



Minutes of meeting of the 110th Swimming New Zealand

Annual General Meeting held at the Copthorne Durham St Conference Centre, Christchurch, 2 September 2000.

The President of Swimming New Zealand, Mr Phil Pritchard, declared the 110th Annual Meeting open at 10.30am. The President welcomed life members, members, delegates, observers and guests to the meeting.

Attendance:

President:	Phil Pritchard
Vice President:	Warwyck Dewe
Chair Education:	Monica Cooper
Chair SwimSport:	Clive Power
	Paul Kingsman
	Nevill Sutton
	Jack Graham
	Jill Clarke
	Ross Bragg
	Catriona McBean – Executive Director
	Brett Naylor – National Coach
	Mark Saunders – National Education Manager
Life Members:	Laurie Crabb
	Norma Williams
	Arty Shaw
	Maurice Duckmanton
Fina Member:	Bill Matson
Delegates:	
Northland:	Jim Kilpatrick
Auckland:	David Jack
Counties/Manukau:	Jeanie Sibun
Waikato:	Merle Jonson
Bay of Plenty:	Paul Stewart
Taranaki:	Robbie Low
Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay:	Basil Dynan
Wanganui:	Colleen Bunker
Manawatu:	Jackie Sheehy
Wairarapa:	Stuart McGregor
Wellington:	Murray Coulter
Nelson/Marlborough:	Cynthia Martin
Canterbury West Coast:	Warren Price
Eastern Districts:	Alistar Johnstone
Otago:	Graham Price
Southland:	Richard Byrne
SCAT:	Frank Tourelle



Observers:

Judi Devine, Katy Newman, Margaret McGregor, Judith Armstrong, John Rhodes, John West, Margaret Young, Brian McGurk, David Cain, Jo Davidson, Colin Kennedy, Brian Cameron, John Mace, Don Stanley, Jackie Stanley, Robert Naylor, Enid Wordsworth, Diane Leonard, Ian Butterworth, Geoff Bilton, Bill Matson, Joan Matson, Robin Jackson, Mary McFarlane, Michael Dodds, Jan Bickley, Ian Whitta, Julie Stevenson, Louise Stevenson, Todd Mason, Ruth Woolley, Claire McConachie, Gary Martin, Andy Parkinson – Paralympics New Zealand, Geoff Turner – Fortune Manning.

Apologies:

Jack Donaldson – Life Member, Roly Webb – Life Member, Ian Russell – Life Member, Trish McKelvey – Hillary Commission, Tim Mahon – New Zealand Sports Foundation, Alan Muir – Water Safety New Zealand, Wendy Meyrick, Robin Hood, Dave Gerrard, Lyall Mortimer, Sue Edwards, Ila Whitley

Waikato/Ross Bragg

Carried

Obituaries:

Billie Fitzsimmons – Life Member
Val Martin
Steve Hughes – BOP Life Member
Pru Young
Trevor Whitta – Canterbury West Coast Life Member
Coe Bart – BOP Life Member

The President invited the meeting to stand in silent memory of those who have passed during the year.

1999 Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the 109th Annual General Meeting held in Wellington 4 September 1999 were read and confirmed.

Waikato/Nevill Sutton

Carried

Matters Arising:

16. Receive and Adopt Budget.
Bay of Plenty commented that a number of clubs were not being honest when furnishing registrations. Incoming Council needs to tackle this matter urgently.

Bay of Plenty requested an update on the work which the Council has undertaken to address this issue. SNZ Council have not actioned this as it is a matter which needs to be addressed at the regional level.

Reports:

Presidents Report:

The President opened his report by commenting that the previous year has been challenging for all those who have been working positively to bring about the changes required by last year's AGM.

The Council is united and focused on the many issues confronting them and have recognised the need to meet more regularly than the four times we have met in the previous year. In addition, we recognise that it is not appropriate to fit these meetings between sessions during national meets.



The significant successes during the last year include:

- Winter Championships in Wanganui and Dunedin
- National Age Groups in Hamilton
- NZ Opens and Olympic Selection in Auckland
- 3rd Oceania Swimming Championships in Christchurch, for which the FINA President visited
- A strong year from our swimming education programmes
- A significant improvement in our fiscal administration

The year ahead will build on the success of last year as well as looking at ways to improve areas of weakness.

