



**Minutes of Face to Face Meeting of the SNZ Technical
Advisory Committee
to be held on Saturday, 25 May 2013 commencing at
10 am
and resuming on 26 May 2013 at 9:00am
Venue: Pelorus Trust Sports House, Petone**

Present: Jo Davidson, Ross Bragg, Diane Farmer, Matt Meehan, Lesley Huckins, Kent Stead, Lisa Conroy, Mark O Connor

Apologies: Dave Beattie

Minutes: November 2012 approved by Matt Meehan and seconded by Lyn Sutherland

Matters Arising:

Recorders information was emailed by Dianne to Lesley and Jo for everyone to look over and they will investigate further.

Correspondence: Brent Layton re Registrations

The response from Brent Layton's letter is below to clarify the charge of the \$15 registration fee for technical officials.

Under clause 6.1 c of the new Constitution, the members of Swimming New Zealand include "regionally or higher qualified inspectors of turns officials and nationally or higher qualified time keepers, who in each case are members of a Member club or have designated a Regional Association to which they are aligned." Clause 6.2 requires technical officials who are members under clause 6.1 c to pay all amounts due to Swimming New Zealand before they can participate in swimming events sanctioned by Swimming New Zealand or a Regional Association. In short, lower qualified technical officials do not need to be members and pay the membership fee.

This amendment will then give SNZ an accurate accountability of all officials, and voting rights will be based around the numbers on regional books from paid officials.

2013 Meets: Meet Director Reports:

2013 New Zealand Open Water Championships – Taupo (no report)

2013 New Zealand Junior Championships – Auckland & Wellington
(Ross and Dianne)

2013 New Zealand Age Group Championships – Wellington (Matt)

2013 New Zealand Open Championships – Auckland - (Ross)

2013 New Zealand Division II – Invercargill – (Lyn)

Assessments:

2013 New Zealand Open Water Championships – Taupo

2013 New Zealand Junior Championships – Auckland & Wellington

2013 New Zealand Age Group Championships - Wellington

2013 New Zealand Open Championships – Auckland

2013 New Zealand Division II – Invercargill

Technical official assessments -

It was decided to do a survey to the membership around assessments this year to get feedback. The TAC will give Kent questions required and he will send out via Survey Monkey ASAP.

There will be a workshop at Short Course for coaches and officials to go over the new FINA rules.

New assessment for Open Water – Jo will forward a draft to the TAC for assessments for the Referee, Chief Referee and Clerk of Course.

Appointments:

2013 New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships – Hamilton

Refer to spreadsheet of confirmed appointments

2013 New Zealand Short Course Championships – Wellington

Refer to spreadsheet of confirmed appointments

It was decided that SNZ will send out a second email 4-6 weeks prior to each National event asking if anyone is available to time keep, once we have the key roles. Even if they can only do one session, this would be beneficial

Proposed calendar in the future (See SNZ website)

Kent did an overview of the proposed calendar and explained that this has been seen as the HP plan moving into Rio. The National competition survey will be completed on 4th June, and then dates

will be published online not long after that, along with any regulation changes.

With the zonal competition after Short Course, SNZ will ask officials if they are able to hang around for the zonal meet on Friday from 8am-1pm when appointment letters go out shortly. The TAC will appoint a meet director for this meet and work out a roster once we get a feel for how many officials will be available.

FINA/International: Any international meets that we should be targeting for our officials -

- Oceania Championships (NZ – will not apply for scholarships as we will be able to apply through other means)
- Trans Tasman (Australia) will try for one scholarship/1 user pays
- Commonwealth Games (Scotland)- will apply for scholarship
- Junior Pan Pacs (Hawaii) not likely to apply as will focus on higher calibre meets.
- Pan Pacs (Gold Coast) will apply for scholarship
- World SC (Doha) – will apply for scholarship
- Dianne suggested having application forms for the likes of Trans Tasman at SC meets where officials can fill out forms to apply and can be suggested at assessments.

Congress meetings – TSC, General and Open Water – Rules and delegates

Jo & Paul Matson will attend the Open Water Congress and Jo & Matt will attend the swimming congress. The General Congress delegates will be Brent Layton and Sue Edwards. Nominations come through the National bodies – Aquatics New Zealand. Aquatics New Zealand representative for swimming is Ron Clarke. Swimming New Zealand has nominated Lesley Huckins for the FINA Swimming Technical Committee as representative for Oceania.

Proposed rule changes for Swimming, Open Water and General Congress discussed and recommendations made.

Start date agreed on for the new rules will be Monday 7 Oct 2013.

General Business:

1. **Clearing of pool deck after warm up– Jo-** To clarify, it is not the referee's job to clear the pool deck, they need to check with the Meet Director who will find someone appropriate.

2. **Radio protocols – Age and Open Water – Jo** – At Wellington the TACs recommendation is that the MD, CRS and referee are the only people to have radios. Some basic points are: check what is

happening around the pool before radioing, minimum chatter and ensure the radio is ready for use before you speak. With Open Water there were issues with dead spots and extra people on the waves on channel 20 with another sport, so backup channels need to be told to everyone. Kent will investigate further and is likely we will go back to previous radios used.

3. **Advertising – Ross** – he was concerned about swimmers having logo sponsorship on their swimwear/caps. SNZ do not have any regulations regarding advertising at present. SNZ are mainly interested in parties that are advertising in conflict with our own sponsors and benefitting financially from this advertising. SNZ's preference is that the advertising on caps should be just club or regional specific. If a sponsor's logo has to be on it then there should be a size restriction. Kent will investigate further for regulation or bylaw change options.

4. **Freestyle events – to confirm decision at Opens and ensure that we are all in agreement – Jo** – It's advised for guidance that for Heats JOS will stand when the referees whistle is blown and stay/move to their relevant 15m mark and sit for the entire event. At the end of each event they walk back. Finals – come back at the end of every event. Guidance for IOT's is that they all sit down at once and then the chief IOT is also able to sit.

5. **Swimwear – Jo**

There have been a lot of questions surrounding the rulings of swim suits that no longer meet FINA standards and have been removed from the approved list. Arena are replacing the suits for free but there will be a delay on this. After discussion it was agreed by the TAC that SNZ will give swimmers a grace period until Saturday 20th July 2013 to wear these suits and sort out alternatives for meets after this date. It was suggested that the officials do random checks, especially with record holders etc, and to mention this in the event flyer. SNZ will put out a media release on their stance on our website in the next few days.

6. **Rotation of TAC** – Central North Island (Dave Beattie) and Lower South Island (Lyn Sutherland) – applications will be go out to the membership shortly.

7. **Parafed letter from Ross/Dave** – there are options for swimmers to swim with exceptions by going to Paralympics NZ and getting a classification. If swimmers are going to enter able bodied events and keep getting DQ'd, then it's more ideal to go through PNZ and get a classification which would then solve this issue. A paper is to be tabled by Ross for publishing.

The next TAC face to face meeting for 2013: 9-10th November