National Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	8 April 2014	
Time:	7.30pm	
Venue:	Teleconference	
Attendees:	Jonelle Quane (JQ)	Appointed
	Walter Maxwell (WM)	Appointed
	Dave Shanks (DS)	Northern Representative
	Brad O'Leary (BO)	Central Representative
	Joel Davies (JD)	Southern Representative
	Mike Lord (ML)	SLSNZ Sport Manager
Apologies:	Kurt Wilson (KW)	Eastern Representative
	Warwick Bell (WB)	Board Representative
	Matt Sutton (MS)	Chair, Appointed
Invited:	Mark Weatherall (MW)	ILS Representative
	Scott Bartlett (SB)	National Coach
	Nick Gutzewitz (NG)	Surf Sports Blue Sky Review Project Manager

Contents

1. **High Performance Update** 2
2. **Pool Championships – proposed rule changes** 2
3. **ILS Update** 3
4. **Confirmation of the minutes** 3
5. **Planning and prioritising work plan** 3
6. **Ironman/Ironwoman Exhibition Series** 3
7. **SLSNZ Events Review** 4
8. **Blue Sky Review** 5
9. **2014/15 Events Calendar** 5
10. **NSC and NSC Advisory Group expiry dates** 6
11. **Other business** 7
12. **Next Meeting** 7

1. High Performance Update

Scott Bartlett provided an update on the planning for the Open Squad.

- The next major milestone for the Open Squad is the camp in April at MISH.
- The camp is a full programme lead by the Management Team.
- IPP's, one concept, logistics, intense 3 days. Structure athlete programme for next 5 months.

Jonelle Quane provided an update on the Development Squad and Youth Team.
Development Squad

- Named a large squad to include the current gap in 18-20 yrs top athletes.
- IPP's will be completed for all squad athletes.
- Challenges around the large size of the squad and ability to cater for those athletes who have not been selected in the Youth Team.
- There will be a plan developed for the squad for the rest of the season.

Youth Team

- IPP's underway with all athletes in the Youth Team.
- The Youth Team is completely user pays which include camp cost and going to Rescue 14.
- Currently costs are around $8000 and sponsorship is being sought for the team.
- The two camps being held will be run on the back of competitions to assist with costs for the athletes to attend.
- There was a risk of athletes pulling out of the team due to costs but have not had any pull out yet. The early selection of the team has assisted with this.

2. Pool Championships – proposed rule changes

Scott Bartlett provided a brief overview on some events which require updating before clubs start training and events begin.

DS – Officials need to be updated with the new rules and mentoring opportunities provided to officials and coaches.
JQ – Could we have SB provide two workshops nationally for North and South Island to update officials and coaches on the rules?
ML – It may be better for Scott to update Event Referees and Chief Judges on the rules and have them provide a mentoring opportunity in their local areas.
SB – The U14 age groups need to be reviewed as they need to evolve to the next level. This is not high priority for this seasons events but should be looked at for the following season.
SB – We require more information about acquiring equipment for club and look at whether SLSNZ could facilitate an order. Main issue around rule changes could be the introduction of fibre glass fins to younger age groups and the supply club currently have.

<u>Resolution:</u>
Pool Championships Rule Book to be updated with new ILS rules.

- ML – Email rule book to SB for alteration. Rule book to be ratified by a working group.
- ML – Communication around rule book alterations to SLSNZ Staff and via membership news. Highlighting the likely changes and also the time frames to have the Rule Book(s) completed. Time frame is 6 weeks turn around.
- ML – Organise development opportunities for officials and coaches about the change in rules.

3. ILS Update

Mark Weatherall provided an update on the ILS and the agenda items for the up and coming meeting. Mark will attend the next ILS meeting which is scheduled for 16 – 18 May in Leuven, Belgium.

MW – If the NSC has any questions or comments on the agenda please forward to Mark over the next week.
MW – will provide an updated report after meeting to the meeting back to the NSC at the next available NSC meeting.

4. Confirmation of the minutes

Minutes from the meeting on the 25th January 2014 were accepted.

5. Planning and prioritising work plan

Plan has been updated and is attached.

6. Ironman/Ironwoman Exhibition Series

The Ironman/Ironwoman Exhibition Series was held at Oceans 2014 at Mt Maunganui. The conditions during Oceans were extremely challenging with numerous schedule changes and the use of alternative venues for most of the event. This meant that the Oceans events continued while the Ironman/Ironwoman Exhibition Series events were held. While not ideal, this situation was unavoidable as the alternative was to cancel the Ironman/Ironwoman Exhibition Series. The results from the series were:

Ironman		Ironwoman	
1. Chris Moors	53	1= Danielle McKenzie	51
2. Andrew Newton	51	1= Natalie Peat	51
3. George Haynes	45	3. Katie Wilson	46
4. Michael Bryant	43	4. Hannah Williams	42
5= Danny Hart	38	5. Amy Barron	40
5= Ben Cochrane	38	6= Kathryn Stewart	39
7. Andrew Trembath	35	6= Maia Bryant	39
8. Ben Johnston	34	8. Kirsty Wannan	37
9. Julien Lalanne	32	9. Emmanuelle Bescheron	36
10. Cory Taylor	31	10.Ashley Cochrane	31
11. Adam Simpson	28	11.Kelsi Boocock	18
12. Hamish Treanor	26	12.Libby Bradley	
13. Sam Shergold	24		
14. Bjorn Battaerd	15		
15. Max Beattie			

After the event we surveyed the athletes, Oceans team managers and Oceans helpers. The general feeling is that although it's a great concept, is Oceans the right place for it? The fact both events were run concurrently was highlighted as an issue too. A summary of feedback is included below:

Athlete feedback

- Love the overall concept

- Saturday race was too long
- Saturday race had issues with swimmers and craft in the water at the same time
- Hold at a different time to allow Oceans competitors to watch
- Have a signing session or questions/answers or meet and greet or something else to enable senior athletes and kids to mix better
- Short, sharp race format on the Sunday were great. Shorter races good for kids and spectators.
- Use overall budget as prize money rather than paying for some athletes to come back from Australia (e.g. $1,200; $800; $400). This makes it worthwhile for good athletes to travel back and aim to win.
- Give more notice of when the series will be held to give some competitors time to plan and book flights.
- Don't run concurrently with Oceans as some Ironman/Ironwoman athletes are also Oceans club coaches.

Oceans helpers' feedback

- Concept is god but is Oceans the best place for it?
- Did not achieve the goals of inspiring Oceans athletes as most of them didn't see it as they were still racing themselves.
- Saturday format was too long
- Hard decision to run concurrently with Oceans and something that diverted attention away from Oceans. Shorter format may avoid this.
- Most athletes didn't show up to help at Oceans.
- SLSNZ to promote the series better.
- Confusion with Ironman/Ironwoman commentary at the same time as marshalling.
- Needs to be run when no Oceans events are on so kids and parents can watch.

Team Managers

- This event got in the way of Oceans.
- Terrible clash running both events at the same time.
- Commentary made it hard to hear marshalling.
- The event may have been lost on finals day.
- Parents would love to watch this too but couldn't as they were watching their kids.

JQ – The Athlete feedback above is from the Athletes who were involved in the Ironman racing and not from the Oceans Athletes. JQ has received some feedback saying that the Oceans Athletes would rather miss some racing to watch the event.
ML – Oceans programme never runs to schedule and is a full 3.5 day programme with generally ever changing conditions. If we are to run something it has to meet the key aims of holding the event in the first place. E.g. exposing Oceans athletes to their mentors and top level racing.
JQ – more pressing issues currently. Currently park the event for future discussion.

Resolution:
To be discussed at next meeting.

7. SLSNZ Events Review

Mike Lord and Nick Gutzewitz are currently compiling an events review for the season just ended. This will include information relating to Oceans, Nationals and IRB Nationals. The information included will be entry numbers, feedback from the Event Manager, Event Referees and Event Safety Offices and information from official and team manager surveys. This will be sent to NSC representatives as soon as it has been completed.

JD – Would it be possible to get injuries reviews at events and look into legislation around event safety.
ML – There is limited information from previous years with regards to injuries at events but this season was captured well. Injury information will be included in the review from this year's events. There is a project also under way of Health and Safety across the organisation and a specific look at First Aid coverage for events in conjunction with our Medical Director.

8. Blue Sky Review

The Blue Sky Review is a review of surf sports that has been initiated by SLSNZ. Nick Gutzewitz has been engaged to complete this review.

Nick gave an overview of the Terms of Reference (TOR) to the NSC and opened up discussions for comments and questions. The TOR for the Blue Sky Review will be consultative as possible and involved multiple mediums. (E.g. workshops, advisory group's stats)

The NSC discussed the Terms of Reference.

DS – Asked how the Regions can support the Blue Sky Review moving forward. NG - The Blue Sky Review will be communicated through the regional staff and look for assistance in advertising workshops and discussions through a wide range of the membership in each area. It is important to get the interested groups along and wide range of groups to build a well-rounded perspective of the membership thoughts.

JQ – Asked why are we doing the Blue Sky Review for and have we not been down this road. Also expressed concerns over the importance of doing this review and putting resources into it over other areas such as High Performance. JQ – would like some initial information from the SLSNZ Board around their prioritisation of this project over High Performance support and funding. JQ – Raised concerns over the 7 key risks outlined under 6.1 of the Blue Sky Review TOR and questioned if it was still worth proceeding down this review path.
NG – the Blue Sky Review has been parked for the last couple of years due to resourcing and priority at the time. The review is a wider look at why and what we should be doing as an organisation in the Sport area. The project TOR will test the appetite to change in the organisation and review the Sports Plan which will lead the next levels of discussion.
BO – We have been waiting for the Blue Sky Review for a number of years now.

Resolution:
Feedback on the TOR for the Blue Sky Review from the NSC is to be feedback to NG or ML by 30th April 2014.

