



**Minutes of meeting of the 111th Swimming New Zealand
Annual General Meeting held at the Quality Inn, Willis Street, Wellington
8 September 2001**

The President of Swimming New Zealand, Mr Phil Pritchard, declared the 111th Annual Meeting open at 9.00am. 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
	Nevill Sutton
	Jack Graham
	Jill Clarke
	Ross Bragg
	Julie Stevenson
	Catriona McBean – Executive Director
Life Members:	Norma Williams
	Arty Shaw
	Jack Donaldson
	Colin Kennedy
Fina Member	Bill Matson
Delegates:	
Northland:	Sylvia Roberts
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:	John Rhodes
Manawatu:	Braden Noel
Wairarapa:	Stuart McGregor
Wellington:	Murray Coulter
Nelson/Marlborough:	Brett Currie
Canterbury West Coast:	Warren Price
Eastern Districts:	Alistar Johnstone
Otago:	Michael Dodds
Southland:	Lyn Sutherland
SCAT:	Mark Bone
Paralympics NZ:	John Hughes

Observers:

Robin Hood – FINA TDC, Joan Matson, David Cain, Jo Davidson, John West, Gregg Mayo, Jim Cole, Ian McPhee, Kate Thorn, Jon Elliott, Geoff Bilton, Susan Hargreaves, Frank Tourelle, Richard Dunkerton, Katy Newman, Bert Cotterill, Enid Wordsworth, Barbara Neish, Beth Low, Judy Tipping, Margaret Young, Dianne Leonard, Kevin Armstrong, Pam Cotterill, Noot Barrett, Judith Armstrong, Gary Ander, Margaret McGregor, Graham Price, Judi Devine, Royce Dewe, Beryl Shaw, Geoff Turner – Fortune Manning.



Apologies:

Roly Webb – Life Member, Ian Russell – Life Member, Ron Shakespear – Life Member, Maurice Duckmanton – Life Member, Trish McKelvey – Hillary Commission, Tim Mahon – New Zealand Sports Foundation, Alan Muir – Water Safety New Zealand, John Mace, Robin Jackson, Brian Cameron, Ian Butterworth – SNZ Council, R.E. Smith.

Phil Pritchard/Warwyck Dewe **Carried**

Obituaries:

Laurie Crabb – Life Member
Charlie Brown – Auckland Life Member
George Aston – Nelson/Marlborough Life Member
John Wentworth
Ron Young

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

2000 Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the 110^h Annual General Meeting held in Christchurch, 2 September 2000 were read and confirmed as amended.

Auckland/Warwyck Dewe **Carried**

Matters Arising:

Bay of Plenty requested clarification as to why the Council did not hold the constitutional consultative meeting in April/May as requested by the AGM.

Mr Phil Pritchard detailed the process by which the Council had invited comments on the constitution, the establishment of a Council sub-committee to review the comments and the decision by Council in their February meeting to defer the consultative meeting to the night before the AGM. A meeting which was held in Wellington the evening before the AGM.

Mr Artie Shaw requested clarification as to why Life Members have not received citations since they were last presented in 1982. Mr Pritchard agreed to put this matter to the incoming Council for consideration. Mr Shaw suggested that all Life Members who had not received their citations have them presented at the 2002 NZ Opens in Auckland.

Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay noted that the AGM decision to allow both Eastern Districts and Wairarapa to vote, even though neither had received the 300-membership threshold, was omitted from the minutes.

Reports:

Presidents Report:

The President provided a brief report summarising his comments in the Annual Report. The President noted that the level of progress seen since the 1999 change was significant and encouraged the incoming Council to continue to look forward.

It was noted that Julie Stevenson's name was omitted from the 2000 Annual Report list of Council members.

SwimSport Committee Chair Report:

Mr Clive Power presented a short report on the progress of the Committee over the year. Mr Power, again for a second time, had seen himself promoted from a committee member to the position of Chair after the respective Chairs had resigned.



Education Committee Chair Report:

Mrs Monica Cooper summarised the Committees work over the last 12 months, and the need for swimming to act as a single entity with both education and sport components. Some staff had left over the year and their work was acknowledged.

Phil Pritchard/Wellington **Carried**

The President, Mr Phil Pritchard, and Mrs Monica Cooper, both of whom are retiring from their Council positions were thanked for their significant involvement in swimming.

