	(5 sessions)
14/2/10	Swimming Southland Age/Open	Invercargill	(1 session)
20/2/10	NZ Juniors	Christchurch	(3 sessions)
2/3/10	NZ Age Groups	Christchurch	(10 sessions)
17/3/10	Div 2 Competition (short course)	Wellington	(8 sessions)
5/4/10	NZ Opens	Auckland	(10 sessions)
5/4/10	Aussie Age	Sydney	

Recommendations

Both Swimming Otago and Swimming Canterbury have indicated to me that they will not be changing their calendar

Swimming Southland is now in a position where we must make some changes to our current calendar in order for the Southland Championships to become a meaningful event from a competitive perspective. We are also able, by repositioning, ensure a sustainable financial event and provide coaches and swimmers with a well planned long course season.

My recommendations are as follows:

- 1 Move Southland Championships to an appropriate date in December
- 2 Move the Gore Age Group Open (SC) from the end of November to an appropriate date within the short course season.
- 3 Enlist support from Otago, Eastern Districts and Canterbury for our championships.
- 4 Ensure that the Otago and Southland calendar interfaces wherever possible to avoid clashes

I have been canvassing some of the Otago and Eastern Districts coaches and clubs over the past three weeks and have received a large amount of support for the change of date.

Positive Impact

The new timing of the Southland Championships will result in the following positive for Southland swimmers and Swimming Southland:

- Increased competition resulting in faster swimming
- Better flow of long course season
- Major meet to focus on prior to Xmas break

Negative Impact

The new timing of the Southland Championships will result in the following negative impact for Southland swimmers and Swimming Southland:

- Country Club swimmers whose pool is not open 12 months of year will have reduced time for preparation
- Increased costs involved with visitors medals and pool hire
- Increased travel costs for families to attend Otago Champs in January

Calendar

Draft Otago/Southland Calendar October 2010 to April 2011



School Holidays:

Term 4 Starts Monday 11 October 2010

OCTOBER 2010

22-24 Orca Labour Weekend Meet (lc) Splash Palace

NOVEMBER 2010

6-7 Sat Spring Carnival (sc) Cromwell
12-14 NZ Short Course Open Champs (sc) Mt Maunganui
13 Sat Murihiku Anniversary Meet (lc) Splash Palace
14 Sun Central Southland Interclub Meet (sc) Winton
21 Sat Kiwi Challenge Meet (sc) Moana Pool
27 Sat Fiordland Interclub (sc) Te Anau
27 Sat Splash Palace not available due to water polo
28 Sun Otago Country Club Champs (sc) Balclutha
28 Sun SBS Bank Open Water Series Race 1 Gore

DECEMBER 2010

3-5 Southland Champs Splash Palace
11 Sat Alexandra Challenge Cup (sc) Alexandra
11-17 Queensland Champs (lc) Brisbane
18 Sat SBS Bank Open Water Series Race 2 Riverton

School Holidays:

Secondary Schools: finish no later than 14 December 2010

Primary Schools: finish no later than 20th December 2010

JANUARY 2011

3-14 (approx) Squad Camps
8 Sat Foveaux Masters Open Water Swim Te Anau
15-16 NZ Open Water Championships Taupo
20-23 Canterbury Championships (lc) QE2
22 Sat Foveaux Masters Open Water Swim Lake Hayes
28-30 Otago Champs (lc) Moana Pool

School Holidays:

Secondary Schools: start between Monday 31/1/11 and Monday 7/2/11

Primary Schools: start between Monday 31/1/11 and Monday 7/2/11

FEBRUARY 2011

5 Sat Collegiate Interclub Meet Splash Palace
6 Sun Southland Country Club Champs
12 Sat Taieri Carnival Mosgiel
12 Sat SBS Open Water Series Race 3 Awarua Bay
13 Sun Age Group-Open Meet (lc) Splash Palace
19-20 New Zealand Junior Championships (lc) Dunedin
26-27 South Island Country & Town Competition (sc) Greymouth

