



**MINUTES OF SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND INC BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT: THE RUSSELY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH  
ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2005 10.00 AM**

**1. PRESENT**

Roger Miller (Chairman)  
Tony Oxnevad  
Simon Mills  
Jim Davis

Sue Bridgwater CEO

Tony Oxnevad was late due to a delayed flight from Queenstown

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nick Tapper

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

(Held over until Tony arrived)

Board Meeting: 08.03.05

That the minutes of the meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> 2005 are a true and accurate record.

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Mills**

**Carried**

**FINANCE**

The accounts for year end March 2005 were circulated with the Agenda.

These have only recently become available and will be audited shortly.

SB spoke to the accounts.

There is an administrative deficit for the year due to the period between July and September 2004. This has seen the equity drop from \$34,000 to \$15,000 for the year.

There is also a deficit in the Representative Teams, this is due to the manner in which the NZOC/Academy of Sport funding was dealt with in the previous years accounts. There is no actual deficit in this section of the accounts.

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Mills**

That the accounts are forwarded to the Auditor.

**Carried**

The 2005/6 Budget was reviewed.

It was agreed that the budget for the new National Teams would be separated from the general budget.

A change in the financial structure of the Nationals will be considered for the future.

It was agreed that there should be a contract in place between the ROC delegated to run the Nationals and SRNZ, setting out the expectations of SRNZ.

The budget is currently short, further funding is required for Nationals TV coverage and salaries.

The Budget will be left tabled.  
Three budgets will be created:  
    Consolidated  
    General  
    Ski Teams  
Once prepared these will be submitted to the Board.

Roger asked for a Cashflow to be available for the next meeting

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

SRNZ has received applications for membership from Ruapehu Ski Club (RSC), Southern Alps Snow Inc. The situation that is arising with regard to membership applications was not anticipated, and there was some discussion surrounding the current Constitution.

Technically RSC is already a member of SRNZ through Canterbury Snowsports Association, however RSC wants a more direct link with SRNZ.

Roger and Tony will look at possible changes to the Constitution to accommodate the situations that are arising.

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Davis**

That the applicants are accepted as Associate Members of SRNZ.

**Carried**

### **SPEED EVENTS**

Jim and Simon do not see Downhill as being a viable option for New Zealand in the short term.

It was agreed that Super-G should continue, both at FIS and National Point level. Super-G events are held overseas at National level and we should be capable of doing the same in New Zealand.

There are 3 Super-G starts at National Points level on the 2005 calendar.

It was suggested that the Super-G at Cardrona could be used as a training session for National TDs in speed events.

It was questioned as to whether there could be implications with the FIS if we do not hold Downhill.

There was discussion about the status of the current speed event exemption with the FIS for New Zealand and Australia for the ANC events.

Tony agreed to follow this up and report to the Board.

It was agreed that the Board would like to see more speed events held in New Zealand and that it will work in this direction.

(Tony arrived during the course of the discussion on speed events)

### **SPONSORSHIP**

The Caversham funding has been pivotal in the setting up of the new National Teams.

It is hoped that further funding can be secured through Caversham.

SB to progress this.

Jim is to produce a budget for the Northern Hemisphere as soon as possible.

This will be used as the basis for further funding applications.

SB to re-negotiate the Volkswagen sponsorship with Dean Sheed for the next 3 year term.

It was agreed that a further sponsor to work alongside Volkswagen needs to be sought and put in place.

Greater time must be spent on sponsorship work. This should be achieved now Jim has arrived.

Simon advised that he has a contact that might be able to help with presentations.

The latest Snowvision contract was discussed.

Independent advice has been sought, and this has assisted the Board in making its decision.

It was agreed that due to the nature of the contract it is not something that SRNZ can pursue.

SRNZ must keep its own identity and brand and must remain in control.

SB will draft a letter to Snowvision advising that SRNZ will not be signing the contract and will be withdrawing from the MOU.

The Board of SRNZ is supportive of Snowvision's aims, and would still like to find a way for the two organisations to work together.

### **ALPINE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Jim presented his report.

Summary:

WOPP is working well in Wanaka and Queenstown but is more sporadic the further North you get.

The weekend NZOC Olympic Forum at Snowfarm was excellent.

Robin Armstrong has been invited on to the selection panel; the team selections have now been made.

Jim advised that the new selection guidelines will be advised in the next couple of weeks.

There have been some selection problems with the new Youth Group but the new strategy has been advised to the Regional Programme Directors.

The SRNZ Academy of Sport delivered fitness programme has suffered in a similar way to the WOPP programme. There is a difficulty with the transition between the Academy and Regional programme delivery.

Jon Turnball is working very hard to ensure the programmes are effective, but there is a lack of suitable providers around the country.

There is some discontent from the athletes regarding the situation with the National coaches.

Jim advised that he requires absolute authority to run the athletic programme, select coaches, training programmes etc. and must be judged on the outcomes.

Once there is stability in the National Programmes it will be Jim and the 2 National coaches that will select the team athletes, in consultation with the Regional Programme Directors.