SwimSport Committee Chair Report:

The Chair of the SwimSport Committee opened his report with a concern that as a sport we are polarised towards issues rather than motivated towards what we're here to do.

There is a need to meet face-to-face more often to identify and resolve problems. The current structure put in place last year is workable, but it will take time. There is a need for open and honest communication between all parties.

The National Coach, Brett Naylor, has been one of the highlights of the year. Congratulations for your successes.

Over the last year there have been many issues which Swimming New Zealand has had to face which have been external to it. These have taken a lot of time.

Contrary to popular belief, the sport is growing, not retracting, but there is a need to ensure that the clubs and regions are capturing that growth.

Swim Education Committee Chair Report:

The Chair of the Swim Education Committee welcomed FINA members, Life Members, members and friends.

Over the last year there have been changes in the education staff with Bert Cotterill retiring, and Anne McLeod and Amy McDermott resigning. Thank you to all these staff.

The new staff have settled in with Mark Saunders being promoted to National Education Manager, and Claire McConachie continuing her excellent work in the South Island.

The Swimming Education Committee welcome comment from clubs and regions on how the education staff and programmes can be of assistance to helping club coaches improve their skills and knowledge.

On a personal note, thank you to all of you who have supported me after my recent accident, this support has helped me stay in swimming.

Annual Report Addendum:

Pacific School Games Assistant Coach Andrew Nichols.

Monica Cooper/Jack Graham

Carried

Financial Report

Moved that the Financial Report and Statement of Accounts as presented by received and adopted.

Warwyck Dewe/Canterbury West Coast

Carried

Comments on the accounts. The 2000 accounts are for Swimming New Zealand only, and do not include the other Federation members as were included in the 1999 accounts.



Howarths in Wellington were initially engaged on a month-by-month basis to prepare the accounts, but due to unsatisfactory performance Markhams Wanganui were appointed by Swimming New Zealand.

Counties/Manukau queried whether the Affiliations included the special levy. The Special Levy was included and the breakdown is:

Affiliations
Special Levy

Taranaki questioned the level of legal fees. This is both \$17,000 actual and \$20,000 accrued to deal with the Swimming New Zealand Sanctions Tribunal which is sitting on the Trent Bray doping infraction.

Bay of Plenty sought clarification on the Grants. This includes personal grants to swimmers and coaches, and the special one-off payments for members of the Olympic Team.

Waikato noted that on the Statement of Accounts Non-Current Liabilities should read Non Current Assets.

Bay of Plenty enquired on the Hillary Commission funding levels.

Awards Committee Recommendations

Ian McPhee addressed the meeting and expressed condolences on the passing of Billie Fitzsimmons a Life Member.

New Zealand Service Awards

Jill Clarke	Otago
Chris Groothoff	Bay of Plenty
Linda Hall	Otago
Daphne Loader	Otago
Alan McMorran	Otago
Patricia Purdy-Smith	Otago
Heather Third	Otago
Anne McLeod	Bay of Plenty

Honours Award

Brian Cameron	Bay of Plenty
John Dawe	Bay of Plenty
Beverley Key	Manawatu
Nancee Linney	Manawatu
Les Linney	Manawatu
Bill Matson	Wellington
Bob Smith	Otago

Life Membership

Colin Kennedy Manawatu/Counties Manukau	Manawatu	Carried
Danyon Loader Phil Pritchard/Counties Manukau	Otago	Carried

Reminder to regions that nominations are not called for, but are required to be forwarded to Swimming New Zealand Executive Director by 30 April each year.

Ian requested that regions consider how elite swimmers can be acknowledged for their personal achievements by Swimming New Zealand. He suggested that regions discuss this issue and present remits at the next AGM.

Scrutineers

Moved that scrutineers be Arty Shaw and Norma Williams

Phil Pritchard/Counties Manukau

Carried

Election of Officers

The ballot process as per C12.12 was outlined. It was questioned from the floor as to whether a single nominee was required to obtain at least 50% of the votes entitled to be cast. Don Stanley indicated that the intent of the constitution, as it was prepared, was not to require sole nominees to be voted on. There was significant debate on whether an election was necessary. Agreement from the floor was that it was unnecessary, although constitutionally required. Therefore the following motion was presented:

Moved that if a single nomination is received for a vacant position, then the nomination is not required to go to a vote, and the nominee shall automatically be declared elected.

