

Ski Racing New Zealand
Annual General Meeting
Coronet Peak Brasserie, Coronet Peak, Queenstown
Wednesday 5th September 2007, 4.30pm

1. Present:

Simon Mills	Lynette Winslow	Pete Sandford	Trish Oosterbaan
Tony Oxnevad	Libby Jarvis	Grant Winsloe	Gary Tate
Bonny Teat	Jon Jarvis	James Coddington	Dean Sheed
Sue Johanson	Catherine Loe	Jarrold Ho	Jon Turnbull
Peter Duff	Todd Haywood	Rob Greig	Roz Greig
Peter Tait- Jamieson	Andrew O'Donoghue	Jolyon Ralston	Georgina Ralston
Rowan Eves	Jill O'Donoghue	Mark Taylor	Val Miller
Ginny Bush	Grant Jamieson	Marty Johanson	Roger Miller

2. Apologies – Nick Tapper- Board member, Mt Dobson Ski Area, John Sandford, Porter Heights Ski Team, Northern Snowsports Club, Mark Butcher, Graham McGlynn for lateness

3. Confirmation of 2006 AGM minutes

Motion that the minutes of the 2006 AGM are true and correct

Nominated: Rob Greig

Seconded: Catherine Loe

Motion: Passed

4. Confirmation of the 2007 SGM minutes

Motion that on Saturday 26th June 2007 the minutes were filed and held under the new rules

Nominated: Marty Johanson

Seconded: Andrew O'Donoghue

Motion: Passed

5. Confirmation of 2006/07 Financials Accounts

Nominated: Roger Miller

Seconded: Andrew O'Donoghue

Motion: Passed

Points of discussion re: the 2006/7 Financial Accounts

- Major deficit of \$28K in teams account
- Administration deficit – second sponsor not found
- Board takes responsibility for the \$60K
- An emergency meeting with accountants had been held, trading still solvent, no outstanding debts. Difficulties expected in 6 months time.
- Subs & funds in advance have been used to cover debts
- The principal sponsor is aware of the financial situation
- A new sponsor has contributed an extra \$20K.
- The management are speaking with other potential sponsors

Open discussion re: the 2006/7 Financial Accounts

- Rob Greig asked what would happen if no second sponsor was found. This would result in cost and salary cuts. The management/board would prefer not to take debt on board and try and find a sponsor.
- The floor raised the lack of consultancy over the financial situation. The board emphasised they are trying as best as they can. It would be a last resort to ask members for additional funds.
- Consider working in with Snow Vision, more beneficial than duplicating. The board are very happy with the relationship shared.
- The budget for this year will be prepared within 2 months.

- A request for six monthly budget updates was made with the first being ready on the 30/11/07.

Motion that the financial period move to end of May:

Moved: Roger Miller

Seconded: Marty Johanson

Motion : Passed

7. Chairman's Report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Year Ending 31 March 2007

Each year has its challenges and this was no exception.

My personal congratulations to our athletes for their performances over the last year. Our elite athletes clearly improved on the world stage and it is pleasing to see the "younger" athletes coming through.

The "Vision for the Future" has been circulated to you all and if you have not had an opportunity to do so, I highly recommend you take sometime to peruse same on our website. The integration of our population pyramid and performance pyramid is a key requirement.

What again has caused a major stumbling block for the organisation has been our financial resources, or rather our lack thereof. We have failed to gain any momentum in this area which has therefore constrained and limited the development of some of our strategies. Whilst we will naturally continue to actively seek financial assistance and backing from every possible source, I believe that it will only be by combining with our Snowsports colleagues that we will be able to gather such momentum and critical mass to attract the level of financial support required. This is not intended as a criticism of our existing sponsors and patrons in any way whatsoever – rather the exact opposite – it has only been with their generous financial support that SRNZ has developed to where it is today. A closer alignment of the Snowsports will, I am sure, also save money and resources if we are able to pool administrative and financial undertakings through centralised systems.

