



**Minutes for Face to Face Meeting of the SNZ Technical Advisory Committee  
held on Saturday, 5 November 2011 commencing at  
10:00 am  
and resuming on 6 November 2011 at 9:00am  
Venue: Pelorus Trust Sports House, Petone**

**Present:** Jo Davidson, Lyn Sutherland, Dave Beattie, Ross Bragg, Matt Meehan, Lesley Huckins, Kent Stead, Lisa Conroy, Philip Rush (SNZ Youth & OW Programme Manager)

**Apologies:** Mark O'Connor

**Minutes:** May 2011 – moved by Lyn Sutherland/seconded by Lesley Huckins

**Matters Arising:**

**Correspondence:**

Information for Oceania Federations from FINA TSC Technical Swimming Committee Meetings held In Shanghai China 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011 and Lima – Peru 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Update from Don Blew, FINA TSC, – the TAC need to finalise the next FINA listings at the May TAC meeting in time for the FINA deadline- 30 June 2012..

**Kent Stead & Philip Rush gave us an update on 2012 SNZ Open Water Championships)**

The course direction has been changed and this will mean the spectators can follow the finish.

SNZ will not be using SLSNZ in 2012 instead a crew of trained fireman and safety trained experts, who will take on this responsibility. A safety plan has been put in place and officials/key people will have walkie talkies for communication. In January they will be patrolling a 600m area, with the course to be split into four areas with a lead boat patrolling, and available in case anyone needs to be taken to shore.

The winners of the Olympic trial will go through to Portugal so will be fiercely contested. It was decided that we need 3 boats on the course + the chief referee boat (4 in total).

There will be a deep water start and the finish line is along the front of the lake. The TAC with Philips input have decided to hold the Men's 10km race first with the women's race 3 minutes behind.

#### **GENERAL:**

**2011 Meets:** Meet Director Reports discussed:

**2011 New Zealand Division Two - Rotorua – Jo Davidson**

**2011 New Zealand Short Course Championships – Wellington – Jo Davidson**

**2011 New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships – Hamilton – Dave Beattie**

Ross Bragg moved a motion that the officials will be asked to leave at the end of the swimming rather than wait until the medal ceremonies have finished. **Ross Bragg moved/Matt Meehan seconded** and was passed unanimously.

#### **Assessments discussed:**

**2011 New Zealand Division II - Rotorua**

**2011 New Zealand Short Course Championships – Wellington**

#### **Appointments:**

It was agreed that on the confirmation appointment letter, that if you are not available for the meet you need to notify the meet director one month prior – a reminder will be sent out by SNZ to the officials selected to let us know if they cannot attend, so backup can be sought at this stage.

Refer to spreadsheet for selections at the following meets:

2012 New Zealand Open Water Championships – Taupo

2012 New Zealand Junior Championships – Hamilton & Wellington

2012 New Zealand Age Group Championships - Wellington

2012 New Zealand Division II - Dunedin

2012 New Zealand Open Championships – Auckland

- **FINA/International:**

- 3 - 14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Masters Championships (3-17 June 2012, Italy),**

- Kent received an application form from FINA for officials at this meet. The application closes on 30 November and outlined that the organising committee will cover flight/accommodation/transport expenses. Kent will send out an email asking for applications of interest via email to the official membership

## **9<sup>th</sup> Oceania Championships May 2012**

22 applications received and the TAC have processed these with recommendations once a request from Oceania is received . .

### **Regional Updates:**

**Central North – Dave Beattie**

**Lower North – Matt Meehan**

**Upper South – Lesley Huckins**

**Upper North - Ross Bragg**

**Lower South - Lyn Sutherland**

### **Regional TAC visits**

**BOP** (Jo Davidson)

Jo visited this region prior to Division II and it was discussed that it would be beneficial to run some technical seminars in Tauranga and Rotorua.

**Taranaki** (Dave Beattie & Ross Bragg)

The visit was very worthwhile; report given and the region were keen for the visits to continue on a regular basis.

**Nelson Marlborough** (Lesley Huckins & Jo Davidson)

The meeting went well and felt was very successful. The TAC members put through 2 National starters and 3 IOT's. Ran a brief on how to encourage officials, and they had 4 trainees there the next day. Management have invited the TAC back for their summer champs in February.

**Regions still to target for TAC visits:** Groups

Various regional visitations to be set up for the coming season.

### **General Business:**

1. **SW 9.3** – It was decided that SNZ will note the following in the next technical newsletter for consistency throughout the country - The wording on the disqualification form in a medley should be in line with the stroke infraction as per the stroke rules. Reference to rule SW9.3 is not required. A decision was confirmed to delete rule 9.3 from the guide for wording of disqualifications sheet

#### **2. Meet Directors responsibilities at events -Kent Stead**

It was agreed that it is a good idea for the SNZ Event Manager/Meet Director to meet together with the host region in the build up to a meet so that responsibilities and intentions are clear.

### **3. Officials Shirts - Kent Stead**

State has committed to providing officials shirts for SNZ championships next year. It is the same shirt but with a State logo. Timekeepers will still not get any new shirts but can use the SNZ white shirt from this season or can buy the new one.

### **4. Events Advisory Committee –Kent Stead**

Have had two conference calls so far and is functioning well.

### **5. Officials Newsletter–Kent Stead**

Everyone is happy with the content and that it comes down to common sense how often it is sent out due to events happening.

### **6. Swimwear – Jo Davidson**

Lesley spoke to officials in Shanghai regarding how they deal with swimwear rules, and the response was, "as long as it's textile fabric use your common sense..." All suits at FINA meets are inspected which does solve this issue. It was agreed that in NZ we don't have the resource to police this as it would take a male and female official to check every suit. However all agreed that the swimmers have had sufficient warnings, and there should be a statement in the flyer/meet information sheet that any swimmer identified wearing a non compliant suit will be disqualified.

### **7. Officials tracksuits – Jo Davidson**

- 8.** Jo asked if any more tracksuits had been ordered, and Lisa confirmed that she had put through a few more and that there had been a good response to them over the season. Lisa will get samples sent to a few TAC members of a waterproof jacket for next season.

### **Forms – Protest, Disqualification, Wording for Disqualification etc – Jo Davidson**

Jo pointed out that in rule SW4.4 on the cheat sheet card it says prior, the rule says before.

### **Starter qualifications – Matt Meehan**

Matt asked for clarification surrounding starter qualifications. As it currently is the starters examination includes the both the practical and theory components.

The TAC will meet at SNZ Opens to have a meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> after the morning session, to discuss items that were not covered on this agenda.

### **Meetings for 2012: May 2012 – Face to Face Meeting**

The date for the next TAC meeting is 12/13 May (once confirmed with all TAC members).

Meeting finished at 2.15pm Sunday 6 November 2012.