Phil Pritchard/Canterbury

Carried

Chair SwimSport Committee

Paul Kingsman

Chair Education Committee

Monica Cooper

SwimSport Committee

(1 vacant position)
Ian Butterworth
Julie Stevenson
Bert Cotterill

The ballot resulted in Julie Stevenson being the successful candidate.

Education Committee

Nevill Sutton
Horst Meihe
Michelle Summers

The ballot resulted in Nevill Sutton being the successful candidate.

Awards Committee

No nominations were sought or received for appointment to the Awards Committee as a consequence of John Mace's receipt of an Honours Award in 1999.

It was agreed that a nomination form will be circulated to regions for consideration by the Awards Committee and Council for the filling of this position. This is under C26.1 (d) the appointment of a casual vacancy.

Auckland/Waikato

Carried

Appointment of Auditors

Moved that Carey Smith & Co of Wanganui be appointed as Auditors.

Warwyck Dewe/Waikato

Carried

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Moved that Mick Shannahan of Auckland be appointed as Honorary Solicitor.

Waikato/Auckland

Carried

Ballot Papers

Moved that the ballot papers be destroyed.

Phil Pritchard/Warwyck Dewe

Carried

Notice of Motion

The voting process for notices of motion shall be by show of cards which will be used to indicate the number of votes per region.

Phil Pritchard/Bay of Plenty

Carried

Remit 1.

Changes to Regulation SR12.30 regarding the NZ Junior Championships.

Amendment to proposed motion

	Freestyle	Backstroke	Breaststroke	Butterfly	Medley
11 & 12 years	50	50	50	50	
	100	100	100	100	200
	200	200	200	200	
10 years	50	50	50	50	
	100	100	100	100	200
	200	200	200		
9 years	50	50	50	50	
	100	100	100	100	

Open to all Swimmers 12 years and under 400 freestyle and 400 Individual Medley

Canterbury/Manawatu

Carried

Remit 2.

Changes to Regulation SR12.23 (b) regarding relay entries to NZ National Age Groups.

SCAT/Waikato

Amendment to proposed motion.

Relay events will be included in the programme at the discretion of the SNZ Council. All relays shall be swim in two age groups:

- (a) 15 years and under
- (b) 18 years and under

No swimmer may swim in both age groups, they must select one or the other.

Medals will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing. No points can be gained for club or regional association trophies.

Waikato/Auckland

Carried

- Remit 3. Changes to Regulation SR12.40 regarding relay entries to NZ Division II.
Amendment to proposed motion.
Relay events will be included in the programme at the discretion of the SNZ Council. All relays shall be swim in two age groups:
(c) 15 years and under
(d) 18 years and under
No swimmer may swim in both age groups, they must select one or the other.
Medals will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing. No points can be gained for club or regional association trophies.
Waikato/Auckland **Carried**
- Remit 4. Changes to Regulation SR12.43 regarding Date of Championships of Division II
Counties Manukau/Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay **Lost**
- Remit 5. Changes to Regulation SR12.41 regarding Qualifying for Division II
Auckland/Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay **Carried**
- Remit 6. Changes to Regulation SR12.24 regarding Qualifying for NZ Age Group Championships
Auckland/Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay **Carried**
- Remit 7. Changes to Regulation SR12.20 Duncan Laing Trophy
Otago/Wellington **Carried**
- Remit 8b. Changes to Regulation SR12.8 Entries for New Zealand Championships
Amendment to proposed motion to align with Remit 8a.
All National Meet Qualifying Times Criteria and Qualifying Periods be circulated to Regions prior to the 30th June of each year.
Wairarapa/Otago **Carried**
- Remit 8c. Withdrawn
- Remit 9. Changes to Swimming New Zealand Constitution Boundaries and Colours.
Southland/Otago **Carried**
- Remit 10. Changes to Swimming New Zealand Constitution Rule C12 Annual Meeting.
Andy Parkinson from Paralympics New Zealand presented on the proposal to allow Paralympics New Zealand voting rights as part of the reciprocal membership agreed between Swimming New Zealand and Paralympics New Zealand.
Phil Pritchard/Wellington **Lost**



Annual Budget

Moved that the budget be received.

