

MINUTES OF: Swimming North Queensland – General Meeting			
Date: 28th May 2023	Time: 11.19am	Chair: Theresa Manning	Venue: Bowen ClubHouse and ZOOM platform
<p>Present:</p> <p>Committee – Theresa Manning (President/Secretary), Melissa Wilson (Vice President), Louise Baker (Treasurer), Helen Cushing (Technical Chair)</p> <p>Delegates – Kevin Barker (Gardens), Tina Roberts Z (Gardens), Stuart Ford Z (Charters Towers), Darren Attwood (Whitsunday), Amanda Yuskan (Whitsunday), Giselle Burton (Cannonvale), Huss Helou (Cannonvale), Judy Hicks Z (Ayr)</p> <p>Observers – Sue Jamieson (Grants Officer), Jenny Rush (Collinsville/Scottsville), Simon Cushing (Pioneer)</p> <p>** Z - Denotes ZOOM attendee</p>			
<p>Apologies: Bethea Pattel (Richmond)</p>			

Item No.	Discussion Item	Details	Actions/Outcomes
1.	Previous Minutes	Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled, Motion “that the minutes be accepted” Moved Theresa Manning	Seconded: Darren Attwood CARRIED
2.	Business Arising from previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	
3.	Correspondence	Outgoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Applications • AGM Notifications • AGM Nominations • AGM Agenda & Docs • General Meeting & Docs 	

9.	Grants Report	As per the AGM	
10.	General Business	<p data-bbox="479 233 913 264">10.1 Whitsunday Swimming Club -</p> <ul data-bbox="528 284 1697 794" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="528 284 1697 411">- Discuss in depth State and National Development Squad qualifications – Darren Attwood commented that there are so many swimmers that qualify for State Sprints but don't qualify for SNQ State/National squads. Darren Attwood acknowledged that SNQ went off the State Championships times and asked why? Judy Hicks responded by advising that they are selected from the Long Course meet in December because - <ol data-bbox="577 475 1003 539" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="577 475 1003 507">1. it's the meet that has every event <li data-bbox="577 507 1003 539">2. it's the toughest qualifying Short Course and Sprints, the qualifying times for these events are so lenient that it would drop our quality of swimmer within the SNQ development squads that have to be of a certain standard. If SNQ were to allow sprint times for example we would end up with swimmers that don't have expertise, skills and speed to keep up with the squad. That is why the selection is done out of 1 meet - it's plain - it's simple - it's easy and the swimmers that meet the criteria from the meet in December are all of the same caliber. It's a squad that SNQ don't have to separate things out. This is also the meet that coaches should be targeting their swimmers towards because it's the toughest meet out there and the next step is nationals. <p data-bbox="577 831 1697 1018">Darren Attwood responded that he understood the explanation but there are a handful of swimmers in every club that are on the cusp of that mark and they are not getting the coaching that is required to move up into that level. The big clubs all have good coaches and that is where you are finding the state and national swimmers, the smaller clubs who don't have coaches as such have no ability to upgrade their skills into a squad so therefore those swimmers are leaving the sport.</p> <p data-bbox="577 1054 1697 1374">Judy Hicks replied that she got what he was saying. SNQ have addressed issues like this in the past where the Achievers squad was revisited to catch the net of swimmers just outside the criteria and ran a program for a few years with 6 in Mackay and 3 in Townsville attended. Things may have changed since then however SNQ start our development at state level, SNQ as a region has to have a starting platform and that platform is swimmers obtaining state qualifying and getting them through to Nationals. The platform just under that is the Achievers squad (Junior and Senior) and that squad is where SNQ will pick up the swimmers that are just outside the state criteria. Judy Hicks noted that as Darren Attwood rightly stated the region needs to get these swimmers what they need so that their quality is higher and they meet the SNQ Criteria.</p>	

		<p>Jenny Rush asked how are we going to do that? Judy Hicks advised there are opportunities available within the achievers squad but unfortunately the older swimmers do not turn up. SNQ receives lots of younger swimmers from the JX but we don't get the seniors turning up.</p> <p>Jenny Rush asked, do we need to do something different to encourage them to come? i.e. Open activities and grade them when they turn up. Theresa Manning advised that SNQ don't grade the swimmers, an EOI is sent out and once the responses are back the coaches grade them just before the day.</p> <p>Jenny Rush suggested that SNQ are missing the point and are missing the grass roots. Jenny Rush asked if SNQ can bring in a clinic each year that is open for all swimmers to attend without any restrictions regardless of being a State or National swimmer.</p> <p>Judy Hicks commented that grass roots are up to the clubs and had never shifted to the region. It needs to remain with the clubs and the region starting with State swimmers.</p> <p>Judy Hicks suggested that the development coaches rethink the Achievers Squads to incorporate the net of swimmers that are approaching states and work with them separately within the State Squad so it would be like a squad within a squad.</p> <p>Melissa Wilson suggested that the development committee discuss the possibility of sending out an EOI to swimmers just outside the criteria for States i.e 1 sec to attend a clinic with State Level swimmers.</p> <p>Judy Hicks commented that SNQ has a commitment to SQ on development with the regional swimmers and</p> <p>Theresa Manning advised that this item will be on the agenda for discussion at the first Development Committee meeting.</p> <p>10.2 <u>Whitsunday Swimming Club</u> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How do we encourage swimmers to keep wanting to swim - <p>Amanda Yuskan noted that at previous general meetings the topic of numbers dropping had been discussed and she acknowledged that for a lot of families it is a cost factor. Amanda</p>	<p>Development Committee to discuss at next development meeting and come back to the members with plan</p>
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11.	Next Meeting	General Meeting – TBC	
12.	Meeting Closed	12.24 pm	