

SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC.

SNM BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

6.30 pm Tuesday 9 January 2018
Cawthron Institute, Nelson

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES - Lindie Nelson

In attendance: Lorraine McMath, Andy Adair

3. MINUTES --

Approve minutes of meeting of 14 November – Hamish/Jim/carried

No matters arising

Approve minutes of meeting of 6 December –Jim/Susie/carried

No matters arising

4. TREASURER’S REPORT – no report. Very little activity since last meeting.

All outstanding invoices and fees owing to us are all paid up.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- Junior Festival - The Board discussed the question of what qualifying times SNM swimmers will be required to use. Andy Adair stated his views that we should be using All Stars times to maximise the number of swimmers able to attend the Junior Festival. Board members noted that the decision is made by SNZ, and we were following advice from Steve Johns about the conditions under which SNZ would allow our swimmers to attend the All Stars festival. After considerable discussion, we agreed to conclude other business and then adjourn the Board meeting until after the Management Committee meeting.
- Strategic plan review – Lees confirmed that Tim Maples has agreed to facilitate a strategic planning session for the Board and Mgmt Committee on Sunday 11 Feb, 9am to 1 pm, at Cawthron (room to be advised, depends on numbers). (See Management Committee minutes re invitation to clubs.)

Moved – to adjourn the meeting until after the Management Committee meeting tonight, in case there is other business to be considered.

Jim/Stephen Fryer/carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Stephen reconvened the Board meeting at 8:50 to continue the discussion of Junior Festival and qualifying times. In attendance, in addition to all Board members, were Steve Fox, Melinda Baigent, Dave Hall, Mark Lile, Steve Malthus and Lorraine McMath, having stayed on following the Management Cmte meeting.

Lees reported on the email correspondence that Melinda had in December with Steve Johns about All Stars qualifying times. The Board recalled its decision on 6 December to consult again with other regions and the Makos Committee to seek agreement that we could use All Stars qualifying times. The Board also agreed that if we could not get agreement from all parties (as specified by SNZ), that we were willing to accept Makos qualifying times, in the interest of getting a decision confirmed prior to Christmas.

Lees then contacted the other regions and met continued resistance from Canterbury West Coast, who still wanted us to use Makos qualifying times. In light of this, the Board agreed, by email, to advise SNZ that although we preferred to use All Stars times, we could not get agreement on this and therefore ask them to allow us to enter the All Stars festival using Makos times. We also agreed to require all SNM clubs to attend

All Stars, as requested by some of the SI regions. Hamish sent the email and Steve Johns replied on 19 December approving our request that SNM juniors who qualify for the Makos festival may attend the All Stars festival and shall not attend the Makos festival.

Stephen Fryer asked for clubs' views on whether we should ask SNZ to change the situation and allow us to use All Stars times. Of those present at the meeting, Tasman still wanted to pursue the option of using All Stars qualifying times, whereas Nelson South, Blenheim and Waimea representatives considered that we should accept the current position and move on. Nelson South suggested we could pursue the option of using All Stars times in 2019.

The Board confirmed the outcome that SNM Juniors attending the All Stars festival shall use the Makos times.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – 6.30 pm 13 March 2018