



**MINUTES OF SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND (INC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE POWDERHORN HOTEL, OHAKUNE
ON FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2004 at 7:00pm**

1. PRESENT:

Roger Miller, Tony Oxnevad, Wayne Café, Simon Mills, Anthony Thornton
Canterbury Snow Sports: Sue Bridgwater, David Bridgwater, Jai Lyons, Grant Winsloe
QAST: Rob Greig, Roz Grieg, James Arnott, Peter Arnott
Turoa: John Sandford, Trish Eves, Rowan Eves
Whakapapa Snow Sports: Peter Gendall, John Armstrong, David Howden
Wanaka: Sue Campbell, Graeme Campbell, Adi Bernasconi, Kobi Wyssen
Dean Sheed, Volkswagen
Tomas Huppert, NZOC

2. APOLOGIES:

Peter Duff, Wanaka Ski Club

The Chairman wishes to pass on our sympathies to Mr Duff and hope his son recovers his health quickly.

3. PROPOSED MEETING 30/31 OCTOBER:

Issues to discuss at this meeting are related to the discussion paper that is currently been summarised by Tony Oxnevad, in particular issues such as Youth cup, National Points, Secondary School Racers

A Special General Meeting will be held during the weekend of 30/31 October agenda items are:

- Proposed Changes to constitution to fulfil IRD requirements
- Proposed changes to constitution to fulfil SPARC requirements
- Setting SRNZ fees for 2005 season

5 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman commented on a proposed structure for SRNZ which included

- An Alpine Director
- High Performance Manager
- Head Coach for the men
- Head Coach for the women

This structure is subject to finance that the board is working hard to solve.

The Chairman commented the significant progress that has been made since the new strategy and structure has been in operation. This progress includes, the establishment of a national office, the appointment of a CEO, Ski Racing on TV, Nationals Filming etc

The Winter Olympic Performance Program was briefly discussed. While we do not have a lot of detail about the program at present this is an opportunity to take advantage of off snow expertise for the athletes.

There were some questions from the floor

CSA asked What is a brief job description for the Alpine Director?

- work with member organisations to promote ski racing
- develop the base of athletes
- develop a progression pathway for young athletes
- development of coaches at all levels
- the position is a full time position

The chairman noted that the selection criteria that is currently in place will remain unchanged leading up to the 2006 Winter Olympics

Whakapapa asked was there a requirement within the Job descriptions of the Alpine Director or High Performance Manager? There is no specific requirement in the Alpine Director Job description but there is in the High Performance Manager

There was some concern expressed as to the short timeframe of the Mens and Womens coach selection process. It is late in the NZ season and athletes are due to head overseas again. The board wanted coaches appointed prior to the departure dates.

Whakapapa asked where the money was coming from to fund the positions?

These positions are proposed and some of the finance is almost confirmed but not all of the money is in place.

A motion was moved to appoint Simon Mills to the board in place of the Alpine Director, until the Alpine Director's contract commences.

Moved: Roger Miller

**Seconded: Sue Bridgwater
CARRIED**

6 CEO REPORT

The support of families/parents of the athletes is amazing and tremendous to be involved with it.

There is a lot of work to do within Ski Racing New Zealand with two priorities are

- Planning and looking forward
- Finance especially income

We are looking to create an athlete focussed, coach driven, administrator supported program. We are looking to be balanced and supportive in our approach to elite athletes.

Regional development is important to the continued growth of Ski Racing New Zealand especially in the areas of promotion and growth of numbers at junior levels.

An exciting future is there when we look forward.

7 FINANCE

A draft version of the financials was tabled. The only factor holding up the financials was the confirmation of an invoice from NZSKI.Com for an event that was held at Mt Hutt. The financials will be tabled at the Special general meeting due 30/31 October for confirmation.

Moved: Miller

Seconded: Cafe

CARRIED

8 REGIONAL REPORTS

Whakapapa

- Whakapapa Snow sports is the new incarnation of Whakapapa Ski Racing with a new constitution
- Ruapehu Alpine lifts is very supportive of the race program
- 70 athletes divided into 5 teams run under head coach John Armstrong
- There is encouragement of a multiseason program and racing from an early age
- Greater emphasis on off snow programs to ensure quality preparation
- There is support and encouragement for speed events. A speed camp is planned for the holidays
- In the future there is an expectation of continual growth in numbers of racers involved in the program

Turoa

- A new committee and President (John Sandford) have recently been appointed
- There are 35 athletes with 5 coaches in programs run at Turoa under Ruapehu Alpine Lifts
- Ruapehu Alpine Lifts is very supportive of the race program at Turoa
- The focus is on increasing the numbers of athletes in the race program

Canterbury Snowsports Association

- The Canterbury region has 6 race programmes, the strongest being Team Hutt with over 70 athletes. The smaller teams have all been encouraged to join SRNZ and participate in events.
- Team Hutt is a well-managed programme with an excellent Programme Director and a well structured firm vision for the future.
- CSA has been actively involved in ski racing since its inception over 50 years ago and will continue to support and encourage the clubs to run race programmes.
- The Association fully endorsed and welcomed the changes implemented from the Strategic Planning Meeting in October 2003.

QAST

- QAST recognises that we are in the middle of a transition process for Ski Racing New Zealand
- More than 80 athletes in the program with 10-15 foreign athletes involved as well
- QAST are very encouraging and supportive of the Ski Racing New Zealand boards desire to have a men's and women's team in place
- Quality of coaches and the process of finding those coaches is a problem that they are currently facing and can see these similar problems in the future
- QAST are looking at growth at the junior levels as a key focus
- QAST is supportive of Ski Racing New Zealand

WANAKA

- Wanaka operates on a different structure where the member organisation to SRNZ is Wanaka Ski Club and the race team is separate and owned by Treble Cone
- There are 85+ athletes involved in the race program
- Foreign athletes are a focus due to the small population of Wanaka
- There is a strong race program run by Adi Bemasconi the Head coach and the support coaches provide a good environment for the athletes

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

- The chairman has asked that all regions spend some time thanking the ski areas for all they do for ski racing
- A motion was moved that the meeting appoint the current auditors to a future role of auditor for Ski Racing New Zealand subject to the negotiation of acceptable fees.
Moved: Miller **Seconded: Campbell** **CARRIED**
- Super G Skis were discussed at a FIS Congress that was held in June 2004. Ski will be made available as a result of that Congress for Australia and New Zealand.
- Tony Oxnevad summarised the Strategic questionnaire. The summarising of the feedback has yet to be completed. Once completed the information will be distributed to all regions.
- The SRNZ and Snowvision Ltd relationship is to be established on a formal contracted basis. SRNZ is to finalise the contract with Snowvision Ltd
- A Draft calendar has been produced by the ANC committee and this information should be available to all to see
- QAST thanked the board for the TV Show that is currently playing on Sky TV. This show is a result of work completed by Snowvision and the Ski Racing New Zealand Board also want to thank Snowvision for the show.
- Whakapapa expressed some concern with communication from the Board and Administration of Ski Racing New Zealand. These comments were endorsed by Canterbury Snowsports. The chairman acknowledged the comments and advised that this situation will improve
- QAST wished to advised that the publication of the minutes is a positive step forward
- A recommendation was made that a regional forum be held at each Nationals. The 2005 Nationals are scheduled for Cardrona. The Wanaka Ski Club will take this on board and will include this in the program for the 2005 Nationals.

The meeting was closed at 8:38pm

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Signed as a true and correct record:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____