This year again, due to our limited finances, has seen the burden of the entry level, kinder and regional programmes being with the member organisations and to them must be extended our full appreciation. It is a clear SRNZ strategy, where and whenever possible, to co-ordinate entry level programmes with the view to increasing the participation base.

On behalf of the Board, I extend our appreciation to Sue Bridgwater, our CEO, and to Scott Zahn, the Alpine Director for their tireless and professional efforts on our behalf. Much has been achieved by them in such a short period of time. Special mention must be made of the three month period last year between Jim's departure and Scott's arrival when Sue held the organisation together single-handedly – Thank you Sue!

On a personal note I believe that the "model" we have in place for the organisation is the correct one and with appropriate financial backing this will enable SRNZ and its athletes to great success in the years ahead.

The successes to date could not have been achieved without the support of our members and supporters whose contributions are in the most part constructive and knowledgeable. What I have no time for is those who put the boot into SRNZ, its Board and management whilst purporting to support us. These insulting tirades are often personal, lack class and are vitriolic. The Forum and the AGM are the opportunity for robust and lively debate amongst our members – please use it.

The highlights for the year included:

- *the very successful Nationals at Mt Hutt*
- *our close working relationship with NZOC, ASI and WPP*
- *the publication of our "Vision for the Future"*
- *the appointment of Scott Zahn as Alpine Director*
- *Ben Griffin qualifying for the World Championship Slalom final*
- *Mark Bridgwater first New Zealander in over 20 years to compete in a World Cup Downhill*
- *the continued support from our sponsors, in particular from the Caversham Foundation and Volkswagen – thank you!*

*Roger Holmes Miller
16 August 2007*

8. CEO's Report

SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND CEO REPORT 2006/07

Inevitably my final report as CEO of Ski Racing NZ will be more of a reflection than a future planning document.

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people from both within the snowsports industry, nationally and internationally, and all those involved in sport as a whole, that I have had the pleasure to work with over the past 3 years, in particular the Chairman of SRNZ, Roger Miller, who has worked tirelessly with no agenda other than to see the New Zealand athletes make their mark on the international stage and the sport grow.

I also feel compelled at this point to mention those that continue to work with a regional rather than national focus fuelled by narrow minded backward thinking; the direction that SRNZ took from 1996 through to the new Board structure being put in place did not work, this was the reason for the Strategic Planning meeting in 2003 and the subsequent change in direction; with a lack of nationally driven support few athletes remained in the sport past their school years leaving no possibility for sustained success long term, the odd star popping up despite the system not because of it.

The sport needs to grow, it is possible to do this with innovative ideas but only with the support of all involved, we cannot dwell in the past, we will be left behind.

As a minority sport concerted effort is needed to grow the sport, provide a better structure from the grassroots up and create a product that is tempting to potential sponsors; this can only be done by all involved working with a common goal – the goal to make all our athletes ski faster and be more competitive on the international stage.

There is NO room for hidden agendas, and small mindedness.

The sponsors and supporters of Ski Racing NZ, both big and small, deserve a very special mention, we would not be where we are today without your support both financial and in kind – a very big thank you to all of you.

I would also like to thank all the ski areas that put on events, both National and International, plus all the volunteers and officials that give their time to work on the events, without you ski racing in New Zealand just would not happen.

Financially the organisation continues to be in a very poor shape; on the administrative side personnel are needed to create a robust structure that sustains and supports the programmes and athletes - the current cost of this personnel being greater than the funds generated. Funds continue to be sourced through all possible avenues, and earlier this year Impact Consulting was contracted to secure funds for all aspects of the operation; Impact has found similar problems to those of us involved over the past years, we do not get enough profile and are often overlooked by the media in favour of other more 'trendy' sports.

Both the Alpine Director and CEO strive to try to ensure that SRNZ is an effective organisation, the workload is enormous. The amount of work generated by the accounting alone is enough to keep another person in part time employment, but the possibility of employing more staff looks bleak unless substantial funding is secured.

