

FINAL
National Sport Committee Notes
Phone Meeting
25th October 2016

- Present:** Fraser Bickley – Southern
Mike Lord – SLSNZ Sport Manager
Joel Davies – Appointed
Dion Williams – Eastern
Scott Bicknell – Central
- Apologies:** Colin Weatherall – SLSNZ Board liaison
Maddie Boon – Northern
Brad O’Leary (Chair) – Appointed
Dave Shanks – Appointed
Wayne Franich – ILS Sport Commission Delegate

The key items discussed at this meeting are shown in the table below:

Ref	Topic
1	<p>Election of a Chairperson for the NSC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brad O’Leary was nominated and endorsed by the NSC.
2	<p>Communication - internal to NSC, but also between sub-groups and stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing of communication has been to slow again and the committee felt in the dark for a couple of weeks when setting up this last meeting. There was a misunderstanding around the meeting date plus with some positions being up for re-election this caused some uncertainty for those involved. It was covered off that it was still suitable for members up for re application to be on the communication with the NSC during the re-election period as their knowledge and experience is still valuable to the NSC. It was raised if there is anything else the NSC can do to assist in the communication and organising the meetings and agenda to keep it moving forward. The Sport Manager raised the point that back in March when we discussed this last the advisory committees are supposed to run their own meetings and take their own minutes from those meetings. Only the IRB group have managed to do this effectively but still rely on the Sport Manager to be a key part of the meetings which is going back to the same issues. New advisory committee will have the scene set again and have the committee self-lead to try and resolve this issue (call facilities will help with this). NSC can assist with setting agendas and confirming attendance to the meeting, meeting schedule is on line in the TOR and this will email this back out to the committee and send calendar invites to the committee. It was raised that it would be good to have a paragraph or two on each agenda item on what it’s about and what we are looking to achieve would be helpful and would fast track the meetings. It was raised the need to get ahead of where we are at and have the main topics clear and in a plan then we can plan well ahead. NSC meeting to have reports completed on their topics to the group ahead of the meetings.
3	<p>Pool champs - preliminary review, by way of thoughts/feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sport manager outlined the review process. Surveys are out and will be included in the EMC report. EMC have a review meeting coming up and will complete a review report for the NSC to see and discuss high level items. Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Really good feedback from pool champs. Great to split the young and old. Programme line throw to be the last event on the Friday as it puts the breaks on the event.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obstacles being in on Sunday could have saved a lot of time. ○ Club points system could go back to previous system and could have a club point added. The sport manager clarified that the NSC changed the points a year ago to align this with other events. Will see if there is any major feedback around the points. ○ Ross Merrett could squeeze into a 2 day event. The Sport Manager covered that there is room to change the programme and could be possible but have to take into account Officials time in the pool, water crew time, athletes loading and if we change to a 8 lane pool then we add an hour to the programme each day. ○ Will need a rule review this side of Christmas to fix and align some key things. ○ Purchas meet manager so we have full control over the uploading of our programme. Would allow for better alignment across the country. ○ Good numbers – 603 is the biggest event we have but run the event faster than previous events. ○ Booking the entire pool and having use of the whole space was a real benefit. ○ Pro’s and Con’s with having the athletes all on pool side and parents spectators in stands.
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>Update/ progress on HP review. Also, discussion on appointment panel to complete 2016/18 interviews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process for review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Athletes Surveys for the management ○ Coaches debrief with athletes ○ Management teams write a full report on Worlds back to SLSNZ and NSC ○ 2016 review report to HPSNZ end of October. ○ Exit interview held once we know who is stepping down with the management ○ Review meeting with HPSNZ in November to talk through our review report and planning and questions on the 2018 campaign application. ○ Independent person reviewing our campaign and talking to SLSNZ and Management around issues and recommendation moving forward. • Additional to the review we are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Writing applications to HPSNZ for 2017-18 campaign funding which is due end of October. ○ Advertising all management positions which close on in December. • Appointment Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The appointments panel was clarified. Appointments are then endorsed by the board following that.
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>Update on 2016/17 Events programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of small changes to the Rep Challenge. <p>NZ Representative Surf Boat Challenge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The venue for the Representative Surf Boat Challenge has been confirmed as Waihi Beach in conjunction with the North Island Surf Boats, Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test and Champion of Champions Event. The full weekends programme is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 4th February 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.00am - North Island Surf Boat Championships and Trans-Tasman Test series (NZ vs Australia) Sunday 5th February 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.00am – NZ Representative Surf Boat Challenge • 12.30pm – Champion of Champions <p>NZ Representative Challenge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start time has been brought forward to 8.30am. 2. Beach flags have been moved back in the programme to allow for the high tide to drop. Update programme is available in the event memo or click here. 3. To decrease the time taken to complete the event the following changes have been made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf Races will be combined with Youth and Open racing together (note separate points and placings will be taken)

- We have removed the Surf Teams race from the programme. This brings the opportunity for each discipline to race to the following. Swim 4, Board 4, Ski 3, Beach 4, Iron 1.
- We will run two beach flags pits meaning youth and open will race in separate pits at the same time.
- Beach Flags and Beach Sprints will only require one male or female to compete instead of two. This is to also allow for the points system to work more efficiently for the event.
- Note with the Beach Sprint and Beach Relays being after each other we will allow for recovery time between these events.
- It was raised that the Surf Team last year was an exciting event so a shame to see it taken out but understands the timing and balance of the programme. He also recommended that it would be great to get some separation between parents and athletes and try and have an athlete only space for teams to relax in.

