



MINUTES OF THE 85th Annual General Meeting of SWIMMING Southland Inc held on Sunday 21st July 2013, at 1.00pm, in the Senior Citizens Rooms, Forth Street, Invercargill.

WELCOME: President Geoff Finnerty extended a warm welcome, especially to the present Life Members, and thanked everybody for their attendance to the 85th Swimming Southland Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT Chairperson Geoff Finnerty
 Executive Officer Lisa Hansen

Delegates – Roll Call

Club	Delegates	Proxies	Annual Club Information	Received
Bluff (2) NO VOTING RIGHTS AGM not yet held	No Attendance		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	No No Yes Yes Yes
Central Southland (3)	3 x apologies	Judi Devine	Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Fiordland (1) NO VOTING RIGHTS AGM not held as yet	1 x apology	Yvonne McDonald	Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes No Yes Yes Yes
Hokonui (2)	2 x apologies	Bev Catto	Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Mataura (1) NO VOTING RIGHTS	No Attendance		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	No No No Yes Yes
Waiau (2) NO VOTING RIGHTS AGM not held as yet	2 x apologies		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers	Yes No Yes Yes

			Membership Returns	Yes
Collegiate (3)	Adrienne Pope Sheryll Joyce 1 x apology		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Murihiku (3)	Jock Hamilton Jane Morgan Hilary Strang		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Orca (3)	Fenton Herrick Sarah Low Barbara Grant		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Oreti (2)	Nil		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	No No No Yes Yes
NO VOTING RIGHTS				
Waverley (3)	David Kennelly	John Sutton Joyce Wakelin	Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Riverton (3)	No Attendance		Presidents Report Annual Accounts Delegates Office Bearers Membership Returns	Yes No Yes Yes Yes
NO VOTING RIGHTS				

Clubs with No Voting Rights (re: Rule 13, Swimming Southland Constitution) –
Bluff, Fiordland, Maitua, Waiau, Oreti, Riverton.

LIFE MEMBERS

John Sutton
Judi Devine
Elizabeth Tapper

Ethel Naylor
Graeme Mulligan
Alan Matheson

MANAGEMENT

Geoff Finnerty
Barbara Grant
Bev Catto

Yvonne McDonald
Warren Joyce

VOTING STRENGTH

Eligible Delegates	14
Life Members	6
Management Members	5
TOTAL	25

VISITORS

Lisa Pankhurst (Development Officer), Jeremy Duncan (Head Coach), Natalie Wiegiersma, Aaron Wakelin.

APOLOGIES

Joka Wiegiersma (management)	Jane Fisher (management)
Paul Harrington (management)	Dale Egerton (Waiau)
Leigh Schuk (FIO)	Jan Laurie (Waiau)
Jason Unahi (CSL)	Anya Bowman (COL)
Caroline Stuart (CSL)	John Davis (HOK)
Diane Cullen (WAV)	Rhys Pryde-Wall (HOK)
Joan Hodges (LM)	Fiona Dooley (LM)
Lyn Sutherland (LM)	Jan Douglas (LM)
Margaret Sutton (LM)	Joy McVicar (LM)
Robin Jackson (LM)	Fiona Dooley (LM)

MOVED	Warren Joyce
SECONDED	Jane Morgan
<i>"That the apologies as recorded be sustained."</i>	
MOTION PUT	CARRIED

SPEAKING RIGHTS

Geoff asked the floor if visitors may have speaking rights

MOVED	Judi Devine
SECONDED	Graeme Mulligan
<i>"That speaking rights to visitors as recorded be granted."</i>	
MOTION PUT	CARRIED

ADDITIONS TO GENERAL BUSINESS

- Delegates Meeting, Discussion around reinstating
- John Sutton to speak on Starting Blocks
- Jeremy Duncan to speak on the importance of everyone working together to maintain a sustainable pathway into competitive swimming. Also solutions for lane spacing issues at Splash Palace
- NZ Juniors, reinstate traveling as a team on flights rather than individuals

MOVED	Warren Joyce
SECONDED	John Sutton
<i>"That the addition to General Business be received."</i>	
MOTION PUT	CARRIED

MINUTES

84th Annual General Meeting – 22 July 2012

MOVED Alan Matheson

SECONDED Warren Joyce

“That the Minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting – held 22nd July 2012, be received”

MOTION PUT CARRIED

Matters arising:

Jock Hamilton asked for feedback on the role of the Duty Clubs (as discussed in general business) – Warren Joyce noted that due to the different size of each club, one duty club per meet does not currently work (putting a strain on the smaller clubs) – so it works better ‘all hands available on deck’.

Barbara Grant added - there is an officials roster for each meet – an email is sent around before each meet to make sure these vital roles are filled. Perhaps going forward, we could have one contact per club to organise officials support from each club – Management is in the progress of smoothing this process out.

MOVED Elizabeth Tapper

SECONDED Warren Joyce

“That the Minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting – held 22nd July 2012 are accepted as a true and correct record.”

