



81st

**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
STATEMENT
OF
ACCOUNTS**

2008-2009

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of Swimming Southland Inc, to be held in the Senior Citizens Rooms, Forth Street, Invercargill

Sunday, July 19th 2008 at 1.30pm.

**47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
SWIMMING SOUTHLAND COUNTRY CLUBS.
1962 - 2009**

AGENDA

Open – 11.30am

1. Roll Call of Delegates
2. Proxies
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Additions to General Business
5. Confirmation of Minutes - Annual Meeting – 20 July 2008
6. Election of Officers for 2009/2010 Season
 - a. Country Convenor of Selectors
 - b. Country Club Selectors.
 - c. Country – Resident Delegates (if not already nominated)
 - d. Country Examiner
7. General Business

The Chairman may vary the order, in which the business is taken, for any reason he/she deems necessary.

**81st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SWIMMING SOUTHLAND INC
1928 - 2009**

AGENDA

Open – 1.30pm

1. Roll Call of Delegates
2. Proxies
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Additions to General Business
5. Tabling of Club Annual Reports and Balance Sheets, and Names of Delegates appointed by Clubs for the ensuing year.
(Any Club that has failed to provide copies of its Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall not be permitted to participate in the meeting.)
6. Confirmation of Minutes - Annual Meeting – 20 July 2008
7. Presentation of Annual Report
8. Presentation of Financial Report – 2008.2009
9. Election of Officers for 2009/2010 Season
10. Consideration of recommendations of the Blazer and Life Membership Committee
11. Consideration of Remits and Recommendations of which notice has been given.
12. Presentation of Officials Credentials
13. General Business

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OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF SWIMMING SOUTHLAND

2008/2009 Season

Patron	Mr J Sutton
President	Mr N Soper
Immediate Past President	Mrs E Price
Hon. Vice-Presidents	Mr J. Sutton Mrs E. Naylor
Executive Officer	Mr D Prattley
Head Coach	Mr J Duncan
Development Officer	Mr A Withington
Selectors	Mrs F Dooley
Convenor of Country Clubs	Mrs B Morrison
Selectors – Country Club	Mrs M. Anderson (CSL), Mrs B Morrison (HOK), Mrs K. Sutherland (WAI), Mrs L. Sutherland and Mrs E, Price
Examiner – Town	Mrs. A. Flewellen
Examiner – Country	Mrs L. Sutherland
National Examiner	Mrs L. Sutherland
Chief Referee	Mr. E. Barron
Chief Starter	Mrs. J Wiegiersma
Chief Inspector of Turns	Mr G Smith
Chief Timekeeper	
Blazer and Life	
Membership Committee	Mr. J. Sutton, Mr. G. Mulligan and Mrs E. Naylor
Honorary Auditors	WHK Cook Adam Ward Wilson
Honorary Solicitors	Preston Russell Law Eagles, Eagles and Redpath
Honorary Medical Practitioner	Dr. R Bester
Management Committee	Mrs J. Wiegiersma, Mrs F. Dooley, Mr Y. McDonald, Mrs S Tomlins, Mr D Flatley (resigned March 2009), Mr B Richardson (Resigned May 2009), Mr A Holden.

Presidents Report

2008 – 2009 Season

It gives me great pleasure to present the 81st Annual Report of Swimming Southland Inc.

This year saw a move away from swimming by a large number of the older swimmers, either from the province or from swimming in general. While this has left a gap of senior competitive swimmers, the emergence of some fine 14-16 year olds throughout the province bears well for the future.

It is also pleasing to report that in the junior ranks throughout the province the numbers are strong.

It is good to see three of our top swimmers leaving for the USA as this goes to print. It rewards swimmers who stay in the province and who have national and international aspirations. Thank you to the ILT Foundation for providing the High Performance Fund for these swimmers.

On the matter of funding it is again disappointing to record another substantial loss for the 2008/09 season.

The committee was resolved to run this year at a break even position. National Meet entry fees were paid for by the swimmers and this helped reduce the deficit, but some funding for National Officials travel was not approved.

With two major swim meets being hosted by Swimming Southland in the next ten months, the 09/10 budget do look better, but the future still looks bleak, and some hard decisions are going to have to be made.

There seems no other option than greater user pays criteria.

We are fortunate in Southland that the ILT and the Community Trust of Southland have in the past been tremendous supporters of Swimming Southland and we thank them for that.

The Learn to Swim and Development Officers role in conjunction with Splash Palace has grown in stature over the past twelve months, and we thank Crosbie, Aidan, Marie, Oscar and Daniela for this as well as the ILT.

It takes many professional and volunteer groups to run swimming in Southland. I would like to thank these groups who have swimming in Southland at heart.

Jeremy, Oscar, David and Aidan as professional coaches, your support and availability to all swimmers in Southland is appreciated, whether their goals are local swim meets through to the international stage.

To all the clubs, coaches, administrators, officials and parents, without you nothing happened. These are un-paid roles and take up a lot of time, and on behalf of all the swimmers in Southland, thank you.