Auckland/Canterbury **Carried**

Financial Report

Moved that the Financial Report and Statement of Accounts as presented by received and adopted. Mr Warwyck Dewe summarised the financial statements and highlighted the surplus which was achieved during the year was as a result of good management by the Executive Director and her staff. A tribute to the Lotto SwimSafe Development Managers was given for their role in generating income for Swimming New Zealand.

Mr Dewe also highlighted the importance of regions to understand the impact of the level of affiliation fees on the overall budget. It was noted that there is a need for all clubs and regions to be honest in their affiliations as this is the only way the organisation will be able to move forward.

Warwyck Dewe/Ross Bragg **Carried**

Awards Committee Recommendations

Mr Ian McPhee addressed the meeting and made the following recommendations for awards:

New Zealand Service Awards

Kathleen Algar	Manawatu
Geoff Bilton	Manawatu
Jo Davidson	Auckland
Russell Geange	Wairarapa
Nola Gillard	Canterbury
Viv Morton	Wellington
Kate Thorn	Waikato

Honours Award

Tom Anderson	Canterbury
Rick Cairney	Canterbury
Ian Cameron	Taranaki
Rita Cameron	Taranaki
Elizabeth Low	Taranaki
Robert Low	Taranaki

Life Membership

Jim Cole Waikato/Wellington **Carried**

Mr Ian McPhee retired from the position of Chair of the Awards Committee and his involvement on the committee was recognised and acknowledged by the meeting.

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.

Scruitineers

Moved that scruitineers be Artie Shaw and Colin Kennedy.

Phil Pritchard/Waikato **Carried**



Election of Officers

The ballot process as per C12.12 was outlined.

President	Warwyck Dewe
Vice President	John West
Chair – SwimSport Committee	Clive Power
Chair – Education Committee	Jill Clarke
SwimSport Committee	Ross Bragg
	Murray Coulter
Education Committee	Jack Graham
	Bert Cotterill

With Jill Clarke's successful election to the position of Chair – Education Committee, two committee places became vacant, both of which were filled by the meeting.

Awards Committee	
Honours	John Mace
Service	Ross Bragg

Appointment of Auditors

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

Phil Pritchard/Waikato **Carried**

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

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

Auckland/Waikato **Carried**

Ballot Papers

Mr Phil Pritchard moved that the ballot papers be destroyed.

Phil Pritchard/Otago **Carried**

Notices 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.

Mr Phil Pritchard invited the AGM to review Remit 1, the revised SNZ Constitution and encouraged the meeting to incorporate any changes or amendments, which would arise from Remits 2 – 13 within Remit 1.

Otago agreed to withdraw Remits 4 – 10, and recommend amendments to Remit 1 where appropriate.

Remit 1:

The following amended clauses of the remit, listed below were approved.

- 2.12 "Competitive Swimmer" means a member of SNZ who actively engages from time to time in competing in inter-club, regional, national or international competitions.

Warwyck Dewe/Counties Man. **Carried**



- 3.1 The objects of SNZ are:
To encourage swimming, water safety, water education, water recreation and swimming competition in New Zealand.
- Jack Graham/Warwyck Dewe **Carried**
- 5.2 Any member of a club desiring to transfer to another club, shall with their application, forward to the secretary of the new club a certificate from the former club that s/he is not financially indebted thereto. A member under suspension, or awaiting a hearing for an offence capable of have a period of suspension imposed, is ineligible for transfer.
- Waikato/Northland **Carried**
- 7.5 A Member or a Club who, does any act or admits to do any act which, brings the sport of swimming into disrepute, or who violates any rule or bylaw of FINA, SNZ, his/her Club or his/her Club's Regional Association, shall render such violating club and/or member(s) liable to be fined, suspended or expelled by the Council or its Regional Association. If any Member or Club is fined, suspended or expelled by the council of SNZ or its Regional Association, the Member or Club shall have a right of appeal as set out in Rule 23.
- HBPB/Nevill Sutton **Carried**
- 8.2 Those colours and geographical boundaries, and any exemptions for clubs, may only be altered by ordinary resolution at a SNZ AGM or SGM called for that purpose.
- Northland/Wellington **Carried**
- 8.4 (b) Each member Club shall be entitled to be represented at the AGM or any SGM of its Regional Association by at least one duly nominated representative of that Club.
- BOP/Nelson **Carried**
- 9.6 Clause deleted as it is covered in 31.1. Subsequent clauses renumbered.
- 10.1 The council shall comprise of:
(a) Elected members:
President of SNZ
Vice President of SNZ
Eight ordinary, four of whom shall be elected from swimming nominees and four from education nominees. All nominees shall declare their committee of interest on their nomination forms.
- Jill Clarke/Nevill Sutton **Carried**
- 10.4 Add the following sentence. If both positions concurrently become vacant, the Vice President shall be elected for an initial term of 1 year only.
- Ross Bragg/Waikato **Carried**
- 10.5 SNZ's legal advisor has rewritten this clause to avoid confusion of interpretation.
- At each AGM of SNZ the three longest serving elected members of the Council (other than the President and Vice President) shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. If the longest serving members number more than three, all with equal length of service, the three to retire shall be decided by straw poll.
- Ross Bragg/Canterbury **Carried**



