



MINUTES OF SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND INC BOARD MEETING

HELD AT: LOWER SHOTOVER ROAD, QUEENSTOWN
ON: WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2004 at 10.30am

1. PRESENT:

Roger Miller
Tony Oxnevad
Wayne Café
Nick Tapper

Sue Bridgwater Acting CEO

2. APOLOGIES:

None

Roger opened the meeting and advised the Board members that it is paramount to the success of the new Board that there be no regional bias to the new structure and that we must rise above the previous parochial issues.

3. ALPINE DIRECTOR

The possibility of funding through SPARC for the position was discussed. SB will progress the application and submit to Mike McHugh. SPARC will advise of their decision within 21 days of receipt. Roger advised that SSNZ is aware of the application. Miles Davidson to provide a letter of support from SSNZ. It was agreed that the Alpine Director position would be advertised as soon as possible via the NBR, Independent and Sunday Star Times, plus the SRNZ and snow.co websites. This will be done in conjunction with the CEO. The position will be a full time contract on a 12-month basis. An interview process will have to be finalised. SB advised that an expression of interest in the AD position had already been received. This will be forwarded to Board members.

4. CEO

This will be a full time position. The new business model that has been adopted by SRNZ demands this. It was agreed that the CEO position would be advertised asap in conjunction with the AD position. SRNZ will apply for SPARC funding through Snowsports Council to assist with funding the position. The application will be for \$50,000.00. It is important that all concerned appreciate that this is the start of a long-term strategy that requires the appropriate staff.

A detailed job description for the CEO will be created.
All replies will be directed to Tony Oxnevad.

Moved: Café

Seconded: Oxnevad

That a budget of \$2,000.00 be allocated for advertising for both the CEO and AD positions.

Carried

5. FINANCE

Funding

Roger advised that the SRNZ application for funding is to be submitted to Snowsports Council and SSNZ by the end of April.

Funding reports from 2003 to be submitted to both Snowsports Council and SSNZ by the end of April.

SSNZ is beginning to realise the importance of SRNZ due to the funding that is generated by the code.

Funding will be applied for for all Board members to attend the VW Nationals at Ruapehu.

The AGM will be held at the Nationals.

The VW sponsorship agreement was briefly discussed.

This year one vehicle is to be supplied under the agreement – various suggestions as to its use were put forward: Alpine Director, CEO athletes etc.

No decision was reached.

6. TEAMS

Tony advised that the Womens Team is in place.

There was concern that it was too late to put a Mens Team in place for the NZ Winter. Roger asked whether it should be called the NZ Womens Team? It is after all currently an independent team run by Claudia Riegler.

Wayne advised that there was a budget for the Women in place for the NZ winter.

It was agreed that the NZ Womens Team must come under the SRNZ umbrella at the end of the NZ season.

A Mens Team will be created at the end of the NZ winter as it was thought to be too late to put this in place now.

The managing of the NZ Mens and Womens teams will be done by the Alpine Director once he/she is in place.

A coach for each team will be sought as soon as the AD is in place.

It was decided that the men will have to train with the regional coaches for the NZ season.

It was raised whether Claudia could be the Programme Director for both the men and women. Wayne advised that she currently has other commitments that would preclude her from doing this due to time constraints.

It was agreed that Claudia should continue to work with the women for this year.

Prior to these teams coming under the SRNZ umbrella there must be clear selection criteria put in place.

Currently Volkswagen is supplying \$50,000.00 towards the Womens Team. They have intimated that a similar figure will be available to the Men in future.

It was agreed that the current team/squad structure be used in future.

Four teams:

1. NZ Mens/Womens Team – top 5
2. National Squad – points criteria selection
3. Junior Team – under 19
4. Youth Team – under 15

However, in future there will be a separate 'pyramid' for the men and women.

The Alpine Director will put the selection criteria in place once he/she is appointed.

It was agreed that the top training group (NZ Mens/Womens Teams) should be around 5 athletes. This is an ideal number from a coaching perspective.

It was suggested that a 'team' should only be selected for specific events, usually from the NZ Mens/Womens Teams. Being a member of these teams does not guarantee selection to a particular event.

Wayne questioned the reasoning behind the lower level teams/squads, as they get nothing tangible from SRNZ except some clothing.

Tony advised that these athletes are a crucial development area and need to be focussed on.

A well understood and recognised progression path, similar to the AIM document, is imperative to the support of the athletes.

Moved: Café

Seconded: Miller

That the above team structure be approved.

Carried

7. SNOW SPORTS NEW ZEALAND

SB will attend the NZOC AGM and Forum on April 27th.

SSNZ agreed that Eion Edgar is to be supported for President by SSNZ.

Snow.co.nz has agreed to a FOC link between the SRNZ site and the snow.co site.

Olympic selection criteria is to be sent to all team athletes. The Board is also to receive a copy.

Roger attended the SSNZ meeting for SRNZ and advised that Mary Lee, David Howden and Stu Wadell (possibly) will attend the FIS Congress in Miami.

SSNZ has allocated \$12,000 towards expenses for this.

The SRNZ Board must decide who will represent it at future FIS meetings.

It was agreed that Tony Oxnevad attend Miami for SRNZ. Dates and information to be forwarded to Tony. This is an excellent opportunity for Tony to attend meetings and network etc

Tony is also keen to become a member of the ANC Committee. He will attend the ANC meeting in Miami.

SRNZ should support the ANC events and find a way to make it work better for the athletes.

8. SKI POOL

The possibility of resurrecting a ski pool was discussed. The idea of the pool is for all wholesalers to put equipment into the pool. The wholesalers will pay into SRNZ to be included.

The equipment in the pool would then be allocated to the athletes.

It was suggested that both the Mens and Womens Teams should be set up prior to going to the NZSIF with the proposal.

The new Board should present the proposal to the NZSIF once this is done.
It was proposed that this should be in place for the 2005 NZ Winter.
It was agreed that a representative from SRNZ should attend the next NZSIF meeting, if this is acceptable to the NZSIF.

9. SNOWVISION

The Snowvision and Black on White proposal was discussed.
Nick advised that he felt the document was broad, and not yet ready to present to potential sponsors – this would require a greater breakdown. The value of the investment needs to be emphasised. Athletes must have greater exposure, especially at events. The whole idea is sound and needs to be worked on with a view to presenting it to strong corporate sponsors.
Wayne advised that Fiona Stevens has agreed to work with SRNZ on a commission basis. This must be formalised.
If the proposal is successful it will make a huge difference to the future of SRNZ.
Fiona will be asked to attend the next meeting.
Nick will help Fiona to fine tune the proposal for presentation.
It was agreed that the proposal should ultimately be driven by SRNZ.

10. MEDIA

Jenny McLeod joined the meeting. She explained what her role had been in the past, compiling and circulating press releases etc. Requesting articles on particular athletes. Once Jenny had left it was decided that Jenny had done a very good job in the past and the Board would like her to continue with her role.
A fee of \$3,500.00 plus GST will be negotiated for the next 12 months.
Nick will liaise with Jenny on related matters.

11. MASTERS

An overview was given of the current Masters set-up by Tony.
Around 6/7 events are held, each independently, there is no uniform points system, it is considered that the SRNZ points addition is somewhat subjective.
A proposal on behalf of some of the Masters has been received from Ray Bradley. The proposal suggests that the Masters would like a uniform points system, to run FIS Masters events, and to form a sub-committee to oversee the Masters section.
These changes are major.
The first hurdle is to encourage all the ROCs to use the same points system.
It was agreed that SRNZ agrees in principle with the proposal but that it must have the support of the majority of Masters racers.
Tony was given the mandate to continue with negotiations with Ray Bradley.

12. GENERAL

Graham Smolenski addressed the meeting over lunch.
Graham advised that nzski.com is committed to assisting SRNZ. This year major earthworks have been undertaken at Coronet Peak in Rocky Gully. Snowmaking facilities will also be installed for this winter. This is specifically for race training.
There are future plans for Mt Hutt.

Roger advised that the FIS calendar is to be sent to Miles before 30th April for calendaring with FIS.
The question of who pays the calendaring fees was raised. SB to investigate.

A news update is to be compiled and sent to all registered athletes. This will include the contact details for the new Board, registration information, TD & ROC Seminar dates in Sydney etc

The FIS TD & ROC Seminar is in Sydney 14-16 May.

Ginny Bush, Simon Brebner and Greg Woolman have joined to form a sports medicine group.

Much of the work done especially by Ginny is FOC.

The group would like some form of official recognition from SRNZ.

It was agreed that Tony put a contract together.

Tony advised that he feels that the new Board must be transparent, able to listen to the membership. He felt that it is important that the SRNZ Board should attend Regional Organisations AGMs.

The membership should be encouraged to network with SRNZ. The goal for both the regional and national organisations is common – to make the athletes the best they can be.

The Handbook needs to be updated for 2004. Wayne will assist SB with this.

Currently there is only one signatory required for SRNZ cheques. SB advised she is a little uncomfortable about this situation.

It was agreed that all cheques will be countersigned – the bank will be advised of this and new signatories added. Tony and Roger agreed to be added as signatories.

It was agreed that SRNZ should work with SAANZ and the NZSIF to promote snowsports and ski racing on the television.

Lobbying Sky TV by members is one possibility to encourage them to televise a similar programme to the one shown in Australia.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm

Next meeting TBC – sometime May

Signed as a true and correct record:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____