MOTION PUT CARRIED

2012.2013 – 85th ANNUAL REPORT

MOVED Geoff Finnerty

SECONDED Yvonne McDonald

“That the 85th Swimming Southland Annual Report be received.”

MOTION PUT CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Geoff spoke to Presidents report, outlining key areas.

MOVED Geoff Finnerty

SECONDED Fenton Herrick

“That the 85th Presidents report be adopted.”

MOTION PUT CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT

85th ANNUAL REPORT – PRESENTED TO THE MEETING

Team Management –

Yvonne McDonald/Bev Catto
Nothing further to add

Uniforms -

Yvonne McDonald/Bev Catto
Nothing further to add

Technical -

Barbara Grant/Warren Joyce/Jane Fisher
Barbara gave thanks to the great volunteer support at this years NZ Division II competition, noting that Swimming New Zealand gave great feedback on the running and volunteer support during this meet.

Starting Blocks – a committee is underway to co-ordinate the purchase of remaining starting blocks. Very appreciative of Waverley for donating 2 x starting blocks, we also have confirmation from Collegiate and Orca for the purchase of another starting block each – leaving 4 remaining to purchase. The organising committee will be approaching businesses for possible funding support. (nb: each block is approximately \$6000 each)

Geoff outlined the ownership of all equipment is now solely on Swimming Southland (with new equipment purchased and ownership transferred from ICC) – this means Swimming Southland is responsible for the ongoing repair and maintenance, potentially this could mean large costs. We have the equipment levy fee in place (.30cents on all entry fees) – it will take a while to build this fund to a comfortable amount.

John Sutton noted that his questions on Starting Blocks were now answered, no need to discuss further in General Business.

Hospitality -	Joka Wiegersma Nothing further to add
Governance -	Geoff Finnerty/Paul Harrington Geoff noted that there has been significant movement at a national level. The regional constitution was currently being re-written, Swimming Southland submitted feedback on the first draft copy, once the 2 nd draft is released, potentially a delegates meeting could be held to discuss as a region.
Coaches & Teachers -	Geoff Finnerty/Paul Harrington Geoff noted that Country Clubs require assistance in this area – Swimming Southland looking into how best to support and guide the country clubs
Publicity & Coms -	Jane Fisher/Lisa Hansen Nothing further to add
Development Officer	Lisa Pankhurst Lisa spoke to her report, outlining key roles
Head Coach	Jeremy Duncan Jeremy spoke to his report, outlining the importance of everyone working together to best support our swimmers. Also noting that there was a severe shortage in lane space at Splash Palace, making it difficult to move ahead
Executive Officer	Lisa Hansen Nothing further to add
Club Reports	Each club invited to add comment to their Presidents reports No clubs had anything further to add

MOVED John Sutton
 SECONDED Joyce Wakelin
"That the 85th Swimming Southland Annual report be adopted."
 MOTION PUT CARRIED

FINANCE

FINANCIAL REPORT – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 2012.13

MOVED Warren Joyce
 SECONDED Ethel Naylor
"That the Statement of Accounts 2012.13 be received."
 MOTION PUT CARRIED

Executive Officer highlighted and explained variances.

Matters arising:

The tabled accounts are subject to final sign off from auditor

MOVED Bev Catto
 SECONDED Sheryll Joyce
"That the Statement of Account 2012.13 be adopted subject to audit."
 MOTION PUT CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Patron

Mr John Sutton

President

Mr Geoff Finnerty (written Nomination from MKU)
(NB: Executive Officer carried out this nomination)

MOVED Jane Morgan
 SECONDED Yvonne McDonald
"Confirm Geoff Finnerty for the position of President"
 MOTION PUT CARRIED

Snr V/President

Position currently vacant. Geoff requested nominations from the floor.

MOVED Barbara Grant
 SECONDED Ethel Naylor
"Nominate Yvonne McDonald to the position of Snr Vice President."
 MOTION PUT CARRIED

Jnr V/President

Position currently vacant. Geoff requested nominations from the floor.

MOVED Yvonne McDonald
 SECONDED Graeme Mulligan
"Nominate Jane Fisher to the position of Jnr Vice President – subject to Jane's approval."
 MOTION PUT CARRIED

Southland Selectors Currently Bev Catto (sitting position), Jane Morgan and Paul Harrington. (Paul has confirmed he is standing down this year).
Jane Morgan outlined the job description of a selector.
Geoff called for nominations from the floor to fill the 2 x open positions.

MOVED Elizabeth Tapper
SECONDED Ethel Naylor
"Nominate Jane Morgan to the position of Southland Selector."
MOTION PUT CARRIED

MOVED Yvonne McDonald
SECONDED Jock Hamilton
"Nominate Warren Joyce to the position of Southland Selector."
MOTION PUT CARRIED

Chief Examiner Currently Lyn Sutherland
Executive Officer noted that Lyn has confirmed she will be able to continue in this position for one more year.