- 12.7 Minutes of all Council meetings shall be taken and promptly distributed after all meetings to every Council member and where thought appropriate to Regional Associations and life members.
- Northland/HBPB **Carried**
- 13.2 **Swimming Sport Committee**
- (a) The three members of the Swimming Sport Committee and the chairperson shall be appointed by the council. The committee shall be responsible for planning, conducting and supervision of competitive swimming.
- (b) Swimming Sport Committee shall co-opt a SCATNZ representative and a technical representative to it.
- (c) The committee shall appoint a sub-committee to be known as the Technical Panel. It shall select one member from each of the areas of the Upper North , Central, Lower South, Upper South and Lower South including appointing one of that number a Chairperson of the sub-committee. The composition of the sub-committee shall be reviewed in July of each year.
- Otago/Auckland **Carried**
- 13.3 **Swimming Education Committee**
- (a) The three members of the Swimming Education Committee and the chairperson shall be appointed by the . The committee shall be responsible for planning, conducting and implementing matters relating to education in the sport of swimming
- (b) The committee shall co-opt a SCATNZ representative to it .
- Clive Power/Northland **Carried**
- 13.4 SNZ can, if the need arises co-opt suitably qualified persons to sit on any committees.
- Clive Power/Northland **Carried**
- 15.1 (b) Call for nominations for the President, Vice President (if vacant), and those vacancies for elected council members, and Awards Committee.
- 15.3 All nominations for President, Vice President, council membership and Awards Committee must be signed by the nominator and seconder, and include a summary of the nominees background. The nominator and seconder must be members of SNZ.
- 15.4 All nominees for President, Vice President, council membership and Awards Committee must consent in writing to their nomination.
- Auckland/BOP **Carried**
- 17.5 The vote for the election of President, Vice President, council members and the Awards Committee shall be by secret ballot and the highest polling candidate shall be elected. Two scrutineers shall be appointed and shall announce the result. The ballot papers will thereafter be destroyed by the scrutineers.
- Auckland/BOP **Carried**
- 21 (b) In the event that the dispute is not resolved at mediation then the subject of the dispute can, if either of the parties so wish, be the subject of an appeal to the Council.
- Julie Stevenson/Wellington **Carried**



- 25.1 There shall be an awards committee whose object is to make recommendations to the AGM on nominations received for any SNZ awards of Life Membership, Service Awards or Honours Awards (“SNZ awards”).
- 25.6 Nominations may be made by the Council, a Regional Association, a Club, SCATNZ, or a member and shall set out the background of the nominee in support of such nomination. All nominations to be circulated to the Regional Associations for verification.
- 25.7 The Awards Committee shall:
- (a) Receive and consider all nominations for SNZ awards
 - (b) Consider a person for an award on its own nomination.
 - (c) Keep confidential all nominations received for SNZ awards and any representations in support of those nominations.

Monica Cooper/Auckland **Carried**

- 27.1 Life membership
- (a) (iv) Receive a blazer pocket, lapel badge and citation identifying life membership.

Waikato/Counties Manukau **Carried**

Adoption of new Swimming New Zealand constitution

Warwyck Dewe/Canterbury **Carried**

Remits 2 – 13:

Withdrawn

Remit 14:

Mr Phil Pritchard again invited the AGM to review Remit 14, the revised SNZ Rules and encouraged the meeting to incorporate any changes or amendments, which would arise from Remits 15 – 21 within Remit 14.

The following amended clauses of the remit, listed below were approved.