Snow Sports New Zealand is really the only hope for all the snow codes in New Zealand; SSNZ is now the contract holder with SPARC and is working with SPARC to create a model that will be leaner and meaner for all the snow codes; my concern is the timeframe for this taking effect.

Despite the very generous funding from Caversham Foundation through the NZOC the National Team programme also lost money in the 2006/07 year; something that really should not be possible if athletes honour their contracts. Ski racing requires a huge amount of commitment; SRNZ cannot plan for 12 months if athletes are not able to commit to 12 months also.

I am glad to report that the Caversham funding for the National Team for the 2007/08 year is around \$50,000.00 more than last year.

The past year has had its usual highs and lows.

The high points include:

- The appointment of Scott Zahn as Alpine Director following the departure of Jim Davis. Scott arrived in late August 2006 and has worked tirelessly to lead SRNZ on all technical aspects of the sport. It is unfortunate that Scott has had to temporarily return to the USA; however I am confident that his passion for the sport and the New Zealand athletes will continue to be a huge asset to Ski Racing NZ in the future.
- The continued success of the Volkswagen National Team structure, allowing our top athletes to train together and benefit from year round support from coaches and WPP personnel. The power of a team environment should not be underestimated.
- A highly successful 2006 Southern Hemisphere season, to include the rescheduled ANC events held at Coronet Peak, the Volkswagen Nationals held at Mt Hutt and the K Cup finals at Cardrona to name but a few.
- Planning over the 2006/07 summer for the changed structure of the National Development Team (NDT) culminating in the team being selected in June 2007 and a full time coach being appointed.
There are those that criticize the NDT concept believing that the athletes should stay with their regional programmes until they reach the National Team; in the current highly competitive international athletic climate New Zealand would be left far behind the rest of the world if this NDT team structure had not been put in place.
- The publishing of the Strategic Direction document; as with any strategic plan this document should be seen as an evolving model for the development of the sport, able to be added to and amended through consultation as necessary.

Lows:

- It is with regret that I again report that the Athlete Development Model for New Zealand is still not available for use by the training providers; three years have passed since the identification of the importance of this document. It is not a quick or simple task putting such a document together and the lack of continuity in the Alpine Director role has been a major contributing factor.
I am pleased to be able to advise that Alpin Canada has agreed that New Zealand can use the AIM Document as the basis for the New Zealand model, the AIM document has also been used by other alpine nations including the Swiss.
- The never-ending struggle for funding, something that plagues all minority sporting organisations, but the knowledge that others suffer the same fate does not make the problem any easier to bear.

To close I wish the Board, member organisations and athletes success both athletically and financially in the years to come.

Sue Bridgwater
CEO to July 2007

Comments and discussion with the new CEO:

- Discussed the budget, ready in 2 months with 6 monthly accounts available early December.

- Improved communication between SRNZ and members to be overhauled and implemented.
- Improved website, newsletter introduced
- Clear mission statement
- Open door policy, happy to listen
- Introduction of more regular meetings a possibility
- A survey was discussed as an option with varying feedback and also the contribution of existing skills amongst the group could be utilised as a cost effective measure.

9. Election of Board Members

- 2 vacancies
- Roger Miller: standing down
- Marty Johanson, John Sandford, Tony Oxnevad and Nick Tapper are new board.

Roger passes on his thanks to everyone

Tony reiterates Rogers commitment to the organisation, will be a big loss and a big thanks to him.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

Motion that the proposed changes outlined in the agenda be passed

Moved: Roger Miller

Seconded: Mark Taylor

Motion: Passed

11. Appointment of Auditors

Motion that Michael Rondel of Polson Higgs continue appointment as Auditor, subject to a suitable fee being negotiated.

Moved: Roger Miller

Seconded: Rob Greig

12. Members Reports:

Porter Heights Alpine Ski Team

Firstly, I advise that PHAST Academy will not be able to be represented at the AGM of Ski Racing New Zealand, and ask that you accept our apologies.