MOVED Bev Catto
SECONDED Jane Morgan
"Confirm Lyn Sutherland to the position of Chief Examiner."
MOTION PUT CARRIED

Chief Referee Currently Jane Fisher
Written nomination received from Murihiku
"Confirm Jane Fisher to the position of Chief Referee."
MOTION PUT CARRIED

Chief Ins. Of Turns Currently Joka Wiegersma – Joka has confirmed she will be standing down
Geoff called for nominations from the floor

MOVED Hilary Strang
SECONDED Warren Joyce
"Nominate Murray Strang to the position of Chief IOT."
MOTION PUT CARRIED

Chief Starter Currently Geoff Finnerty
Executive Officer called for nominations from the floor

MOVED Ethel Naylor
SECONDED Graeme Mulligan
"Confirm Geoff Finnerty to the position of Chief Starter."
MOTION PUT CARRIED

Chief Timekeeper	<p>Currently Sheryll Joyce Written nomination received from Collegiate "Confirm Sheryll Joyce to the position of Chief Timekeeper." MOTION PUT CARRIED</p>
Blazer and Life Membership Committee	<p>Ethel Naylor, Graeme Mulligan and John Sutton <i>(Due for re-election in 2015, or before if member retires)</i> Graeme Mulligan mentioned that new members need to be coming through for this committee. Judi Devine confirmed she is happy to step into this role when required.</p>
Honorary Auditors Honorary Solicitors	<p>WHK Invercargill Preston Russell Law Eagles Eagles and Redpath</p>
Honorary Medical Practitioner	<p>Dr Robert Bester</p> <p>MOVED Elizabeth Tapper SECONDED Alan Matheson <i>"That the honorary positions be confirmed."</i> MOTION PUT CARRIED</p>
Management	<p>Joka Wiegiersma and Paul Harrington – confirmed as standing down 1. Mr Geoff Finnerty – Written nomination from Murihiku Swimming Club 2. Mrs Jane Fisher – Written nomination from Murihiku Swimming Club 3. Mrs Bev Catto – Written nomination from Hokonui Swimming Club 4. Mr Warren Joyce – Written nomination from Collegiate Swimming Club 5. Mrs Yvonne McDonald – Written nomination from Collegiate Swimming Club New Nominations – 6. Mrs Hilary Strang – Written nomination from Murihiku Swimming Club</p> <p>MOVED Sheryll Joyce SECONDED Jock Hamilton <i>"That the nominations received be confirmed."</i> MOTION PUT CARRIED</p> <p><i>Geoff called for additional nominations from the floor for the remaining 2 x management positions.</i></p> <p>Barbara Grant - Nominated by Hilary Strang, Seconded by Yvonne McDonald <i>"That the nominations received be confirmed."</i> MOTION PUT CARRIED</p> <p>Aaron Wakelin - Nominated by Joyce Wakelin, Seconded by John Sutton <i>"That the nominations received be confirmed."</i> MOTION PUT CARRIED</p>

Awards Committee

Mr John Sutton, Mr Graeme Mulligan and Mrs Ethel Naylor – awards committee were called upon to present Swimming Southland Awards as below;

Service	Anne Kean, Central Southland Caroline Stewart, Central Southland Jason Unahi, Central Southland Mary Houliston-Macdonald, Central Southland Yvonne McDonald, Collegiate
Honours	Joka Wiegersma, Waverley Sharon Fosbender, Waverley Fiona Dooley, Waverley
Life Members	Nil

Alterations to Rules

No written alterations received

General Business:

Management -

Delegates Meetings, Discussion around reinstating
Geoff Finnerty noted that management have been discussing reinstating the delegates meetings – especially with all the movement going on at a Swimming New Zealand level. Once the final draft of the regional constitution comes through, this would be an ideal opportunity to hold a delegates meeting.
General comments from the floor –
The lack of delegates meetings over the past few years has created a disconnect between all clubs and Swimming Southland – holding these meetings again would keep everyone on the same track for the swimmers, as it’s all about talking and communicating together.
Great opportunity for the clubs to share ideas and help each other out.

All agreed to reinstate delegates meetings in the current season, with the dates of these meetings at the management teams discretion (nb: keeping in mind the country clubs season timings)

<i>MOVED</i>	<i>Elizabeth Tapper</i>
<i>SECONDED</i>	<i>Fenton Herrick</i>
<i>“To have a minimum of two delegates meetings in the current season.”</i>	
<i>MOTION PUT</i>	<i>CARRIED</i>

John Sutton -

Starting Blocks
NB: this was covered under the Technical report, no further discussion required



Jeremy Duncan - Importance of everyone working together to maintain a sustainable pathway into competitive swimming. Also solutions for lane spacing issues.
NB: this was covered under the Head Coaches report, no further discussion required

Jane Morgan - NZ Juniors team – travelling as a team, not individual flights
It was noted that this had not been happening, and for this team especially being younger swimmers, they do need to travel as a team.
Executive Officer confirmed we would investigate the group booking process with Air New Zealand, and that team travel would for the NZ Junior team from here.

It was also noted that the AGM might receive better attendance if held outside school holidays in the future. Management to keep this in mind when setting AGM dates for next year.

Meeting closed: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

President's signature: _____
Confirmed Date: _____