- SRG1.1.2 The NZ Junior Championships will be conducted on the same day(s), in 3 different venues using the same programme, on dates and at venues to be decided by SNZ Council. New Zealand and regional medals to be presented to first, second and third. Regional meet placegetters will receive ribbons. New Zealand certificates to be presented to the top eight New Zealand placegetters in all events.

Clive Power /Northland **Carried**

- SRG15.1 The Council shall call for nominations for Technical Officials for all New Zealand championships and international championships, such nominations to be accompanied by the nominees’ qualifications and consent. Technical Officials shall be appointed for each championship by the Council, other appointments shall be made by the Meet Director in conjunction with the regional organising committee.

Waikato/Auckland **Carried**



SRG15.2 For the New Zealand Junior Championships Council will appoint an overall Meet Director to liaise with SNZ and an Appeals Committee to deliberate on issues that may affect the running of the New Zealand Junior Championships. The Committee to consist of one person from each of the Regions conducting the meet plus the Meet Director as Chairman.

Ross Bragg/Waikato **Carried**

SRG16.1 Any races held under the rules of SNZ shall be under the direction of the following officials. A Referee, a Starter, Three Timekeepers per lane, A Check-starter. The names of these officials shall appear on the Official Programme.

Nelson/Auckland **Carried**

SRA1 The New Zealand Age Group Championships shall be confined to competitors in the following age groups, 13 years and under, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and the combined 17 and 18 years. Eligibility to compete in any age shall be determined by the age of the competitor as the first day of the Age Group Championships.

SCATNZ/Otago **Carried**

SRA3.1 4 x 50m Freestyle and Medley relay events will be included in the programme at the discretion of the SNZ Council. All relays shall be swum in two age groups for regional and club events:

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

SRD1 The New Zealand Division II Championships shall be confined to competitors in the following age groups, 13 years and under, 14 years, 15 years, 16 years and the combined 17 and 18 years. Eligibility to compete in any age group shall be determined by the age of the competitor as at the first day of the Age Group Championships, except when the Division II Championships are scheduled after the NZ Age Group Championships, when the age shall be determined by the age of the competitor as at the first day of the Division II Championships.

SCATNZ/Otago **Carried**

SRD4.1 4 x 50m Freestyle and Medley relay events will be included in the programme at the discretion of the SNZ Council. All relays shall be swum in two age groups for regional and club events:

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

NZR5.2.2 The following are the distances for Age Group records:

Freestyle	50m	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m
Backstroke	50m	100m	200m			
Breaststroke	50m	100m	200m			
Butterfly	50m	100m	200m			
Medley		100m (SC)	200m	400m		
4 x 50m Freestyle Relay						
4 x 50m Medley Relay						

Northland/Auckland **Carried**

Adoption of new Swimming New Zealand Rules

Clive Power/Otago **Carried**



Remit 15:

Withdrawn

Remit 16:

Proposed

That all remits regarding national competitions, passed at the AGM, become effective immediately.

Amended

That all remits regarding national competitions, passed at the AGM, may become effective immediately if so stated in the motion.

SCAT/Clive Power

Motion Lost

A discussion was held regarding the current practice of remits being implemented in the next season. This is not specified in either the SNZ Constitution or SNZ Rules.

Legal advice provided indicated that technically, the rules are effective immediately. Therefore it is imperative that it is clear as to how and when changes are operative, especially if these rules relate to already notified meet criteria. Any changes, therefore will only be operative until after that meet.

The meeting was advised that FINA rules are effective as of 60 days after the passing of those rules.

A SNZ Policy will be developed in consultation with members on this matter.

Remit 17:

Withdrawn

Remit 18:

SR12.17

Withdrawals are required for all races.

A swimmer who does not withdraw from their Final/Timed Final will be liable to a \$15.00 fine. Finalists are deemed to include the first two reserves.

Withdrawals must be in to control within 15 minutes of the end of the session.

The Meet Director shall determine the acceptability on all matters where medical reasons or hardship are claimed.

Wellington/Southland

Motion Lost

Remit 19:

For relay events at NZ Opens, NAGs, Juniors and Div II

Each relay to be contested at the end of a Championship session

Auckland/Otago

Motion Lost

Remit 20:

SR12 New Zealand Championships

New Zealand Open Championships to be held each year during the school holidays at the end of the first term.

