

MINUTES OF SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC. 108th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 12 August 2018, 10 a.m.
Sports House, Saxton Stadium

Present:

Stephen Fryer	Chair	Phil McMath	BSC
Hamish Neill	Deputy Chair	Lorraine McMath	BSC
Jim Sinner	SNM	Dave Hall	NLS
Margaret Young	Life Member	Fiona Lulham	NLS
Jos Pattison	Life Member	Mark Lile	NLS
Steve Malthus	WMA	Melinda Baigent	TAS
Mandy Thomas	TAS	Lees Seymour	TAS
Karla Thurlow	TAS	Lindie Nelson	SNM

Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting. As it is his last meeting, he thanked everyone for their help over many years.

Stephen invited everyone to stand to remember the people who have passed away.

1) Welcome to Voting Representatives, Roll Call and Notice of Voting Rights

Stephen read the names of Voting Representatives and the number votes to be exercised by each club. The Voting Representatives and number of votes are:

Blenheim (84)	Lorraine McMath
Golden Bay (2)	<i>no delegate present</i>
Kaikoura (0)	<i>no delegate present</i>
Motueka (29)	<i>no delegate present</i>
Murchison (0)	<i>no delegate present</i>
Nelson South (104)	Dave Hall
Tasman (111)	Lees Seymour
Waimea (65)	Steve Malthus

Jim explained the voting rules, confirming that the total present is 364, so a majority is 183 votes. The AGM has a quorum.

Moved to confirm the Voting Representatives as named

Steve Malthus/Lees Seymour
Carried

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah Woodhouse, Ross Bragg, Susie Foster, Philippa Thain and Steve Fox.

3) Minutes of the One Hundred and Seventh Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 107th AGM were tabled at the meeting.

Moved that the minutes of the 107th AGM be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting

Lorraine McMath/ Steve Malthus
Carried

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4a) Minutes of special general meetings

The minutes of the special general meetings held in 2017 were tabled at the meeting.

Moved to approve the minutes of the SGMs of 10 September and 29 October 2017 as true and correct records

Hamish Neill/Dave Hall
Carried

5) Consideration of SNM Annual Financial Statements, Statement of Accounts,

The annual accounts in the printed annual report did not print well, so a new version was tabled at the meeting.

Susie is away but Jim invited questions. He noted that the surplus is much lower this year, partly due to timing of income and expenses for the 2017 SNZ Zonal meet, with income falling in 2017 and expenses paid in 2018. The review of the accounts has not been completed, so there may be some changes following the review. There were no questions about the accounts.

Moved to approve the Annual Financial Statements and Statement of Accounts, subject to independent review

Jim Sinner/Hamish Neill
Carried

6) Consideration of SNM Inc Annual Report

The SNM Annual Report was pre-circulated to clubs and was posted on the SNM website. A short version was also tabled at the meeting. There were no questions.

Moved to approve the 108th Annual Report of Swimming Nelson Marlborough Inc

Stephen Fryer/Mark Lile
Carried

7) Tabling of Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements from Clubs

Reports were received from:

- a) Blenheim
- b) Kaikoura
- c) Golden Bay
- d) Motueka
- e) Nelson South
- f) Tasman
- g) Waimea

The Golden Bay annual report was not available at the time the SNM annual report was printed, but it has been included in the revised annual report which is available on the SNM website. No accounts were received from Tasman Swimming Club. Mandy advised that these accounts have not been reviewed yet.

Moved to receive the Annual Reports and Financial Statements submitted by Clubs

Lees Seymour/Steve Malthus
Carried

8) Election of Board

There are two vacancies on the Board. The following Board nominations have been received:

- a) Nelson South: Susie Foster

Moved that, there being a single nomination for 2 vacancies, Susie Foster be declared elected to the Board of Swimming Nelson Marlborough

Lorraine McMath/Steve Malthus
Carried

Jim noted that the Board can appoint members to fill casual vacancies. The Board may go back to clubs inviting suggestions. This is a good opportunity to appoint an independent Board member.

Hamish reminded the meeting that the Board is the governance entity and in some regions boards have had to deal with issues related to pastoral care and financial management. Nelson Marlborough needs to have a full complement of Board members if any of these hard issues come forward.

8a) Expressions of interest in the Management Committee

Stephen enquired whether there is anyone interested in joining the SNM Management Committee, noting that appointments are made by the Board. Karla Thurlow expressed interest in joining the SNM management committee.

9) Announcement of Service and Honours Awards

Awards Committee members Jos Pattison and Hamish Neill announced the SNM awards.

Jos prefaced his comments by noting that the badges for the SNM awards need review to acknowledge the huge support that recipients have provided to the sport. For now, the committee is presenting pockets, but asks the Board to discuss the badges, suggesting that they should be bigger than the ones given to swimmers to make them stand out. The committee also asked the Board to consider what would be an appropriate badge for Life Members.