Warwyck Dewe/SCAT

Carried

Warwyck Dewe indicated that the biggest problem is in the region's control which is the registration of members.

Counties sought clarification on the change in salary figures between 1999 and 2000. During 1999 there were a number of positions which were vacant for varying periods.

Bay of Plenty asked about the reduction in national entry fees. The process of the regions receiving the entry fees directly means that Swimming New Zealand will only receive their proportion rather than the whole entry fee.

Bay of Plenty identified sponsorship as an area of concern. Expenses would be reassessed if dedicated sponsorship was not successful.

Arty Shaw wanted to know what the proportion of User Pays was on International Events. Robin Jackson enquired of the Hillary Commission funding for the whole Federation. For 2000/01 it was \$ 120,000.

Auckland congratulated Swimming New Zealand for establishing a sport development programme.

Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay wanted to know whether a loss in a major sponsor would affect regions contractual requirements to ensure Swimming New Zealand sponsors were not compromised. This point was clarified that regardless of the actual sponsor, regions could not seek competitive sponsors for national events.

Wairarapa wanted to know whether a levy would be set if the budget was not achieved. A levy would require the regions to support such a proposal, as had previously occurred.

Affiliation Fees 2000/01

Moved that the affiliation fees for 2001/02 be set at

Competitors	\$20 + GST
All Others	\$ 10 + GST.

And

Swim Waikato be approved to conduct a trial for the current 2000/01 season on rates of:

Competitors	\$ 20 + GST
Non-competitor	\$ 6.50 + GST
Learner	\$ 2.50 + GST

And Swim Waikato undertake to honour the level of funding from the 1999/2000 year for the 2000/01 year.

Otago/SCAT

Carried

General Business

Division II Dates

Bay of Plenty stressed the need for Swimming New Zealand to take into consideration the issues raised regarding the timing of Division II for smaller regions which have outdoor pools.

SR12.41Qualifying

Auckland raised the issue that the qualifying period for the Division II Age Group Championships shall be the same as for that listed under Rule SR12.24 for the National Age Group Championships in any year.



Federation Constitution

John Mace asked whether Don Stanley who was charged with establishing the new constitution of the Federation of Swimming Sports was still undertaking this role. The establishment of the Federation is occurring in consultation with the other Federation members, but has been put on hold at present.

SR12.17 Withdrawals

Ratification of the SwimSport Committee decision to amend the Regulation SR12.17 Withdrawals. Paragraph 3 from December 1999 rule book shall read - Withdrawals must be in to control within 15 minutes of the end of the session.

SwimSport Committee/Canterbury

Carried

Revised Constitution

That all information from the Swimming New Zealand Council on constitutional changes and the reasons for these changes be circulated to all regions by 31 December 2000. A Special Meeting of regional delegates be called in April or May 2001 in Wellington so that a full and proper debate on the constitution can occur. The recommendations and draft constitution can then be taken to the AGM in 2001 for ratification.

Bay of Plenty/Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay

Carried

Association Insurance

Counties Manukau enquired about association insurance. A new policy is to be signed which covers Swimming New Zealand, regions and clubs, as well as the Federation members.

Entry Fees

Warwyck Dewe identified the 1998 AGM requirement of splitting the Swimming New Zealand portion of entry fees into National Meets, Technical Officials Travel Fund and contribution to the Swimming Trust on a per entry basis.

These contributions will be budgeted for within the Swimming New Zealand annual budget as a fixed amount, regardless of entries.

Warwyck Dewe/Canterbury

Carried.

Changes to Juniors

Manawatu sought clarification on when the changes to Juniors will occur. 2002 season.

Swimming Trust

Don Stanley outlined the grants from the Trust has reached \$56,000 over 10 years on a limited capital base. The Trust has produced a brochure detailing the Trust's purpose and providing an opportunity for financial support.

Olympic Team

Bay of Plenty wished the Olympic Team well for the Games in a few weeks.

Next Meeting

The 2001 AGM will be held in Wellington on or about 1 September 2001.

Meeting closed at 4.45pm.