



**Approved Minutes of the Swimming New Zealand  
129<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

***(Approved and adopted at the 2020 AGM)***

*Held at Holiday Inn, 2 Ascot Avenue, Auckland Airport  
Sunday 29th September 2019 at 2pm*

**PRESENT**

***Board***

David Gerrard – President	Bruce Cotterill - Board Chair
Geoff Brown	Nick Tongue
Margaret McKee	Anna Tootill

***Regional delegates***

Auckland	Glenn Hamblyn
Bay of Plenty	Bronwen Radford
Canterbury West Coast	Chris Ponga
Counties Manukau	Alastair Bates
Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay	Jacqui Margerison
Manawatu	Dianne Farmer
Nelson Marlborough	Dave Hall
Northland	Jess Rule
Otago	Matthew Heaton
Southland	Waric Cross
Taranaki	Alison Gadsby
Waikato	Sean Lewis
Wellington	Murray Pugh

***Guests***

Lauren Boyle	Willem Coetzee
Brett Green	Debbie Rahurahu
Jim Sinner	Lees Seymour
David Hall	Dean Kent
Sue Hewitt	Dave Beattie
Tania Stockman	Karen Nixon
Jeannie Sibun	Geoff Sibun
Alison Fitch	Wayne Rollinson
David Jacks	Michael Weston
Sandra Sutcliffe	



### **SNZ Staff**

Steve Johns (CEO)	Peter Carroll
Andy Kent	

## **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

David Gerrard (President) opened the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting and started with a welcome to all (regional delegates, guests, the SNZ Board and SNZ Staff).

### **ROLL CALL**

The CEO took a roll call of regional voting delegates and confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for being absent were received from John West (Life Member), John Mace (Life Member), Ross Bragg (Life Member), Donna Bridgman (Board), Lesley Huckins, Mary MacFarlane

*Moved by **Dianne Farmer (Manawatu)**, seconded by **Bronwen Radford (Bay of Plenty)**.*

***All in favour, Carried***

### **MEMORIAM**

The meeting noted the following members who passed away since last year's AGM:

James Cole (Life Member)

Enid Wordsworth (Life Member)

Allan Segar

### **BOARD INTRODUCTION**

David Gerrard (President) introduced the Swimming New Zealand Board Members.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2019 AGM Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dave Gerrard (President) asked that the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Swimming New Zealand held Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be taken as read.

*Moved by **Wayne Rollinson**, seconded by **Sean Lewis (Waikato)** that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Swimming New Zealand held 30 September 2019 are a true and correct record.*

***All in favour, Carried***

***There were no amendments or matters arising from the minutes***



### 3. REPORTS

The Annual Report was presented to the meeting by David Gerrard.

Steve Johns (CEO) delivered CEO Report, in particular:

- Highlights of the High Performance Programme for the year including a greater emphasis on targeted athletes and coaches and the development of coaches. That focus was now very much on the 2020 Olympic Games
- Highlighted the continuing pressure on pool capacity and the continued growth in competitor numbers for national events
- The constant pressure on funding
- Praised the tireless efforts of the Technical Officials
- The evolution of the Participation Team's delivery of events, especially the improvements in live streaming and its future potential
- Developments in the Education Team's delivery and the AUSTSWIM collaboration
- Praised the Swimming New Zealand staff for their dedication and excellence
- Thanked Bruce Cotterill and the Board for their diligence and support

Bruce Cotterill (Chair) delivered the Chair Report:

- Member protection and transgender recognition issues have featured predominantly this year
- Robust processes and procedures are being developed to allow Swimming New Zealand, Regional Associations and Clubs cope better with initial enquiries and to reach resolution. These will be released in the next couple of months
- Bruce confirmed that he was due to stand down after three consecutive terms this time next year (2020). As a result, and in the interests of well managed succession, Bruce will stand down as Chair after the AGM and nominate Nick Tongue as his replacement. This will allow Bruce to be available to support Nick in his first year in the Chair
- Bruce announced SNZ's Future Board Member Programme with the appointment of Lauren Boyle and Dean Kent as apprentice Board Members

David Gerrard (President) echoed the rise of transgender issues and that Swimming New Zealand was working on policies that embraced inclusivity, but which were tempered by fairness.

Acknowledgements were made by Auckland and Canterbury West Coast on the support received from Swimming New Zealand regarding these issues.

### 4. FINANCIALS

David Gerrard (President) received the 2018/19 Financial Statements.

Anna Tootill (Audit & Risk Committee Chair) spoke about the Accounts – giving a brief overview of the financials.

***Dianne Farmer (Manawatu) moved to receive and adopt the 2018/19 Financial Statements, seconded by Murray Pugh (Wellington).***

***All in favour, Carried***



**David Gerrard (President)** moved to accept the appointment of Deloitte, Chartered Accountants as SNZ's auditors for the 2019/20 financial year, seconded by **Jess Rule (Northland)**.

**All in favour, Carried**

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no general business

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

Dianne Farmer (member of the Awards Committee) presented the following SNZ awards which were approved by acclamation:

**Service Awards**

Igor Polianski
Larissa Polianskia
Alison Collister
Don Boot
Hamish Neil
Sandra Sutcliffe

**Honours Awards**

Debra Mahony
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**7. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Bruce Cotterill (Chairman) proposed the re-election of David Gerrard as President of Swimming New Zealand.

**Bruce Cotterill (Chair) on behalf of the Board** moved that David Gerrard be the Swimming New Zealand President for the coming year, seconded by **Glenn Hamblyn (Auckland)**.

**All in favour, Carried**

Bruce Cotterill congratulated David Gerrard on his appointment. David Gerrard confirmed his acceptance of the position.

**8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Geoff Brown was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and life-time free entry to EPIC for his outstanding contribution to Swimming New Zealand. It was noted that Geoff will continue to support Swimming New Zealand having accepted the appointment to represent Swimming New Zealand on the Board of Aquatics New Zealand.



## **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

David Gerrard's (President) valediction asked that we remember that Swimming New Zealand is an organisation reliant on volunteers. Without them it could not survive.

The 129<sup>th</sup> Swimming New Zealand Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 2.50pm.

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