Recognition Awards:

Jenny Limmer (Waimea)
Shirley Hollis (Waimea)
Maddy King (Golden Bay)
Ryoko Takahashi (Golden Bay)
John Scobie (Blenheim)
Steve Fox (Tasman)
Mandy Thomas (Tasman)
Dave Hall (Nelson South)

Service Awards:

Fiona Lulham (Nelson South)

Honours Awards:

Sarah Woodhouse (Blenheim)
Kirsty Rukuwai (Nelson South)

Life Membership:

Hamish Neill (Nelson South)

Moved that Hamish Neill be confirmed as a new Life Member of SNM

Jos Pattison/Jim Sinner
Carried

Jos also noted that the Awards Committee has nominated Stephen Fryer for an SNZ Honours Award. The outcome will be known in October.

10) Announcement of trophies

Jim announced the winners of the annual SNM trophies:

Belsham Trophy¹ for the best swim of the year:	Clara Foster (50m breast, SC)
Wendy Fryer Cup for the swimmer of the year:	Sierra Thomas

¹ The SNM Management Committee subsequently recognised Matai McGuinniety as a joint winner of the Belsham Trophy for a 50m butterfly (LC) swim.

11) Consideration of other items of business

Stephen invited Lorraine to talk to the Blenheim Club's item of business, proposing that "technical suits" be disallowed for swimmers 12 years and under. Lorraine noted that the Makos Committee is considering whether, for South Island meets, the rules of the local region are followed or the SNZ rules are followed. Otago and Canterbury have rules in relation to technical swim suits for 12 & unders – but they are different. Otago does not allow boys to wear bonded seam jammers but allows girls to wear bonded seam brief swimsuits. Canterbury allows jammers but not bonded seam swimsuits. The Makos Committee believes Canterbury rules are more workable.

Dave noted that Nelson South does not support the remit as it stands. The SNM Management Committee has discussed this on two occasions and concluded it should be addressed at a national level by Swimming New Zealand.

Fiona also noted there is a particular difficulty for the SI Champs. At SI champs the age group is 12-14, but under the Canterbury rules the 12 year olds cannot wear bonded race suits whereas the 13 and 14 year olds can.

Jim to follow up regarding the status of policies from Canterbury and Wellington and when they take effect.

Jim asked if the AGM was of the view that a national policy from SNZ would be preferred to regions acting independently. If there is a remit or discussion at the national AGM, should our region support having a consistent policy across New Zealand? There was general agreement to this proposition, noting it would be better to have national rules – otherwise swimmers have to meet different rules in different places.

Moved to withdraw the item of business

Lorraine McMath/Lees Seymour
Carried

12) Special recognition of Stephen Fryer

Hamish acknowledged Stephen's contributions to swimming in our region over 24 or more years, and shared with the meeting the material submitted to SNZ in support of the nomination for an SNZ Honours award (attached).

In addition, Hamish made special note of Stephen's effective leadership, including in particular his relationship with Swim Canterbury West Coast which lead directly to SNM being loaned the touchpads we use. Stephen has had good relationships around the regional boards through his involvement in Project Vanguard leading into the SNZ review. Stephen is not an email guy – he gets on the phone to get the decisions made and build the relationships.

Hamish also noted that, as a leader, Stephen has managed strong personalities and made tough decisions that weren't always going to please everyone. Stephen is determined and prepared to fail, but he always got up to do it again and never lost focus on what it is all about: the sport of swimming and the swimmers.

Margaret presented Stephen with a farewell gift.

Stephen reflected on whether he was doing the right thing to step down, and concluded that it is right. He is travelling extensively and cannot do this job when he is overseas. He thanked everyone for their support. He has enjoyed his time with Swimming Nelson Marlborough and still enjoys it, and hopes to continue to see people around the pool.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am



Honours recognition, Stephen Fryer

Nelson South

Club Member and volunteer 1995
Club Captain 1997
Committee Member 1996 - 2010
Club President 1998 – 2003
Club Life Membership 2008

Swimming Nelson Marlborough

President Swimming Nelson/Marlborough 2003-2009, 2011-2014
Chairman Swimming Nelson/Marlborough 2003 – 2011 and 2013 - 2018
Chairman Swimming Nelson Marlborough Management Committee 2014-2015 2016-present
Swimming Nelson Marlborough Technical Committee 2001 – 2002 and 2005- 2018
Swimming Nelson Marlborough Examiner 2003 - 2014
Swimming Nelson Marlborough Board 2003 - 2018

Technical official activities

National IOT 1999
SNM IOT from 1998, Starter from 1998, Timekeeper from 1999, Referee from 2000
Stephen has officiated at regional meets in the above categories continuously from 1998 - 2018

Other activities

As President and or chairman of Swimming Nelson Marlborough, Stephen attended most of Swimming NZ AGMs and led three Swimming NZ national initiatives in Nelson Marlborough:

- 1) R.A.D.s
- 2) Project Vanguard
- 3) SNZ Review

Stephen attended a FINA clinic held in Wellington by NZ Swimming NZ

President of Nelson Marlborough area for Division Two in Nelson 2002

President of Nelson Marlborough area for South Island Championships 2007, 2013 and 2017

In Stephen's time as President, Chairman and Technical Officer of Swimming Nelson Marlborough he has travelled extensively throughout our large region and New Zealand. He has done this willingly at his own expense both financially and time wise, to train technical personnel and assist in keeping swimming as a viable sport for all clubs.

Stephen has assisted regularly at SNM Special Olympic events.

Stephen has not had a child swimming for over 20 years but has remained committed to swimming and Swimming Nelson Marlborough in a leadership role for nearly 2 decades.