

| MINUTES OF: Swimming North Queensland – General Meeting | | | |
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| Date: 21 st October 2017 | Time: 1:50pm | Chair: Theresa Manning | Venue: Mackay Memorial Pool |
| Present: Committee – Theresa Manning (President), Linda Hiller (Secretary), Marina Marson (Treasurer), Alan Johnston (Technical) Delegates – Michael McConnachie, Kim McConnachie, Danielle Henne, Liza Williams, Liz Akins, Tony Parkinson, Ken Crittenden, Simon Cushing, Helen Cushing, Lee Day, Pat Wright, JoAnne Ferreira, Annette Smit, Observers – Mark Erickson, Tina Roberts, Matt Harrison, Holly Sanderson, Bailee Poyner, Judy Hicks, Kevin Barker, Theresa Taljaard Apologies: Karen Donnell | | | |

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| 1. | Previous Minutes | Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled, Motion “that the minutes be accepted” Moved Theresa Manning, Seconded Alan Johnston | Carried |
| 2. | Business Arising from previous minutes | ♦ NIL | Nil |
| 3. | Correspondence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Statements Aust Post – Advising relocation of post office building ABR – Advising cancellation of obsolete TDSA organisation Motion “that the correspondence be accepted” Moved Linda Hiller Seconded Theresa Manning | Carried |
| 4. | Financial Report | Marina Marson tabled the Financial report Motion “that the financial report be accepted” Moved Marina Marson Seconded Helen Cushing | Carried |
| 5. | Technical Sub-committee Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Johnston reported there are several new technical officials that have come on board this season and he explained the process for completing the online modules. Fina rules have been updated and Alan Johnston will forward these to all clubs, coaches and technical officials. It was agreed with the coaches present at the meeting that it would be beneficial for Alan Johnston to forward any updates to the rules to them. Motion “that the technical report be accepted” Moved Alan Johnston Seconded Tony Parkinson | Carried |
| 6. | Athlete & Club Development Report | Melissa Wilson was absent from the meeting, but forwarded a report which was tabled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa thanked Karen Donnell and Lynn Beauchamp for their help at the clinic in Townsville, and Gardens Swim Club for the use of their kitchen facilities and Pat Wright for the donation of hire of pool for the clinic held in Mackay. | Management to have further discussion with athlete and development subcommittee to discuss the clinics. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Cushing (assistant to the Athlete Development Officer) attended the clinics in Mackay, and expressed her concern for the number of swimmers attending the level 1 clinic. There were 32 swimmers participating with only 1 coach assigned to the clinic. Helen suggested the swimmer to coach ratio is in need of review and suggested that this could have been split into two groups. Mark Erickson requested Helen forward him this information as he is currently in discussions with Brant Best and is compiling protocols for the development of swimmers in the region. <p>Motion “that the Athlete Development report be accepted” Moved Linda Hiller Seconded Marina Marson</p> | |
| 7. | Grants Report | ♦ NIL | |
| 8. | General Business | <p>8.1 Mark Erickson queried the balance of bank accounts and asked why are we not spending more on the swimmers. It was suggested there was an opportunity at the Executive Planning Day to discuss this, but Mark as the head coach of the Athlete and Coach Development is welcome to put forward ideas to the Management Committee for review.</p> <p>8.2 Pat Wright opened a general discussion on the online entry system and the new meet set up within the region as she feels the new SQ suggested format does not work well for the SNQ Region and the swimmers are the ones missing out. The general consensus from the floor is everyone is in agreeance that the new set up is not in the best interest of the swimmers. Some of the issues discussed were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under SQ new structure all junior events are bundled together and with small numbers at our meets in the region mean the swimmers are constantly reporting to marshalling without a break in between events Discussions were held regarding the gardens flyer which was set up in consultation with Drew MacGregor from SQ and all present felt the new format was not suited to the region. It was suggested that all clubs draft a letter to SQ voicing their concerns with the new format outlining the issues that are not working for this region. Gardens swimming club will ask for feedback after their meet to also submit to SQ. Mark Erickson suggested that next year clubs should be able set up their meets to suit the betterment of the swimmers and families within our region whilst taking into consideration SQ | |

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| | | <p>recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A brief discussion was also held regarding the 7 & under swimmers with some feeling the one participation ribbon was not adequate nor a great incentive for these young swimmers. Management would like to suggest all clubs read the SNQ By Laws Section C 7.2 regarding awards for this age group. <p>8.3 A brief discussion was held regarding the development levels within the region and concern was raised for the swimmers that are not reaching these levels with some feeling the region is not doing enough to cater to these swimmers, as all swimmers are contributing to the 50cent development fee some felt this was not fair that not all swimmers were receiving any benefit from this. Management would like to remind all this 50cent fee is not going toward the development clinics costs in the region but contributing to the SQ fee for Brant Best who does communicate with all clubs and coaches within the region which in turn all members benefit from. Judy Hicks suggested that this should be the club's responsibility to offer these swimmers not achieving levels 1, 2, or 3 a clinic or something similar as a reward for their efforts through the season.</p> <p>8.4 Gardens Swim club suggested a review of the swim meet calendar for next season especially regarding the SC meets. This was previously discussed at the Executive Planning Day and will be considered by Management when approving the calendar for next season.</p> | <p>By laws are available on the website</p> <p>Clubs to consider offering alternate options for swimmers not achieving a spot on the development clinics</p> <p>Management will review the calendar next season</p> |
| 5. | Next Meeting | General Meeting – NQ Champs 4 th March 2018 | |
| 6. | Meeting Closed | 3:00 pm | |