Further, **enclosed** is a proxy vote by PHAST in favour of Andrew O'Donoghue, who I understand will be attending the annual general meeting.

The 2007 season is the first season in which PHAST Academy Incorporated has been formally operating.

PHAST Academy has 14 registered SRNZ athletes, ranging from E1 through to J1 levels. In addition to those persons training, the Porter's ski area has approximately 60 plus athletes, with a variety of children in training programmes, of which 14 are in the race training programme.

Porter Heights has been fortunate to have Miss Karolina Olsson returning from Sweden as the head race coach.

The Porter's Race Team is for children who by their own volition show a specific interest in alpine racing. The team is comparatively small, however, there is a dedicated group of K and J children, and a significant effort has been made this season for those children to attend as many races as possible in the South Island.

Porter's does have a small number of E level registered athletes, however, there is a larger pool of children in the general training programmes who are keen to participate in E level events.

A significant issue this season has been the lack of opportunity for E level children in the Canterbury area.

A number of discussions were had with Mount Hutt during the season with a view to endeavouring to establish a Canterbury inter-field series, however, that did not come to fruition this year. Hopefully this matter can be addressed for the 2008 season.

Finally, a number of issues have been raised in relation to the new four race format for K Cup races, and following the conclusion of the K Cup series, we would invite that there be a review of the format, with member organisations providing feedback where the issues which have arisen be addressed.

Team Hutt

It is with pleasure we give you our report for the 2007 season. Team Hutt's focus has remained, as with 2006, to continue providing excellent programs across the range of age groups from Entry level through to FIS. Our core goal has remained to continue the growth of the entry level age groups. Of 69 registered athletes we have 45 in the E 1 and 2 age groups. This we believe, will provide us with a strong platform to fill our Kinder programs over the next few years. This season has seen the first Entry level races involving Canterbury race programs, we anticipate these events and our recruitment strategies will see a continued strong stream of new Entry level athletes.

We have also welcomed our new Program Director Grant Jamieson to Team Hutt. Grant is a unique New Zealander with a strong race career and since a very strong coaching background. His passion for ski racing has already made a big impact at Team Hutt and we are looking forward to a secure future with the leadership that Grant brings.

We would like to also recognise our Principal Sponsors Orbit Corporate Travel, Qantas Airways, our Co- Sponsors Miles Continental VW and BDL. Without the huge support of these organizations our already expensive sport would be out of reach for a number of our athletes and their families.

We would like to recognise the massive contribution that the outgoing CEG, Sue Bridgewater has made over the years of her involvement at SRNZ. At times without Sues diligence the sport of Ski racing would have simply folded. We trust her new role will be rewarding and above all far less stressful!

We congratulate Scott Zahn on his determination, against what appeared to be very trying circumstances, in finally getting a National development Team structure underway. We believe this is an essential part of the strategy required if the sport of Ski Racing is to gain real credibility in terms of performance. Without this platform we cannot see how we as a sport can genuinely say we are looking to provide a pathway to success for the best of our athletes on the world stage. As discussed amongst the regions present at the SGM in Christchurch a back to the future approach, which has been promoted by some, will only result in more of the same, under performance and an inward looking focus that can only be described as patch protection or the preservation of an existing business model. It is our view that we run a real risk of maintaining our smallness unless we adopt a National training provider approach for our elite athletes.

We are concerned by the state of the SRNZ accounts, as we imagine is the board. It is now quite some time since an undertaking was given by the board to address this issue, particularly through securing sponsorship for the program. Ultimately this issue alone may seal the fate of the sports governing body if it is indeed to provide the structure and pathways it is promoting as the future.

We sincerely hope that solutions to the issues so clearly at hand are found and that, whilst we may as regions need to agree to disagree on what is the future, the sport of ski racing in New Zealand ends up reaching its potential.

2007 Wanaka Ski & Snowsports Club Report

The Wanaka Ski Club passed a resolution to change its name to the Wanaka Ski & Snowsports Club to better reflect the diversity of the club's activities and the members who participate not only in alpine ski racing but also in freestyle skiing, snowboarding, skeleton

racing and cross country skiing. In Wanaka we have four snow areas in which we enjoy our varied snowsports activities.

