



**Minutes for November 2014 SNZ Technical Advisory
Committee Meeting
held on 9-10 November 2013
Venue: Pelorus Trust Sports House, Petone**

Present: Jo Davidson, Lesley Huckins, Matt Meehan, Ross Bragg,
Dianne Farmer, Gavin Ion, Kent Stead

Apologies: Lyn Sutherland

Minutes: May 2013 moved Matt, seconded Lesley, passed

Matters Arising:... Not covered elsewhere...

Correspondence :

2013 Meets: Meet Director Reports:

2013 New Zealand Secondary Schools – Hamilton

- Discussed para swimmer points
- Improvements with the organising committee with Swimming Waikato, Gavin Ion, Craig Scott were key to the smooth running of the meet
- Need some confirmation on the ability for non registered swimmers to compete.

2013 New Zealand Short Course Championships – Wellington

- Programme needs to be reconsidered with the structure of the event requiring so much manual manipulation.

Assessments:

2013 New Zealand Secondary Schools – Hamilton

2013 New Zealand Short Course Championships - Wellington

General discussion regarding the survey regarding assessments and streamlining same.

New assessment for Open Water – Draft forwarded to members of TAC

Reviewed the new forms and agreed to use at this year's open water and then review.

Appointments:

2014 New Zealand Open Water Championships - Taupo

2014 New Zealand Junior Championships –Wellington

2014 New Zealand Age Group Championships - Wellington
2014 New Zealand Division Two – Hamilton
2017 New Zealand Open Championships – Auckland

Completed with a new spreadsheet to check appointments, to ensure a fair distribution of roles.

FINA/International:

Any international meets that we should be targeting for our officials

1. Commonwealth Games - PM
2. Oceania Championships
3. Pan Pacs - PM
4. JPP
5. World SC - PM
6. World Junior Championships

Paul Matson has applied for BHP & Australia OW Champs in Perth.
Closed on November 1st.

Regional Updates:

Upper North

AK: Technical committee are working to identify upcoming officials. Clubs are coming onboard. Individuals are progressing through the pathway. Good progress. Issues with equipment (bulkhead moving, aries box with issues, Starting sound system has been repaired). Lane lines have now been repainted.

NL: Nothing to report.

Central North

CM: Went to Junior Championships to meet the team. Jeannie introduced Gavin to people. Great systems in place. Going back in Dec for their next meet. Will complete assessments.

BP: Visited recently. Steve Knox doing well. Plan around each club having referees. CNI completed 2 Nat Referees and 1 Nat IOT. Confusion around changes to the backstroke rule.

WK: Quiet with a reduction in the number of events. Thames soon to hold an IOT seminar.

Lower North East

WN: Outlined the policies and pathway Swimming Wellington has developed for technical officials. General discussions on the content and feedback provided for Matt to take back to SW panel. TAC would like to use this as a template for a national strategy, with the support of Swimming Wellington to use their resource. 3 National IOT qualifications.

HBPB: Nothing to report.

WAI: Little happening.

Lower North West

WG: 17 new timekeepers. John Rhodes is onboard and helping with the development of officials. Goes to club night once a month.

MAN: 1 Nat IOT, another thinking about it. Manawatu will not select a technical official as team manager to get them onto pool deck.

Emphasis that the national meets are for everyone not just the region hosting.

TAR: Various assessments at Taranaki Winter Champs.

Upper South

CB: New dynamic with the addition of ED. Upcoming seminars in WC and Canterbury. Utilise an introduction to officiating to promote officialdom. 400 have been circulated in CB. Some requirements misunderstandings in ED.

NM: 1 Regional Ref 4 National IOTs. Good things happening.

General Business:

General Business is not in any particular order:

1. Current Set Up of SNZ
Kent covered the new org structure and described the new roles within the organisation especially those individuals that will work with the technical officials.
2. Regulations and By-laws – Jo & Lesley
Feedback on the current received and discussed.
3. Freestyle Races – Jo & Lesley
Judge of Strokes should be sitting down. JOS's are fine to walk if sitting for a long time. You don't have to walk but can. To clarify at pre event briefings. It's just important to pick the right moment to go for a walk.
4. Advertising on Caps
Status Quo
5. Pool Deck Passes – Jo
Greater policing of wearing passes needs to be undertaken especially at WRAC. Swimmers get lost coming out of marshalling.
6. Medical Card – Lesley
Situation at NZ SC with swimmer with a medical condition. Lesley would like to see a medical card created with information on the medical condition and a signature from their specialist. This would come inline with the FINA rule for relay replacements. Committee agreed and Lesley will encourage the swimmer in questions to get one made up.
7. Introduction to Officiating – Lesley presented with a New Zealand version to be create for publication on the SNZ website.

8. 2014 Competition Calendar – Jo
Concerns about SC and Sec Schools back to back. Will be a real struggle to get enough officials.
9. Announcer Pathway – Jo
Ross to circulate announcers notes from Peter Graham's.
Decision made that music can be played during 800 and 1500 events. Background music at a low volume.
10. Swimwear – Jo
Is there the need to revisit open in regard to FINA approved togs only being worn? Lesley let us know that there is a new system coming out with the ability to scan the label and will get an instant yes/no approval. Decision to hold off until we have the capability to do this with a scanner.
11. JOS Qualification – Ross
Draft submitted by Dave Beattie with Ross presenting. Initial discussions and decision made for Ross to do some work on it and come back to the group for more work and distribution.
12. Forms – Protest, Disqualification, Wording for Disqualification etc – Jo
Protest Form - New form to be placed on the Swimming New Zealand website for use from here on. Discussion on the late withdrawal to stay the same at \$50 with the protest fee to be increased \$100. Two major reasons, one is to come closer to the FINA standard 100 Swiss Francs and second that there should be a different fee for Late Withdrawals in comparison to Protests. The process for a protest is far more involved and time consuming. Decision that more discussion needed and would be revisited at next meeting.
DQ form- small changes made and this will also be placed on the SNZ website for use.
DQ Wording Card - Lyn was working on this for update. Need to continue to let referees know that it is only a guide.
Original reason for form was for language issues at international events. Need to inform regions that if referees are demanding that only the wording from the wording card is used TAC members must be informed of this so that the practice can be stopped. Suggestion that a watermark be placed on the card saying guide. Need to start to reeducate officials at event briefings talking about the guide status of the card.
Adjustments made to the Wording Card based on the changes to the FINA rules and Guide Only water marked on the sheet. Posted on the SNZ website.
13. General Business
Relays- discussions on having only one swimmer marshal for each relay team. Would struggle to make it work at WRAC.

Visitor (All Comers) records to be reinstated. Lesley to investigate and start to compile records. SNZ to assist with supplying of past meet results.

Sport Science- Request for time of infraction from Sport Science staff at HPNZ to be able to use footage for education. Concern that it could cause a integrity issues with the officials.

Meet Mobile – Need to find the button to stop results going online until result is cleared

14. New Database

Update on where Swimming New Zealand is at with the development of a new database. Things that are relevant to Technical Officials were discussed with suggestions for additional things to be in the database. Talked about applying for meets to officiate at and also claiming a role from a meet that has been completed. These can be related to achieving qualifications.

15. Discussed the Wellington facility and the possibility of a future protest from Swimming Auckland in regard to turbulence at WRAC.

16. World Masters Games

Outline of Swimming New Zealand's involvement in the delivery of the World Masters Games.