To date there is one coach appointed.

Tony asked when the athletes can be advised of progress.

Jim advised that he had been holding off until both coaches had been appointed.

The question of Jim sitting on the Board as a voting member was raised.

Jim feels that he does not need to be a voting member of the Board, and indeed his inclusion blurs the line between governance and management.

These conclusions will also require changes to be made to the Constitution. Roger and Tony will work on this for the AGM.

A meeting has been held between the NZSIA, SRNZ and Mark Elliott to progress the possibility of a Coach Development officer across all the snow codes. There is a possibility of funding being available for this position through SPARC, Mark will progress the application.

Jim advised that he would like a couple of changes made to the Alpine Directors job description and contract. These will be worked on by Tony and Roger and discussed with Jim.

Roger asked Jim about his regional development plan for the season.

Jim advised that he will be visiting each region twice through the season and by the end of the season there will be a draft available of the development plan for NZ ski racing.

Roger asked for a written Alpine Director report to be available in advance of meetings in future.

### **CEO REPORT**

The Handbook has been extensively reviewed by Jim and me.

The Board thanked management for excellent handbook.

We are confident that the new format will be more user friendly.

Advertising within the Handbook will ensure it is self funding, but it will not make a profit, unless Gaming funding is secured (still outstanding).

Jim and I will also be working on producing detailed job descriptions for the key volunteer positions on race day.

Nick assisted with the set-up of the advertising deal, there will be links to advertisers' websites from the SRNZ site.

The Handbook will be supplied to all the athletes, member organisations, ROCs, shops, ski areas etc.

All athletes will also receive a membership pack to include a drink bottle, pen and sticker – all these items will bear the SRNZ logo, the VW logo will be on the drink bottles.

A media launch is planned for the newly created NZ Mens and Womens Alpine Ski Teams.

This will take place at the fitness camp at Wanaka 23 – 26 June.

Dean Sheed will be attending the camp and will present team fleeces to all the athletes and coaches.

I will be co-ordinating the launch with Jenny McLeod.

Once these teams are training together every opportunity will be used to promote them, and ski racing in general.

Team uniforms had been organised by Claudia Riegler through Karbon in Canada. Claudia has now passed this on to me. Even at this late stage it is almost impossible to get information about the delivery date for the uniforms.

The jackets are stone, saffron and black, with all other garments predominantly black.

I understand that we were not able to have black jackets due to the NZOC ordering them for the Winter Olympic team.

Jim and I have put in a proposal to Southern Recreation with regard to the main training base of the Mens and Womens Alpine Ski Teams. We await their response.

The WOPP programme is working well in some areas of the country, but not others. Mark Elliott is proving to be invaluable, but is struggling to find the appropriate support staff for some regions.

SRNZ is dovetailing its dryland training programme with the WOPP athletes where possible, but again this is not country wide.

Mark continues to work on this.

There have been serious teething problems with the new registration system. Each member organisation is set up differently and each one has its own problems.

At the time of writing it is only the new FIS registrations that have been processed, I am hopeful that the existing FIS and National Points registrations that are due in at the end of June will prove to be less difficult to deal with.

An issue has arisen regarding a conflict between the RS Duncan Youth Nationals and the North Island Secondary Schools race.

The season is short and the calendar is very full.

It is necessary to calendar the events in order of priority, and the actual date of particular events is dependent on the venue (snow conditions, availability).

The personnel involved in these events went to great lengths to arrange alternative dates but ultimately it was decided that the original dates will have to stand.

There will be athletes that will have to choose between the 2 events.

I, along with a couple of other delegates from Snowsports NZ, was asked to form a sub-committee to put together a proposal to Snowsports Council regarding the Awards Dinner scheduled for the end of October.

The proposal is attached; we should have an answer from the Council shortly.

Jim, along with Bridget Rayward of the Instructors Alliance and Mark Elliott are working on putting a proposal together for SPARC to encourage them to assist with Coach Development.

Further information will be available shortly.

Generally, now Jim is here, we are getting on top of the workload, but there is much to do.

I am confident that we are at the beginning of a positive growth phase, that with careful planning, will see SRNZ grow and the sports profile raised.

Jim will be a great asset to SRNZ and I look forward to working with him to realise the full potential of competitive snow sports participation in New Zealand.

#### **GENERAL**

SRNZ liability insurance for overseas needs to be sourced prior to taking teams overseas.

SB to progress this with the broker used for other SRNZ insurances.

SRNZ must ensure that we follow best practice guidelines for taking minors overseas.

Jim advised the meeting that he had spoken with Nils Coberger regarding the second National coaching position.

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Davis**

That Nils Coberger is offered a position as National coach with SRNZ.

**Carried**

Jim advised that Nils has undertaken to give a decision on his availability by the end of the week.

Tony raised the possibility of acquiring footage through the FIS of selected ski racing news.  
This could then be used on Sport 365 Live and similar programmes.  
SB to contact Christian Knauth at the FIS.

Meeting closed 3.30pm

Next meeting TBC

**Signed as a true and correct record:**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_