ML – Talk with Paul Dalton about the SLSNZ Board around their prioritisation of this project over High Performance support and funding.

9. 2014/15 Events Calendar

- Eastern Regional Pool Championships, 26-27 July 2014, Te Rapa WaterWorld, Hamilton.
- Southern Regional Pool Championships, 26-27 July at Moana Pool, Dunedin
- New Zealand Pool Championships, 29-31 August 2014, Westwave Aquatic Centre Auckland.

- Northern Regional Pool Championships, 12/13 September 2014, Westwave Aquatic Centre Auckland.
- Rescue 2014 - Lifesaving World Championships , 13-26 September, Montpeillier, France
- BP Surf Rescue North Island Championships: 6-7 December 2014, Fitzroy. *(Note there is a recommendation from the IRB Advisory Group to change dates to 29/30 for better tides and a one day comp.)*
- Whangamata Classic: 13 December 2014, Whangamata
- Eastern Regional Championships: 24-25 January 2015, Mt Maunganui
- Northern Regional Championships: 14-15 February, 2015 (venue tbc)
- Southern Regional Championships: 21-22 February, 2015 (tentative; venue tbc)
- Central Regional Champs: (date and venue tbc)
- Oceans '15: 26 February – 1 March 2015, Mt Maunganui
- South Island IRBs: 28 February 2015 (tentative; venue tbc)
- New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships: 12-15 March 2015, Midway
- BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships: 27-29 March 2015, Warrington

ML – There was a recommendation submitted from the IRB Advisory Group to move the dates for the North Island BP Surf Rescue Championships due to High Tides and out going for the suggested dates.
A secondary suggestion was made about moving the event to a one day event on the Saturday.

Resolution:
The NSC all support the change in dates for the NI BP Surf Rescue Series Championships to the 29/30 November 2014.

The NSC also discussed the secondary comments around changing the event to a one day event and suggested that this decision would be the Event Manager decision based on the programme, entries, logistics and safety.

10. NSC and NSC Advisory Group expiry dates

As per the email from Nick Gutzewitz on 24 March, the alignment of expiry dates for the NSC and NSC Advisory Groups has been finalised. The key dates for current NSC representatives are:

National Sport Committee

Person	Position	Current Term
Dave Shanks	Northern	31 August 2014
Kurt Wilson	Eastern	31 August 2014
Joel Davies	Southern	31 August 2014
Brad O'Leary	Central	31 August 2014
Jonelle Quane	Appointed	30 Sept 2014
Matt Sutton	Appointed	30 Sept 2014
Walter Maxwell	Appointed	30 Sept 2015
Mike Lord	Sport Manager	N/A
Warwick Bell	Board Liaison	N/A

An updated version of the NSC Terms of Reference was also distributed.

A call for applications for the IRB Advisory Group has been sent out to the membership. Seven representatives will be appointed to that group. Application due 21st April 2014.

The four regions have to advise SLSNZ of their regional representatives for the Surf Boat Advisory Group before 30 April.

JD – Can we change the committee structure to have Regional Representation. The committee structure and application process isn't in line with other National Committees.
JQ – This should be a discussion held with the next appointed IRB Advisory Committee and seek their recommendations back to the NSC.
ML – The current IRB Advisory Committee has not had any issues with representation.
NG – The application are due on the 21st April and we cannot change this at short notice.

Resolution:
The NSC recommended for this round of appointments that the applications are shortlisted by the Sport Manager then put to the NSC for recommendations before making a final discussion by the Sport Manager in consultation with the CEO (as per TOR). Both the NSC and Sport Manager will endeavour where possible to have good representation of the regions and appropriate skill set for the role.

11. Other business

- DS – Agenda for the IRB Advisory Committee when they are formed would be to review why a crewperson does not have to have IRB Crewperson award to race.
  Resolution: Add to IRB Advisory Group agenda as part of a bigger discussion around safety standards of these events and pathways internationally.

- DS – Athletes togs for national events, togs need to be the same for team events and the current competition manual has holes with regards to interpretation. The specific missing information is the registration of togs to SLSNZ by clubs.
  DS – Competitor eligibility and being able to track competitors are who they say they are. Teams and 50% rule and how do officials manage this area. Currently the officials do not have the man power to check this area effectively.
- Resolution: To be reviewed in the next cycle of Competition Manual updates. Cycle is every four years for a full review but have the ability to make changes as required and update the online Competition Manual Copy.

- JD – Why did the rules change about the wearing of vest at competitions? The understanding was that if vests are supplied by SLSNZ then at the competition they will only be allowed to wear that colour of vest.
  Did the memo say only pink vests are to be worn moving into next season (2014/15).
  Resolution: ML to re send the Memo to the NSC to confirm the information about vests.

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting dates: The next meeting is set to be a face to face over two days to update the NSC work plan and hold workshop discussions around the Blue Sky Review.

Proposed dates: 17/18 May 2014
Proposed venue: Wellington

Meeting closed 10.15pm.