



**MINUTES OF SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND INC
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT: SUDIMA AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH
ON SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2004 at 10.00AM**

1. PRESENT:

Roger Miller	Cyrus Berry	Anton Coberger	Debra Sullivan
Tony Oxnevad	Graeme Rothera	Graham McGlenn	Catherine Loe
Wayne Café	Andrew O'Donoghue	Rick Pettit	Peter Gendall
Nick Tapper	Sue Bridgwater	David Howden	Bruce Wells
Bonnie Teat	Gary Tate	Peter Duff	Grant Winsloe
Bob Beresford			

2. APOLOGIES:

Team Turoa, Rob Greig

3. AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The accounts to 31st March 2004, that have now been audited, were presented.

Moved: Miller

Seconded: Oxnevad

That the accounts be approved

Carried

4. SIX MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

The six monthly accounts were presented.

The meeting was advised that a budget to March 05 is in place.

There were several questions from the floor.

It was agreed that any funding applications that are successful should be noted in the minutes.

G Rothera asked whether a budget had been put together following the announcement of an Alpine Director being employed.

Roger advised that the Alpine Director is to be employed from April 1st 2005. At this stage there is no confirmed funding from SPARC. SRNZ is committed to employing the AD and will secure funding from other sources if the SPARC application is unsuccessful.

Roger advised that the position is on a 12-month basis and that the projected costs are \$65,000 salary plus expenses of around \$25,000.

The maximum amount SPARC will provide is \$50,000 – negotiations are still taking place both directly, and through Snowsports Council, with whom SPARC has the Investment Agreement.

The meeting was advised that the membership will not be expected to pick up any shortfall.

Peter Duff asked what effect this would have on plans for a Mens and Womens Teams.

It was advised that this is a completely separate matter to the AD position.

The teams will be put in place, there will inevitably be a financial shortfall in the short to medium term, this will have to be picked up by the parents of the athletes.

The level of these programmes will be dependent on the total funding available.

It is felt that sponsors are more likely to become involved once the teams are in place.

SRNZ will provide as much funding as possible but had no ultimate liability.

Roger advised that in the short term SRNZ will not be funding the National Coaches or the Team Manager.

A Team Manager, however, is to be appointed.

This position will include the organisation for the teams plus fundraising etc

Andrew O'Donoghue advised that he felt if the teams are being funded by the parents, and are being put together for marketing purposes that they should be able to choose with whom they train.

Tony advised that the team members should train together.

Anton Coberger advised that he had seen the Press Release about the selection of the National Teams and Squads using current selection criteria as set down in the Handbook.

He requested clarification about the status of the New Zealand Womens Team managed by Claudia Riegler.

David Howden, as a past Board member, advised that the team was, and still is, a private programme. It was agreed 12 months ago to allow it to be named the New Zealand Womens Team.

In the near future New Zealand **National** Womens and Mens Teams will be created and the current NZ Womens team will come under the umbrella of SRNZ.

Anton asked what the existing selection criteria are for the NZ Womens Team.

Roger Miller advised that this is not known by SRNZ as it is a private programme.

Volkswagen is aware this is a private programme, and is keen for it to be under the SRNZ umbrella as soon as possible.

Anton expressed his concern that 2 of the top women are not training with this team.

Tony Oxnevad advised that the SRNZ Mens and Womens Teams will be announced in April 2005; these teams will be training squads from which teams for specific events will be selected.

The selection criteria are yet to be finalised.

Tony advised that the usual VW grants will be paid to the athletes again this year.

Roger Miller advised that VW is keen to see these teams created as this assists with the promotion of ski racing in NZ and Volkswagen.

Snowvision was discussed – a Memorandum of Understanding has been received by SRNZ. The meeting was advised that there is no specific commitment at this stage.

Allocation of funds is at the discretion of Fiona Stevens, Snowvision's director.

SRNZ can request funds for specific projects in a similar manner to pub charity funding.

The **dryland training programme** was raised. The meeting was advised that at this stage there is no funding for the continuation of the programme. However, an application is to be re-lodged with the NZOC for financial assistance.

The situation regarding the CEO was raised.

Roger advised an announcement would be made shortly.

The CEO contract and job description is available on request.

The meeting asked that communication is improved on the current situation.

Peter Duff advised that he felt that the number of top level positions was unnecessary, and that the structure was becoming top heavy.

The Strategic Plan was discussed. The meeting was advised that at present the existing Strategic Plan is still being used. It was agreed that a new Strategic and Business Plans must be put together; this is a big job and will require some time.

The WOPP programme was raised; the meeting was advised that names had been put forward and that a decision is still awaited from the Academy of Sport.

The current Olympic Winter Games selection criteria are currently being negotiated with the NZOC.

SRNZ is hoping there will be little change to the existing criteria; however, the NZOC does want to make some changes.

Rick Pettit advised that he would like to see skiing promoted more to enhance the profile.

It was agreed that this is imperative if the athlete base is going to grow.

5. Alteration to the Constitution

The alteration to clause 8.2 was withdrawn

Moved: Miller

Seconded: Oxnevad

That under clause 13.3 the constitution be amended to read:

No addition to or alteration of the non-profit aims, personal benefit clause or the winding-up clause shall be approved without the approval of Inland Revenue

Carried

6. Setting of Fees

Moved: Miller

Seconded: Café

That subject to the changes agreed to for the casual rate the membership fees will remain the same for 2005.

To May 31 st	Registration	\$50.00
	Registration to include National Points	\$100.00
	Registration to include National and FIS registration	\$150.00

There is currently no fee payable by the member organisations to SRNZ.

There being no further business.
The meeting closed at 3.15 PM

Signed as a true and correct record:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____