MARCH 2011

1-5 New Zealand Age Group Championships (lc)
13 Sun Southland Open Water Champs and
SBS Open Water Series Race 4 Gore
16-19 NZ Division II Age Group Competition (sc)
20 Sun Southland Interclub Ribbon Day (sc) Splash Palace
25 Thu Otago Secondary School Prelims (sc) Moana Pool
26 Fri Otago Primary School Prelims (sc) Moana Pool
26 Fri Otago Sec & Primary School Finals (lc) Moana Pool
27 Sun Sthld Junior School Champs (sc) Splash Palace

APRIL 2011

4-8 NZ Opens
23 April Australian Age Groups Adelaide

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School Holidays:

Term 1 finishes Friday 15th April 2011

Easter 22-25 April 2011

Note 1: I have not included any novice or development meets

Note 2: There are proposed changes to the NZ Junior Champs by Swimming NZ

Note 3: No 2011 Swimming NZ dates have been released and the dates on this draft are only consistent with the 2009/2010 season

CONCLUSION OPTION 1

While it may seem that Southland is making all the concessions I believe that if we don't do anything then the Southland Championships will continue to decline resulting in swimmers and coaches looking elsewhere for competition and bypassing our championships in favor of training.

We must be proactive and in business terms "are prepared to meet the market".

Option 2

Recently Clive Power visited Southland and met with a group of parents, coaches and administrators at Splash Palace.

Clive presented the work that he has completed over the past three years in the North Island with the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki regions (now known as the 3 regions). Since his presentation another region has just joined (Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay) making 4.

Three years ago Clive was coaching in Tauranga and was becoming increasingly frustrated at the quality of swimming at the Bay of Plenty Summer Championships. The region was operating under a 100 year old template as we in Southland still do and was providing no serious competition to swimmers of any age group.

Clive's work centred initially on the summer championships in Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki who were all under a similar template.

What has evolved very quickly is the "3 regions Championship".

Each of the regions involved host the "3 Regions Championship" on a rotating basis.

Prelims are swum in the morning and regions are able to extract their own region results from this so they are still able to present their regional championship medals and trophies.

In the evening the "3 region Championship finals" are run. These are A, B and C finals for each event and finalists are seeded fastest to slowest irrespective of age.

The racing in the morning is fast as swimmers are striving to make the finals (and win their regional medals) and the racing in the evening is faster as the competition level is much higher.

Upon further discussion with Clive I feel that this concept could easily be implemented in the lower South Island with Southland, Otago and Eastern Districts. (Let's call it the Highlanders region)

The implementation of the "Highlanders regional championships" would however take real commitment from regions, clubs and swimmers. In my view it would be held in the last week of January.



The "3 regions" have expanded their competition to include a winter grand prix series which again would be very feasible in the Southern South Island.

Clive has also been contracted by the "3 regions" as the Regional Coaching Manager. He works with regional coaches on a regular basis running camps, clinics, mentoring and an annual coaching summit. Again with Clive now living in the South Island this would be another opportunity that the regions and coaches should explore.

The "3 regions" is now governed by a separate committee from the regional management committee and this is chaired by an independent chairperson, former Swimming NZ board member, Noot Barrett. This provides independent decisions regarding all the issues and sits aside from any regional politics. Each of the regions still operates their own management committees for their "in-house" operational issues.

CONCLUSION OPTIONS 2

I see that change is inevitable for our regional championships and option 2 will require a "leap of faith" from all parties involved. However in order to progress the swimming in the Southern South Island, and particularly in Southland we do need to consider the following

- Move Southland Championships to Dec 2010
- Integrate Otago and Southland calendars for 2010-2011
- Promote the "Highlanders regional championships" with Otago and Eastern Districts with the view to implementing in January 2011. If this happened then the Southland regional championships in December 2010 would not take place.
- "Highlanders Winter Grand Prix series for 2010 or 2011 with Southland, Otago and Eastern Districts.
- Clive Power contracted as Regional Coaching Manager

David Prattley
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