The Club has 331 members for 2007 of which we have 68 registered athletes competing in alpine ski racing and approximately 50 masters skiers involved in either ski improvement or race training.

The balance of our membership is NOT involved with alpine ski racing .

The WS&SC athletes contract either of the two Wanaka ski race training providers Treble Cone Ski Academy or Cardrona High Performance Centre. Both areas provide excellent training facilities and the ability for WS&SC athletes to have year round training. The Snowpark has also provided a valuable training piste for Treble Cone Ski Academy during 2007.

To date, the Club has been responsible for organizing six of the eight SRNZ scheduled events in the area:

- K Cup Treble Cone 28-29 July 2007
- FIS ENL Treble Cone 04-05 August 2007
- FIS TECH Cardrona 07-08 August 2007
- Interfield Treble Cone 12 August 2007
- Interfield Cardrona 19 August 2007
- ANC Races Treble Cone, 30-31 August 2007

The ROC has enjoyed a highly successful and cohesive working relationship with Cardrona and Treble Cone throughout the races. There are some technological and administrative changes which we believe could be introduced to make our race organization even more successful and we will endeavor to facilitate a debrief with both mountains at the conclusion of the 2007 season.

The WS&SC relies totally on volunteers and finds the administration of registering athletes with SRNZ and processing registrations for scheduled events in the area unduly time consuming. We believe this could be better handled by SRNZ creating an on line internet site for the registration of athletes and us utilizing on line registration for races in our region through our club's proposed website.

We are disappointed that having raised the registration issue last year at the AGM of SRNZ nothing was pursued. Cost effective technology is available NOW for this to happen and SRNZ should take the lead in this area to reduce overall costs and time involvement in administration tasks.

An example: The FIS Races held in early August were a WS&SC administrative nightmare. There was one instance where the Race Secretary received 7 communications from a variety of sources about the same athletes. This is an extreme example; however, there were many others which involved faxing, emailing and telephone calls about the same issues and athlete/s. Consequently, prior to the ANC races at Treble Cone, direct contact with coaches and National Associations helped prevent a repetition of the earlier problems. It appears that the problem lies in the contact details as listed on the FIS website.

It is recommended that:

- SRNZ liaise with FIS to change the contact details on the FIS Calendar where events are listed. On the drop down box for each event held in the Wanaka Region the link is directed to info@skiracing.org.nz. In future, the contact details should be the WS&SC ROC details (WS&SC has discussed a domain name)

The July K Cup held at Treble Cone was another administrative challenge. A change to the results compilation had been made by SRNZ; however, there were no instructions to help the ROC achieve the end result. The ROC managed, albeit compromising the prizegiving schedule of the day.

It is recommended that:

- SRNZ, when introducing changes to procedures, discusses the implications of those changes with the ROCs and puts the 'tools' in place to implement those changes. If this is done, the change/s would be seamless.

We were disheartened by the inability of our clubs two SRNZ 2006 Olympians to afford to remain as members of the SRNZ National Team. We consider it a major issue for NZs alpine ski racing future when it seems impossible to raise sufficient funding to assist in supporting such senior athletes. Our sport must not force out talented athletes because their families cannot afford to pay the cost to be national team members and are therefore not able to be technically named as SRNZ team members. We recognize that funding for our sport which is not in the top ten placings in the world is a huge problem in NZ which we must together overcome.

**Team Turoa Ski Racing:
Report to Ski Racing New Zealand AGM 2007**

The Competitive Centre of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) continues to provide race training at Turoa ski field and is led by John Armstrong with Cam Stephens as the Head Coach at Turoa. While RAL provides the race training to both the Whakapapa and Turoa sides of Mount Ruapehu there is intense competition between Whakapapa Snowsports and Team Turoa culminating with a team's trophy (the Ruapehu Cup) being contested between the two sides for 2007

We have been fortunate to have high quality coaches with fantastic attitudes this season and this just flows through into the athletes (and parents).