To team managers – how do we thank you enough? A fantastic job by you all during the 08/09 season. Without the skills that you have and offer our swimmers while they are away, the results obtained would not be achieved. Thank you.

To the management committee, Joka, Shona, Andrew, Fiona, Dominic, Brian and Yvonne thank you for your commitment to Swimming Southland.

It is really appreciated the time that you give up to attend to your portfolios, some of these require more commitment than others but without your unselfish commitment we would not be able to administer swimming.

To David, your time and commitment to attend to Swimming Southland matters is beyond the expectation of your role. Thank you.

Now to the swimmers, without the commitment from you there is nothing. Whether you are swimming at club, regional, national or international level, you are the group that makes it all worthwhile. Your results, firstly for yourself and then your coaches, managers, province, clubs and family are what makes this such a great sport.

The discipline required to achieve only comes from you and the results are a great building block to your self esteem and helps your development as an individual, team player and a member of society.

Stand Tall, Be Proud. You deserve it.

As I am stepping down from President and the committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the supporters I have had over the past two years and wish the new administration all the best.

Nigel Soper
President

Executive Officers Report

I am pleased to present my report for the 2008/2009 season.

Calendar

Our calendar continues to be reviewed annually to provide the best possible competition for all swimmers. We do seek input from all parties before making any changes and this season while very busy in parts has proven to flow from event to event.

Records

This season Southland Swimmers have successfully broken 48 Southland and 4 NZ Age Group records.

A special congratulations to Josh Hamilton who broke his first Southland record this season for the 50 Freestyle under 12. Even more significant was the time that Josh broke was a required time. This is always quite a milestone for a swimmer and I know that Josh has the determination to continue to challenge for more in the coming years.

Southland Record Breakers were:

Josh Hamilton (1), Molly Tomlins (1), Joyce Wiegiersma (7), Adam McDonald (16), Natalie Wiegiersma (23)

NZ Record Breakers were:

Adam McDonald (1), Natalie Wiegiersma (3)

Travel and Accommodation

The move this season to swimmers arranging their own travel for some meets relieved the workload in this area. Swimming Southland did however retain the organisation of the Div 2 travel as this team was fluid in numbers and names and a group booking was a far more preferable solution. There are two side of the camp when it comes to airfares with some families wanting to retain Swimming Southland organising group airfares and others wanting to organise their own. The new system of booking your own is in its infancy and we are modifying the system as we go and I believe should provide savings for families in the future.

The rest of the work here comes in finding suitable accommodation and sustenance for sometimes very large groups. We are now building a database of suitable suppliers and where reports have come back from team management and coaches about any unsuitability we are

deleting from our database. My thanks to all the team management during the year for their support.

Website –

The website continues to be managed by Edward Barron on our behalf. Edwards’s expertise in this area far outweighs anything that I can do but he has begun to show me the basics. There are times when the website has fallen behind with information and I thank those members who have brought this to my attention.

Registrar –

Please find below details of affiliated members by club for the season ending 30/6/2009. This report was compiled on the 30th of June 2009.

The increase in membership from 2008 to 2009 is 84 members (+5.39%) but readers need to bear in mind that the Bluff Swimming Club did not submit any membership information and it appears that the Oreti club did not submit all of their membership for the 2008 season. If they had then we would have had a small increase in total membership.

CLUB	1999	2000	2001	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Delegates 2009
Murihiku	328	274	160	166	249	288	287	344	279	261	4
Waverley	283	275	155	76	230	235	197	238	230	204	3
Orca	310	318	193	170	175	168	185	119	176	191	3
Oreti	200	148	58	0	119	97	93	86	49	82	2
Collegiate	164	145	74	89	118	89	107	126	153	173	3
Unattached								1	0	0	
Total Town	1285	1160	640	501	891	877	869	914	887	911	15
Bluff	82	65	45	55	76	67	49	54	0	60	2
Hokonui	274	250	179	153	189	167	159	134	151	151	3
Mataura	56	52	27	36	66	58	53	52	64	71	2
Fiordland	113	108	61	43	25	80	76	90	62	106	3
Waiau	146	143	96	140	138	123	106	110	105	94	2
Central Sth	198	224	113	133	206	146	171	159	163	153	3
Northern Sth	36	41	23	5	0	64	18	0	0	0	0
Riverton	0	0	0	0	0	87	68	51	83	95	2
Total Country	905	883	544	565	700	792	700	650	628	730	17
Spt of Sth			41	52	41	43	36	45	42	0	
Total	2190	2043	1225	1118	1632	1712	1569	1564	1557	1641	32

RULE 16 – REPRESENTATION

1. Each club or other body affiliated with Swimming NZ through Swimming Southland shall be entitled to representation on Swim Southland as follows:
 - a) Clubs with 20 to 50 members, one (1) delegate.
 - b) Clubs with 51 to 100 members, two (2) delegates.
 - c) Clubs with 101 to 200 members, three (3) delegates, with one additional delegate for each subsequent 100 members or part thereof, always providing that the part thereof be at least 50 members, but the absolute maximum representation for any one club be five (5) delegates.
 - d) From year to year, club financial membership figures as printed in the latest Swimming Southland annual report shall be used to ascertain club membership strength.

