



Devonport Swim Club Swim News – June 2011

Hi everyone –

Half way through term 2 and the winter is beginning to bite into the motivation to brave the dark and cold wearing only scraps of lycra. The good news is that the pool is tepid, the lights are on and the coaches are doing their best to keep us warm.

AGM

Thank you to all the club members who turned out for the AGM in May. I am pleased that the 2010-2011 committee members all stood again and remain on the committee. I am also pleased to report that one of our longstanding morning masters, Jenny Le Noel, also put her hand up to join the 2011-2012 committee. To find out more about your committee, go to <http://www.devoswim.org.nz/committee.htm>. There is also a link to the President's Report at <http://www.devoswim.org.nz/newsletters.htm> and attached to this newsletter are the minutes of the AGM which David Claridge kindly prepared.

NEW FAMILY DISCOUNT

Following discussion at the AGM the committee has instigated a family discount, whereby if 3 or more immediate family members are club members the third and subsequent swimmer(s) receives a 20% discount off their quarterly fees (the discount applies to the lowest cost fee(s)). If this applies to you make sure you check your next invoice for the discount. Thanks Cathy for implementing this!

The intention of the discount is to acknowledge and thank the loyal families, of which we have many. If there are already 2 family members swimming, it may also make it attractive for a third to join – the discount also applies to “buddy” membership – see below.

BUDDY SWIMMING

If you know of swimmers keen to join up with the club a great option is to join as a “buddy” swimmer – this allows adult swimmers to use uncoached session times provided another club member is present (our weekend slots 0700-0900 are almost always patronised by members – otherwise I am happy to send emails on to arrange member buddies).

ONE ON ONE COACHING

If you are interested in one on one coaching this can also be arranged during some uncoached session times. Email me for further information.

CONTACT/FEEDBACK

For any general comments, queries or suggestions email me robin.harrington@xtra.co.nz.

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Robin Harrington
President

Devonport Swim Club AGM 2010

Meeting Held – 25/05/11 - 7.30pm (started 7:42pm)

At – Devonport Yacht Club

Attendees :

Marjo Thomas, Jenny le Noel, Duncan McAulay, Leanne Wintle, Ian Cunliffe, Jane Goddard, Bronwyn McKinlay, Jacky Tonin Raubenheimer, Kerry Gibsen, Fran Stafford, Neil Stafford, Liz Davidson, Tim Koller, Rhys Harrison, Malcolm Badham, Roger Saynor, Bevan McKinnon, Susan Waddell, Cathy Denne, Matt Hopkins, Marjo Thomas, Robin Harrington, Chris Jewell, Ian McDonald, David Claridge.

Apologies: Tom King, Sandra Murray, Anne Laking, George Laking, Richard Dunbar, Annabelle Claridge, Dawn Dooley, Rupert Price.

Agenda Items

1. Apologies, Noted and accepted.

2. Ratification of previous AGM Minutes, 26th May 2010: Moved Jenny Le Noel, Seconded Neil Stafford.

3. President's Report – Robin Harrington

Please refer to accompanying report.

Robin thanked the RNZN's Mal Badham and Roger Saynor for attending our AGM and for their help during the year.

Amongst other items she noted that we have 71 Juniors including a pod of Orcas who are Y13. We would like to review their options towards the end of the year.

Acceptance of report: Moved Liz Davidson, Seconded Tim Koller.

4. Financial Report – Chris Jewell

Chris stated we had had a very good year of pool availability –three years ago we had a financial loss due to pool closures. We make a good profit of \$8,260 –included in this was \$1,600 interest and \$2,000 from the Round North Head Classic swim.

Noted: more coaching costs as more coaching hours plus time spent writing individual reports for juniors

Noted: using ClubHub and EventMaster incur \$1,400 cost

Noted: \$3,500 cash at bank and club's overall cash standing of \$41,000.

Noted: Committee can set fees and is contemplating keeping the fees the same but reducing Orca fees (as their fees are relatively high c.f. costs incurred). Comments from floor:

- instead of reducing Orca fees how about gifting them free entry to swims;

- Orcas have 3x 60 minute weekly swims while Juniors have 3x 40 minute, so why reduce (n.b. Orcas only need one coach while Juniors two);

- would reducing Orca fees encourage more Orcas? But currently squad is full;

- sibling discounts instead –fourth family member enjoys lower rate?

Roger Saynor stated:

- Club is not allowed to give RNZN money for pool maintenance –however intention is appreciated;

- RNZN intention is to keep the pool going –but no replacement is planned;

- Navy supports the Takapuna Grammar School's pool intentions.

5. Election of Committee Members

All nominations accepted and seconded by members of the quorum.