Racing has been extremely competitive in 2006 and in 2007 and we have been lucky in that no races have had to be cancelled this season - hopefully this will continue in the future. We look forward to hosting the K Cup Finals in September giving the disappointment with the decision to hold no FrS races in the North Island this coming year.

The number of athletes in the program reached a low last season of twenty- six but currently we are now in the mid thirties with ongoing interest to join. This bodes well for next year and we would ideally want to be in a position at next years AGM to report membership numbers significantly higher. The challenge appears to be keeping those athletes when they approach the FIS level or those who join the South Island programmes. A positive has been tile Northern Snowsports athletes who are looking to supplement-their indoor training with an "outdoor" alternative throughout the winter period.

Our "E" and "K" level athlete numbers have increased in the past season and this is pleasing as they are the base for the future. Furthermore we are proud that that Team Turoa had six athletes achieve "top ten" rankings in the K Cup last year as well as strong placings in the National Juniors by two former Team Turoa athletes in 2006.

Despite a relatively small membership Team Turoa remains in a financially sound position with income derived from uniform hire age, sponsorship and volunteer payments. Our c1ubrooms are being well used and are a focus on the social side for families has helped. They have been used for team captain meetings and can be used by visiting teams if desired. Our sponsors are SnowCentre, Rossignol, Ohakune Properties, Powderhom and the Ohakune Bookshop and apart from formally acknowledging their support we also encourage you to use these businesses when in Ohakune.

And finally on a disappointing note we would like to take this opportunity to record our dissatisfaction in having Team Turoa associated with the unfortunately composed "Draft Letter" that was widely circulated amongst Ski Racing NZ membership earlier this year by individuals within Wanaka. Team Turoa while agreeing with some of the issues highlighted in the letter had no prior knowledge of nor agreed to have its name put to such a letter prior to circulation. Furthermore it believes that it was an inappropriate means of communicating issues with SRNZ that should have been addressed at the Forum.

Mark Butcher President
Team Turoa Ski Racing Inc

Queenstown Alpine Ski Team & Whakapapa Snowsports reports were given verbally, but the report has not been sent to the office. Apologies were received from the ANC committee and the Northern Snowsports Club.

13. General Business

- a. setting of fees:

Membership Fee Proposal 2008

1. All registrations are completed online by individuals with a credit card
2. Offline payments are possible but a processing fee of \$25 is also payable plus the relevant fee below.
3. All registrations are considered pending and are not activated until the paperwork has been posted or faxed to the National office and accepted.
4. Only activated registrations will be posted on the list.
5. All registered athletes have to be a member of a club and clubs will be required to confirm memberships
6. Multiyear memberships will be introduced at a discounted rate
7. No refunds will be given for athletes that stop ski racing during their membership, however injuries with greater than 6 months recovery (medical statements will be required) will be given one extra years membership (national and entry level only) provided they have joined a multiyear option.
8. FIS athletes may only join for one extra year ahead because the majority of the fees here are beyond our control
9. Memberships will continue to be waived for National Ski Team athletes
10. Foreign athletes will be required to register as per NZE athletes and pay the same fees
11. Entry level membership fees remain for 2008, but increase to \$70 for 2009.
12. All Clubs that are Full members of SRNZ are to pay an annual fee of \$500 for the first 10 members and \$100 per 10 members thereafter to a maximum of \$1000 per club per annum. All fees include GST.
13. All new clubs accepted into full membership of SRNZ are liable for the above fees plus a joining fee of \$500. All fees include GST.
14. All Associate members pay a nominal fee of \$100 including GST.
15. National Registration: K1 and K2 athletes wishing to start in a SRNZ sanctioned event (K Cup, Regional Championships etc) must have National Registration.
16. Entry Level Registration: E1 and E2 athletes, and K1 athletes who compete in entry level events only.
17. If athletes wish to upgrade from one category to another, they simply pay the difference between the relevant categories.
18. The fee structure for individuals is given below:

Period Registration Type/ Date	1 Year			2 Year			3 Year		
	Before 1 st June	Before 1 st July	After 31 st July	Before 1 st June	Before 1 st July	After 31 st July	Before 1 st June	Before 1 st July	After 31 st July
Entry	\$50	\$50	\$70	\$95	\$95	\$120	\$130	\$130	\$150
New National	\$120	\$120	\$150	\$210	\$210	\$265	\$300	\$300	\$325
Existing National	\$120	\$150	\$175	\$210	\$240	\$265	\$300	\$300	\$325
New FIS	\$175	\$175	\$285	\$330	\$330	\$440			
Existing FIS	\$160	\$285	\$285	\$310	\$440	\$440			

19. All existing rules given below remain in force:

Athlete Registration 2008

- All Member Clubs shall provide a return of athletes, officials and coaches in the form prescribed by SRNZ to the National office by 30 June each year as per clause 5.5.13 of the Constitution.
- That form shall require name address, date of birth, e-mail address, classification for each member and the competition level they will be competing in. The Member Club shall enclose with the return the relevant registration fee for their club.
- Notification of the intention to renew FIS registration after June 15th will incur additional late fees from the FIS.
- Athletes wishing to register for FIS for the first time must do so prior to May 30th.
- Athletes wishing to register for FIS for the first time must provide proof of Nationality and age eg. Birth Certificate or Passport.
- Athletes wishing to register for FIS for the first time must have a letter of endorsement from their Programme Director or coach.
- All athletes wishing to register for FIS must complete the FIS Athlete Declaration form.
- All the above requirements MUST be met and documentation returned to SRNZ prior to FIS registration being processed.
- The National Registration list on the SRNZ website will be used as proof of membership/authorisation to start in SRNZ sanctioned events in a similar manner to FIS sanctioned events.
- Registration cards will no longer be issued.

This proposal was changed in the following ways:

1. Clause 12, initial payment of \$500 was reduced to \$300.

Proposed: Roger Miller
 Seconded: Marty Johanson
 Motion: Passed

2. Clause 12, the clause to read, "This only applies to members involved in Alpine Ski Racing".

Proposed: Bonnie Teat
 Seconded: Mark Taylor
 Motion: Passed

The proposal was then discussed. That this be adopted subject to the above changes as the new fee structure.

Proposed: Bonnie Teat
 Seconded: Mark Taylor
 Motion: Passed

b. Volkswagen National Championships Location

Tony Oxnevad explained that currently the Nationals rotated around the country on a yearly basis, but the board had been approached by Southern Alpine Recreation to establish the National technical events in Queenstown for year 2007-2009 inclusive. In return for this SAR, would offer the National Ski Teams free lane space for the same years (some small exclusions apply). The board felt that this was a great opportunity for both parties to build an event and establish key relationships in one venue and that this would be especially beneficial for our key sponsor, Volkswagen. However Tony pointed out that they wished to consult the members before making such a decision.

Discussion then took place regarding this proposal, some of the key points of this discussion were:

- Consideration be given to north island athlete's costs for three years of travelling to the south island, the board agreed to consider this.
- The ROC subsidy for running the nationals. The board agreed to consider this
- The impact of the 2009 games on volunteers etc? The board agreed to consider this.
- What happens with speed events? The board agreed to consider this.

- Impact of secondary schools events clashing with the Nationals, the board agreed to consider this.
- What about running an entry level FIS event on the North Island? The board to consider this.
- Lastly there was concern from the membership about the nature of this process and the board promised that a more robust and transparent process would be followed in subsequent years, 2010 to 2012. The tender document would be available during the 2008 Nationals.
- Following this there was general agreement that the proposal had merit and that the membership of SRNZ endorsed this proposal. The board thanked the members for their support and announced with immediate effect that the 2008-2009 Volkswagen National Championships would also be held at Coronet Peak

The meeting closed at 7pm.