

**Minutes of Meeting of the SNZ Technical Advisory Committee  
held on Saturday, 30 April 2011 commencing at 9:30 am  
and resuming on 1 May 2011 at 9:00am  
Venue: Pelorus Trust Sports House, Petone**

**Present:** Jo Davidson, Bill Matson, Lesley Huckins, Lyn Sutherland, Dave Beattie, Ross Bragg, Kent Stead, Lisa Conroy

**Apologies:** Tania Black

**Minutes:** November 2010 – Moved by Dave Beattie/Seconded Lyn Sutherland

**Matters Arising:**

Pacific Games – confirmation of appointments was discussed at SNZ Opens. Graham Seagull (Starter) Matt Meehan (reserve Starter) Jo Davidson (Referee) Lesley Huckins (reserve Referee).

**Correspondence:**

**2010-2011 Meets:** Meet Director Reports discussed as follows:

2010 Open Short Course Championships – Bill Matson

2011 New Zealand Open Water Championships – Paul Matson & Dave Beattie

2011 New Zealand Junior Championships – Dave Beattie & Matt Meehan

2011 New Zealand Age Group Championships – Bill Matson

2011 New Zealand Open Championships – Ross Bragg

**Assessments:** Assessments discussed as follows:

2010 Open Short Course Championships

2011 New Zealand Junior Championships

2011 New Zealand Age Group Championships

2011 New Zealand Open Championships

**Appointments:** Appointments discussed as follows:

2011 New Zealand Division Two - Rotorua (Meet Director – Jo Davidson)

2011 New Zealand Short Course Championships – Wellington (Meet Director – Bill Matson)

2011 New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships – Hamilton (Meet Director – Dave Beattie)

Final sessions – it was agreed that all male technical officials need to wear dress pants which will be noted in the appointment letter.

### **Regional Updates:**

#### **Visitation programme for regions:**

It was agreed that the TAC will not run a forum this year, it was felt the best resource of their time will be to visit regions and SNZ will work with the TAC to produce a timetable around this.

#### **General Business:**

1. Open Water –Discussions held with regards to templates being available on website for regions to use for their events. For National Open Water meets if swimmers wear a second cap underneath the event cap, then this will be white and stated in the flyer.
2. SNZ's recognition of officials – Fastlane – The TAC feel that official's information should be included in Fastlane as well as the officials newsletters. The SNZ website will also be updated regularly with appointments in the technical area.
3. Applications for qualifications - SNZ will adjust the form so that it lists online relevant experience to the qualification being requested.
4. 50 metre events when using two referees – The referees will stay at one end and not change over during a set of 50 metre races.
5. Swimwear –the TAC will revisit the SNZ swimwear guidelines. Lesley Huckins will have discussions with other countries officials when in Shanghai at the FINA World Championships in July 2011 on what they are doing about this situation and report back to the TAC.
6. Name Badges – The 2011 championships season for those officials that have been to three National meets over the season will receive a name badge.
7. For freestyle races in 400,800, 1500 metre races at National Age Groups, Division II and Short Course –It was decided the JoS would stand for the first swimmers past the 15 metre mark and then sit for the rest of the race. The Turn End (TE) JoS would walk to the TE 15 m mark and then sit out the rest of the event.
8. Strapping –Meet Directors will be responsible for overseeing strapping of swimmers.
9. Technical Newsletter–The newsletter will now be quarterly instead of every two months as it is currently.
10. Official's tracksuits –Lisa Conroy explained that there have been two order windows so far and may look at doing one more in time for the

summer season. SNZ will look into a waterproof type jacket next time around as there seems to be interest for one.

11. Pathway for officials for FINA list – Discussions held regarding pathways
12. Mentoring of Starters & Referees – the appointments with rotations worked well at New Zealand Open Championships. In Australia the TAC appoint someone to mentor the up and coming referees, being a two year appointment and their role is to ensure they reach the FINA list. It was suggested that this is something that our TAC should be looking into. Jo Davidson to do some research and report back to the TAC.
13. **Photography Policy:** SNZ are currently in the process of putting together a photography policy for events.

Next face to face TAC meeting was suggested for the 5/6 November 2011 and will be confirmed once calendars have been checked.