President – Robin Harrington: Moved Liz Seconded Rhys

Secretary – David Claridge: Moved Marjo, Seconded Rhys.

Treasurer – Chris Jewell: Moved Marjo, Seconded Rhys.

Events Coordinator – Ian McDonald: Moved Marjo, Seconded Rhys.

Committee

Jane Goddard: Moved Robin, Seconded Marjo;

Bronwyn McKinlay: Moved Robin, Seconded Liz;

Tom King: Moved Robin, Seconded Marjo.

Jenny Le Noel: Moved Duncan, Seconded Rhys.

6. Subscriptions/Fees/Finances (including new membership system)

Covered in item 4 (Treasurer's Report).

Chris thanked Coaches for their flexibility –there was not one session where a coach was unavailable. Chris also thanked Cathy Denne for her efficiency in handling membership enquiries and administration. Chris then thanked Ian Widdowson for his assistance and his auditing of the accounts, pointing out the value to the club of his professional services.

7. Round North Head (RNH) swim, Cheltenham Challenge

Ian stated that he likes running these events. He also thanked Sharon Ducker (the preceding events coordinator) for her extensive notes on running these events. (Update: these originated from Simon Williams, via Sandra Murray thence Sharon.) The timing costs are now much cheaper (as Ian has written a computer program to handle finish times) –previously external timers' costs consumed much of the entrance fee.

RNH swim:

- 300 tried to enter –180 actually swam. This year aiming for 200 + swimmers.
- we have been lucky with weather for the past 6 swims....
- this year Andrew McKay and Andrew Ranford fished around in 26 minutes
- Event Director makes the admin side a lot easier –costs \$3 per swimmer per season

Cheltenham Challenge:

- now dropped multisport to focus on swim –too many other multisport events around that time.
- 115 registered and 100 swam –believe numbers down due to minimal advertising
- good spot prizes obtained by Robin
- fastest swimmer was Oliver LeNoel

Ian's comment on the two swims:

- intends to keep them low key, but increase the entries for both
- continue to overdo the safety for the RNH swim as course more exposed
- intend to up the catering
- need more spot prizes
- really appreciate the volunteer helpers –club members and their family and friends
- next week the RNH and Cheltenham Challenge dates will be announced.

8. Comment from Coaches

Bevan:

- Marjo has coached all the Orca sessions and has a great rapport with them.

Marjo:

- Orcas are great. They usually only fit in 2 sessions per week –there are about 6 swimmers per lane.
- currently about one third of Orcas are Year 13 so are due to leave. We need to give them some options. Perhaps entice them into Masters. Perhaps let them stay on in Orcas.

Bevan:

- the makeup and feel of all the coaching sessions is now the best in his time at the club.
- he also seeks a path for the Orcas. They are scared of Masters, and Masters is currently logjammed because “they never leave”...
- looking back on the year, prior to restructuring the junior squads there was no progress in their swimming. After restructuring the three junior squads into Juniors and Intermediates and offering each 3x 40 minute sessions per week his only concern was whether they would have the commitment to come to the majority of sessions. As it turns out the coaches find that the children do attend two, if not three, sessions per week. The coaches now see improvement in their swimming, despite there being no focus of big swim meets. However the Juniors enjoyed our mini Carnival.
- Bevan believes the improvement in ability and attitude is due to the 3x sessions per week –they now have a “great attitude” and we have “really neat kids”. The children “love going to swimming”.

9. Comment from Navy Representative

Roger:

- the Navy's perception of the club has improved as they now know that the club is paying to use the pool and this money goes into Roger's pool cost centre to directly benefit the pool. The Navy also know that the children are from the community -there are Navy children swimming too. Also Navy personnel attend club swimming events. Navy personnel also appreciate having Bevan coach them –helps build the relationship.
- Aquacare, a pool water quality company, are very happy with the water quality.
- the pool would not be replaced if it failed. Also Roger is reluctant to empty it for fear of having the sides move inwards (on removal of the hydrostatic load).

10. Consideration of motions

There were no motions to be considered.

11. General Business

Jackie asked, “how do you get up to 40 Minute Masters level?”

Bevan:

-40 Minute Masters started a few months ago, with a wide range of abilities, but including some good, unfit, swimmers. The general standard of 40 Minute Masters has lifted since it started.

-40 Minute Masters is not “learn to swim”. There is demand in Devonport for learn to swim and he wonders how to accommodate this. However the club has only finite capacity (lane availability). An attendee commented that Takapuna pool offers learn to swim.

-Buddy swimming partially accommodates members wanting to improve their swimming to 40 Minute Masters level. There are 11 hours per week available.

Rhys stated the Committee, Coaches and Admin were doing a great job and highlighted the various position-holders.

Meeting closed 8:55 pm