The above table shows the total number of affiliated members however the table below expands these numbers into the categories that Swimming New Zealand uses and shows the variances by category and club from 2008 to 2009. Please note that for the sake of this table each clubs competitive numbers for 2008 have been adjusted to include the Spirit of Southland members:

Murihiku	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
	30	99	118	0	9	3	2	261
Murihiku	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
	42	41	175	10	12	7	2	289
Difference	-12	58	-57	-10	-3	-4	0	-28 -11%
Waverley	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
	20	80	92	4	5	0	3	204
Waverley	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
	37	105	84	4	5	0	3	238
Difference	-17	-25	8	0	0	0	0	-34 -17%
Orca	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
	49	65	53	3	6	11	4	191
Orca	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
	40	77	49	3	5	7	3	184
Difference	9	-12	4	0	1	4	1	7 4%
Oreti	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
	0	45	30	0	7	0	0	82
Oreti	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
	0	19	25	0	5	0	0	49
Difference	0	26	5	0	2	0	0	33 40%
Collegiate	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
	10	147	0	7	8	1	0	173
Collegiate	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
	8	75	56	9	7	1	0	156
Difference	2	72	-56	-2	1	0	0	17 10%
Bluff	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
	9	19	31	0	1	0	0	60
Bluff	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	9	19	31	0	1	0	0	60 100%
Hokonui	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
	50	56	23	4	13	4	1	151
Hokonui	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
	49	49	35	5	12	8	1	159
Difference	1	7	-12	-1	1	-4	0	-8 -5%

	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
Mataura	0	49	15	3	4	0	0	71
	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
Mataura	4	41	11	2	6	0	0	64
Difference	-4	8	4	1	-2	0	0	7 10%
	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
Fiordland	35	32	27	5	4	2	1	106
	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
Fiordland	24	25	5	2	4	3	1	64
Difference	11	7	22	3	0	-1	0	42 40%
	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
Waiau	10	14	57	3	9	1	0	94
	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
Waiau	19	48	21	2	8	9	0	107
Difference	-9	-34	36	1	1	-8	0	-13 -14%
	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
Central Sth	13	79	42	3	11	4	1	153
	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
Central Sth	21	64	58	4	12	4	1	164
Difference	-8	15	-16	-1	-1	0	0	-11 -7%
	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
Riverton	8	26	50	2	9	1	0	96
	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
Riverton	11	24	48	0	0	0	0	83
Difference	-3	2	2	2	9	1	0	13
	Comp 2009	Club 2009	Learn 2009	Admin 2009	Coach 2009	Tech 2009	Life 2009	Total 2009
Total	234	711	537	34	86	27	12	1641
	Comp 2008	Club 2008	Learn 2008	Admin 2008	Coach 2008	Tech 2008	Life 2008	Total 2009
Total	255	568	567	41	76	39	11	1557
Difference	-21 -8%	143 25%	-30 -5%	-7 -17%	10 13%	-12 -31%	1 9%	84 5.39%

General

While this report is intended to look at the past year in review I also think that we need to take time to look forward at the prospects for the 2009/2010 season.

The Swimming NZ initiative with internationally renowned coach, Don Talbot now residing in the South Island of New Zealand is a fantastic opportunity for all regions. The knowledge that Don will be able to bring to coaches in the south will; I am sure, mean direct spin off for all swimmers in the programmes.

Swimming NZ is also finally releasing the much awaited database to clubs. This will be a fantastic tool that clubs will be able to use and training on this will commence very soon.

Swimming Southland will also be hosting the 2009 South Island Champs in September and the 2010 South Island Country & Town Competition in February. This will require support from all the clubs and parents and it has been disappointing that despite a plea for assistance to help on the organising committee there has been only one person to date outside the current management committee who has volunteered.

These are both large events and do provide Swimming Southland with significant income but they cannot be organised and run by such a small group of people. The general tasks of organising these meets are completed by me in my role as Executive Officer but as you all know I am unable to act in any organisational capacity just prior to and during the events as I have commitments to the swimmers that I coach.

If you are able to assist please communicate with your club secretary or directly with me.

In closing I wish to extend my sincere thanks to:

President and Management Chairperson, Nigel Soper, many of you will not realise the incredible amount of work that Nigel does for the organisation. We often communicate 5 to 10 times a day at peak times either by email or telephone. Nigel has indicated in his report that he is standing down and he will be sorely missed.

To the Management Committee, Shona Tomlins, Joka Wieggersma, Andrew Holden, Dominic Flatley, Fiona Dooley, Brian Richardson and Yvonne McDonald. I thank each of you for your assistance and input.

David Prattley
Executive Officer