

SWIMMING NELSON MARLBOROUGH INC

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

10 a.m. Sunday 29 October 2017

Aloha Motel, Beach Road, Tahunanui, Nelson

Present: Stephen Fryer; Hamish Neill; Susie Foster; Lorraine McMath; Phillippa Thain; Dave Hall; Steve Fox; Melinda Baigent; Mandy Thomas; Ryoko Takahashi; Andy Adair; Rachel Myers; Allan Bryson; Marion Hughes; Sarah Woodhouse

Apologies: Lees Seymour; Phil McMath; Jim Sinner; Lindie Nelson; Mark Smale

1. The meeting was declared open at 10 a.m. Stephen welcomed the attendees.
2. In the absence of Lindie, Sarah Woodhouse was appointed Secretary.
3. Roll call: the voting representatives for Blenheim, Golden Bay, Motueka, Nelson South, Tasman and Waimea were all present. There was no representation from Kaikoura.
4. Stephen reminded all present that a resolution at a SGM requires 2/3 of the votes being cast to pass. The voting numbers were confirmed as: Blenheim – 95; Golden Bay – 80; Motueka – 46; Nelson South – 99; Tasman – 111; Waimea – 60; totalling 491 votes. So 327 votes required to pass.
5. The Tasman remit was read out to the meeting *‘to consider moving from the Makos zone to the All Stars zone for all Junior swimmers, commencing immediately, so that junior swimmers can qualify for and attend the All Stars 2018 junior festival’*. Tasman (Melinda) was given the opportunity to speak to the remit. There was some discussion to clarify what would happen if all juniors don’t want to attend the All Stars meet, and whether the move to the All Stars zone is permanent. Hamish reiterated the stance of SNZ (email dated 17 Oct 17) that SNZ would support SNM juniors swimming at All Stars as long as the other regions within the Makos zone agree and the All Stars zone is supportive. SNZ would also support a split in SNM ie clubs could choose to attend either the Makos or All Stars zonal meets.

Lorraine queried how SNM would be placed to retain the hosting rights to 2019 Makos zonal meet (currently awarded to Blenheim pool), and whether SNM would want to attend the Makos zonal meet at CWC in 2020. There was subsequent discussion on the capacity of Blenheim to host the juniors meet in the future, and travel costs to Wellington versus southern destinations. Hamish further reiterated the SNZ points raised in the 17 Oct email – that the Simon Perry zonal proposal is outside the scope of the remit; that SNZ will support the SNM remit if other regions agree; that SNZ is aware the remit does not have unanimous support within SNM. It was also mooted that there is some benefit to the southern regions cost-wise if they do not have to travel to the NM region to attend meets. It was further noted that when the new CHCH facility is operating it may become the single location for

junior festival meets (in the same way that Wellington is the permanent host for All Stars junior festivals).

Andy Adair requested the opportunity to speak. He stated that the issue is swimmer development. Swimming is an expensive sport and for 12 and under swimmers travelling to Wellington represented a cost effective opportunity. If Wellington is the singular location then travel and accommodation plans can be made well in advance, taking advantage of low fares etc, and also minimal disruption to schooling etc. The alternative is that three out of four events are in the southern region (although one of those would be Canterbury). Tasman could send 28 swimmers to Wellington vs 10 to Dunedin based on current qualifying times. Nelson South would probably have similar figures. It is part of the region's responsibility to develop swimmers. Andy then presented figures comparing the numbers who had attended NZ juniors over the last five years compared to those who could attend at Wellington. Sarah identified that the comparison was not entirely relevant as the NZ juniors qualifying times were quite tougher than the zonal qualifying times (Makos times being closer to NZ junior times than All Stars times are). Lorraine commented that junior swimmers are easily overwhelmed at such a large meet, especially in the warm up, and that junior swimmers can be daunted by the long session times. The purpose of the SIC&T meet is to be a progressive step up to Div II, NAGs and beyond.

6. There being no further discussion, Stephen called on Tasman to move the remit. Tasman moved that '*SNM move from the Makos zone to the All Stars zone for Junior swimmers*'. Moved Melina Baigent (Tasman); seconded Dave Hall (Nelson South).

Votes in favour: Golden Bay; Tasman; Nelson South; Waimea (350)

Votes against: Blenheim; Motueka

Decision: Carried.

7. The decision would be considered by the SNM Board and taken further with SNZ.

Meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.