HBPB/Wanganui

Motion Lost

Remit 21:

Withdrawn



Remit 22:

Proposed

Swim Waikato be approved to continue the affiliation fee trial for the 2001/02 season on rates of:

Competitors	\$ 20.00 + GST
Non-competitor & others	\$ 6.00 + GST
Learner	\$ 2.50 + GST

And Swim Waikato undertake to honour the level of funding from the 2000/01 year for the 2001/02 year.

Moved Warwyck Dewe/Nevill Sutton

Amended

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Competitors	\$ 20.00 + GST
Non-competitor & others	\$ 6.00 + GST
Learner	\$ 2.50 + GST

And Swim Waikato undertake to honour the level of funding from the 1999/2000 year for the 2001/02 year.

Waikato/Northland **Carried**

Remit 26:

Withdrawn

General Resolutions

The meeting was asked, as a result of changes to the constitution, Rule 8.2, that Howick Pakuranga Swim Club be exempt from the regional boundary of Auckland and be allowed to be incorporated into Counties Manukau.

Counties Manukau/HBPB **Carried**

It was agreed that the SwimSport Committee is to review the age groupings for NAGs and Div II, in consultation with members, and to present to Council any recommended amendments to the rules, to be effective from 1 July 2002.

SCAT/Otago **Carried**

The AGM also agreed for the SwimSport Committee to review SRG6.2 regarding the entry times for title holders for race seeding purposes, especially in cases when the titleholder has not achieved a qualifying time within the qualifying period.

2001/02 Budget

Mr Warwyck Dewe tabled the 2001/02 for ratification.

Warwyck Dewe/Wellington **Carried**

2002/03 Affiliation Fees

Remits 23 - 25:

The remits 23 – 25 were taken as one, as they all related to the 2002/03 Affiliation Fees.

SNZ Proposal

Competitors	\$ 20.00 + GST
Non-competitor & others	\$ 10.00 + GST
Learner	\$ 2.50 + GST



Waikato Proposal	
Competitors	\$ 20.00 + GST
Non-competitor & others	\$ 6.00 + GST
Learner	\$ 2.50 + GST

Southland Proposal	
Competitors	\$ 20.00 + GST
Non-competitor & others	\$ 6.00 + GST
Learner	\$ 1.00 + GST

Amended Affiliation Fees for 2002/03 were approved as:	
Competitors	\$ 20.00 + GST
Non-competitor & others	\$ 10.00 + GST

Warwyck Dewe/Nevill Sutton **Carried**

Membership Categories

Southland sought clarification on membership categories. Mrs Barbara Neish offered the following as a clarification.

Non-competitive swimmer	a swimmer who does not compete outside of their club.
Learner	someone who is learning to swim and does not take part in any club night races.

General Business

Governance

Bay of Plenty have had concerns over the last 12 months, but were happy with the discussion and explanations given, together with the constitutional changes and withdrew their item for discussion.

Technical Clinic

Technical Clinic still have some places available for the October clinic.

FINA Rules

New rules were adopted at the Fukuoka Congress in July 2001. The new rules will be effective 60 days from this date internationally, and the Swimming New Zealand Technical Committee have agreed that they will be implemented in New Zealand on 1 December 2001, so long as the rules have been published on the FINA website.

Mr Ross Bragg was the Swimming New Zealand delegate at the congress, and he provided a brief summary of the rule changes. A summary will be forwarded to regions shortly.

A query was raised by Mr Artie Shaw regarding the impact of the FINA rule changes on masters swimming. FINA Bureau Member, Mr Bill Matson, advised that the issue has been raised by a number of federations and the FINA Masters Technical Committee are meeting prior to the FINA World Masters Swimming Championships in Christchurch in March 2002.

Retiring Council Members

Mr Mark Bone wished to acknowledge the work of Mr Phil Pritchard, the outgoing President, and Mrs Monica Cooper, Education Committee Chair, for their outstanding work to swimming.

Mr Brett Naylor, retiring National Coach, was thanked for his work in not only the high performance area, but also providing the structure for pathways for swimmers at all levels.

Ms Kim Wielens, Administrator – Sport, who is currently on 1 year leave was thanked for her involvement, especially in the high performance area.

All council members and Swimming New Zealand staff, were also acknowledged for their work over the year.



Next Meeting

The 2002 AGM to be held in Wanganui on 7 September 2002.

The meeting closed with Mr Phil Pritchard inducting Mr John West as Vice President, and handing the Presidential chains to Mr Warwyck Dewe.

Meeting closed at 4.45pm.