Endorsement: The above changes were endorsed by the NSC.

- **General Event Updates:**
 - **North Island IRB's** confirmed for Oakura, 11 February 2017 and advertised to clubs.
 - **Oceans**
 - Scott Bicknell is the Event Manager and the EMC are catching up on the organising of this event and information to clubs. Below are some recommendations from the EMC for the NSC to endorse:
 - It was discussed by the EMC that the programme is heavy and health and safety there are some issues with working off the MT beach. The Lifeguard arena safety roles worked really well using the Search volunteers to fill these. Also cater for warm ups better as clubs are still not doing a good job of watching their athletes.
 - Tube Rescue U12 event to be removed:
 - Event is very long and takes 3 hours to complete.
 - Days are getting to long and is a risk event.
 - Physically difficult to manage the dropping of patients at the buoys and sits outside the loading rate of the IRBs. Overloading IRBs above the specs and usually launching IRBs into a shore dump in the Mt.
 - Expecting the athletes then to tread water until they are rescued which is about the guide lines of the Junior Surf Manual. (outside of the kids physical recommended range).
 - The event has been run for 14 years so change will be hard and membership will have their views.
 - Feedback from NSC
 - The tube event does slow the programme and takes ages.
 - Kids in that event won't be allowed to compete up in U14.
 - Right discussion and reasoning on the discussion in conjunction with H&S was the right way to put it.
 - Need to make sure the communication is clear to the membership and reasoning is sound. (there will still be heat on this decision from the membership)
 - Restrict entries to 4 entries per clubs for Rescue Events.
 - 8 hours is the competition time per day and if it goes over then it will be a meeting for the EMC and will not go over the 9 hours per day.
 - Consult further for the bigger picture for events and the philosophy to see if this is changing. Are we keeping up with the membership philosophy? E.g. participation vs competitive.

Support – By those present at the meeting – Check the rest of the NSC for endorsement. NSC endorsed via email.

- Update on **International Challenge** event – invitations to countries will go out this month.
- Update on Confirmed Entries / planning for **NPC Event** 16/17 Season – only those that have confirmed they would send a team have been in touch. Once the above changes

	<p>are advertised to teams we will also seek expressions of interest from team. Event to also be a selection event and check if selectors are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetsuits for nationals – Clarity around the ruling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Notes from last meeting were covered: Wetsuit coms needs to be put out early and specs/process for testing water temperature. Add to health and safety plan outlining the checks for the water temperature. Max 3mm as per specs in rule book and explanation of water temperature testing method. Wetsuits can be worn if bad weather come through also and the Event Ref will notify when this call is made that wetsuits can be worn as per the competition manual. ○ Some additional questions raised: how will this be scrutinised during the event, add minimum temperature in line with ILS and Triathlon 16 or 18?. Wind chill factor to be included in testing standards if we can come up with a standard to test this. ○ Send these questions and notes to the EMC for Nationals to develop a process for testing and advertise this in there communication.
6	<p>Technology – Finish line system testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sport Manager updated the NSC around SLSNZ receiving partial funding for a new system. The Sport Manager talked through a trial phase for the system and see how this can be integrated into the current entries and results system.
7	<p>Advisory Committee update/endorsement and NSC Reps established for Officials, Surf Boats, IRB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf Officials Endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bernie Limbrick, Brian Velvin and Ross Merrett were endorsed for the appointed positions. Endorsed by NSC • IRB Endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brad O’Leary, Shane Edwards and Spencer Raymond were endorsed for the appointed positions. Endorsed by NSC <p>NSC liaison for the Surf Boats, Officials and Surf Boat Advisory Group discussed. It was discussed to ask the current liaisons if they would be willing to continue in these roles. Representative all confirmed they would stay on.</p>
8	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Management Committee directives to be tidied up on what they can change or decide and what the NSC can change and decide: Clarifications to be outlined around what EMC’s need more input or endorsement from the NSC. E.g. financial decisions. Further discussion on this for next NSC meeting. • Process for endorsing Level 2 Official assessors. The process of the Officials Leadership Group to endorse and then NSC to endorse was agreed by the NSC. Process endorsed by the NSC. • It was raised that we need to make sure we have the process for endorsements clear. E.g. IRB venue decision. If we can be in a position where we are thinking ahead the current season and have more time to make clear decisions. • Next meeting – Sport Manager to advertise date for next meeting and ask for availability for next meeting.