

SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC.

MINUTES FOR SNM BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 6 December 2017
Cawthron Institute, Nelson

Present: Susie Foster, Hamish Neill, Jim Sinner (chair), Lees Seymour and Sarah Woodhouse (by phone)
In attendance: Steve Fox, Mark Smale, Mark Lile, Melinda Baigent, Fiona Lulham

1. CHAIR: In the absence of Stephen Fryer, Hamish (Deputy Chair) asked Jim to chair the meeting, given that Hamish needed to participate in the discussion as chair of the Makos Committee.
2. WELCOME: Jim welcomed all and noted that the purpose of the meeting is to resolve the nature of the request to SNZ regarding the SNM Resolution for Juniors to move to the All Stars Junior Festival.
3. APOLOGIES: Stephen Fryer
4. SGM resolution and consultation

Lees summarised his consultation with Makos Committee, other SI region Chairs, and All Stars.

- Makos Committee: support proposal to move to All Stars provided SNM swimmers meet Makos qualifying times and OK for clubs to choose which festival to attend.
- SI Chairs: support shift to All Stars, but don't want clubs to have the choice of which Junior Festival to attend and don't want SNM changing every year. No comment was made regarding the qualifying times.
- All Stars: Happy to have SNM join the All Stars Junior Festival and believe we should use All Stars times.

Lees then advised Steve Johns of the process and views expressed, noting that there was support for SNM swimmers to attend the All Stars Junior Festival, but there are 3 issues without full agreement:

1. Qualifying times
2. Club choice
3. Length of time the move is valid for

Hamish noted that Steve Johns (CE of Swimming NZ) has said that as long as we have the agreement from Makos Committee, SI regions and All Stars, SNZ will support the move, so the issue is how to get full agreement.

Board members expressed differing views about what qualifying times SNM swimmers should meet to attend the All Stars Festival. A majority favoured using All Stars times if we could get agreement and get this approved quickly, though Makos times were seen as an acceptable fall back. There was also concern that further consultation could delay a decision, when families were already very anxious for a decision.

Given the need to get agreement as soon as possible, it was agreed to remove club choice from the proposition, i.e. all SNM clubs would send their Juniors to the All Stars meet. The 'length of time' was not seen as a major sticking point that required a decision now, and the Board cannot control the outcome of another resolution at an AGM.

Lees could call the SI Chairs to find out whether they can support us going with All Stars times. If they do, Hamish can advise the Makos Committee that the regions do not require us to use Makos qualifying times.

Moved that we seek agreement from SI regions and the Makos Committee for SNM swimmers to use All Stars qualifying times, with all SNM clubs going to All Stars Junior Festival. If agreement is not forthcoming from all SI regions and Makos Committee then we advise SNZ that we are willing to use Makos qualifying times. The Board delegates to Hamish and Lees to finalise the recommendation to SNZ.

Hamish and Lees will aim to get this done in the next few days and send an email to the Board summarising the outcome.

Fiona expressed her appreciation of the Board's efforts and acknowledged it is difficult when there is a difference of views among the clubs. The Board should consider how to allow all clubs to participate at AGMs eg by teleconference.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm