



Minutes of meeting of the Technical Committee held by teleconference on 5 May 2004, 7.30pm to 8.50pm

Present: J Davidson, W Matson, C Groothoff, L Sutherland, R Bragg, S Holden

Minutes: Confirmation of the Minutes of 15 November 2003 Groothoff/Sutherland

Matters Arising:
Correspondence

Lyn Sutherland - resignation from Tech Committee

Lyn spoke regarding letter. Discussion regarding the issues held with support for Lyn to remain on the Technical Committee at least until the face to face meeting in July. All members agreed this was a good idea.

Letter from Eastern Districts

Bill Matson as meet director responded. At the time this was noticed, it was late in the piece and he could see two choices. Stopping the race as the swimmers were on the blocks and replacing the swimmer or continuing as is. Decided to continue as is. Lyn Sutherland to follow up on Meet Manager query and check whether can limit numbers of visitors in a final.

Recommendation to SwimSport – that refund be sent for the entry fee for this event.

A letter stating matter is being investigated and refund for that event included.

Once investigation completed Jo Davidson to advise SwimSport of outcome.

Matson/Sutherland

Update from SwimSport

Jo confirmed 2004 meets

International Trials Auckland 21/22 August

NZ Summer SC Champs Auckland 9-11 December

Presidents Forum – held Sat 1st May

Very positive

Draft strategic Plan was presented

Council working towards next step – portion of strategic plan revolved around Administrators/Technical Officials

2005 Qualifying meets to be in Auckland or Christchurch

Calendar currently put together for next 4 years 2005-2008, therefore North and South Island Champs can be place around the SNZ Competitions

Meet Reports

Meet Director Reports to Swim Sport – There has been a request that Swim Sport see these. All Technical Committee were unaware that they didn't get to see these. The committee believe that the Meet Directors reports are done for Swim Sport.

Jo asked that all MD Reports be tabled

Copies of all reports to be forwarded to Swim Sport by Jo Davidson

Full Discussion of MD reports to happen at face-to-face meeting in July

Reports tabled

Opens – Jo

NAG's – Bill

Juniors – National

Northern

Central

Southern

Div II

Lyn

Ross

Chris

Bill

Lyn

Open Water - Lesley McKenzie

International Trials 21/22 August

Jo outlined format

Heats – long course

Finals – short course

Qualifying meet for World SC Champs, Commonwealth Youth Games and Australian Youth Olympic Festival.

Tech Committee need to appoint a Meet Director – appoint tonight

Don't require FINA Starters or FINA Referee

Applications for August and December Meet to be placed on website as soon as info has been finalised and confirmed by council.

**Nomination for Meet Director – Ross nominates Chris Groothoff
Bragg/Sutherland**

Chris Groothoff appointed Meet Director for NZ International Trials

Sandra to forward any information regarding International Trials as they come to light.

Question arose regarding Reverse Distance in this meet. Sandra to check with Clive. Also mentioned there was an issue with MM with long course and short course. Sandra and Lyn confirmed this was ok in MM as long as it was set up properly.

Appointments

Appointment for 2004 Tri-Series

Technical Committee recommendation to Swim Sport – Brent Singer
Bragg/Matson

Jo Davidson to contact Swim Sport for confirmation of recommendation. Sandra Holden to confirm with Brent Singer once Swim Sport confirmation is received.

FINA/International

Oceania – everyone ready to go

Jo expressed thank you to the office and Hayley for the hard work she has put in to organizing the officials. Had received her tickets and t-shirt.

Open Water – Abu Dhabi

Applications to close 30 June 2004

Congratulations to Chris Groothoff on being appointed to Indianapolis, World Short Course Championships 2004.

Congratulations also to Ross Bragg for his appointment to the Paralympics in Athens

Regional Update

Jo asked for updates at the face-to-face meeting in July with No.s of exams etc

Couple of things to be passed on to the office:

Nelson – Ross Bragg's area not Lyn Sutherland

Applications for National Referees - to Technical Committee members only.

Sandra to pass this information on to Hayley

General Business

CEO position to take up to 2 months to replace. Clive Rushton/Mark Saunders managing office in the interim

Items detailed below to be discussed at face to face meeting in July

Medals

Over the Top Starts

Entries Open Water

Budget

Jo to confirm 3-4 July meeting can use budget from 2004 financial year
Budget from 2003/2004 financial year was
\$5000 withing regions
\$5000 face to face meeting
\$500 for World Champs
\$10000 for Examiners Seminar

Propose to carry forward \$10000 for Examiners Seminar

Check whether \$500 payment was made for World Champs last years

Keep budget figures as per 2003/2004 year for 2004/2005 year

Question whether want to ran a FINA clinic in association with Open/Youth Championships in 2005. To include in budget \$1500 for this. Bill mentioned costs to SNZ would be minimal, would be covered in majority by FINA.

Letter from Norm regarding Backstroke

Chris Groothoff mentioned the above letter as Norm had not received a response. Jo Davidson received a copy of the letter in January, which was dated October and thought it had been responded to. Jo Davidson to send a response ASAP.

General

Lyn Sutherland mentioned lack of communication/technical/officials

Sandra Holden advised that there had already been discussions between Jo Davidson and Sandra Holden regarding communication and the wider scheme of things. Look at getting database of Technical Officials and communicating regularly with these people mainly through email as primary avenue for communicating and through post for those that don't have email.

SNZ would like to do this with all contacts, eg clubs, regions as well as Tech Officials

Jo Davidson asked if Technical Committee happy for John West to be invited to face to face meeting. Bill Matson advised that as it was a 2 day meeting John West should be invited to attend the 1st day as President of Swimming New Zealand.

Meeting closed 8.50pm.

Next meeting: Face to face meeting 3/4 July 2004 – to be confirmed