SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND

# IRB Sport Advisory Group Meeting

# Minutes

**Date:** 10 October 2017 – 7 pm

**Venue: Go to meeting – conference call**

**Attending:** Dave Hickey (DH), Brad O'Leary (BO), Bradley Walters (BW), Shane Edwards (SE), Spencer Raymond (SR), Peter Gibbons (PG) Ross Merrett (RM).

**Apologie**s: Nil.

**Invited:** None

**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Confirm minutes of last meeting – 11 June 2017
   Moved BO/BW passed minutes as a true and accurate record
3. Matters arising, if any, from minutes of 11 June 2017
   *Question raised re item 4 of previous minutes re feedback from LGC.*
4. Confirm agenda items and order – registration of other business. - *Confirmed*
5. Dialogue re termination of premier competition.
   *Previous meeting confirms that regional and representative dialogue has occurred. There is a desire to retain premier competition from a small sector, largely on social media. There seems to be sympathy to reinstate the premier division and by virtue of this also the senior division. Vigorous debate ensued. Proposed that premier and seniors be reinstated for male division and keep U19 and U22 men's for a further season to create opportunity for further consultation with clubs and regions before revisiting the decision whether to continue, or not, with Senior and Premiers for 2018/19 and beyond. Votes = 4 against, 3 in favour. Motion defeated. Therefore the previous decision to discontinue with Premier and Senior divisions stands. RM to draft memo for IRB SAG input prior to distribution of the decision and the reason why.*
6. Dialogue re proposed finishing method to IRB races. *Summary presented of process to date. Options are to go with either the ILS type finish, or the alternative finish that arose out of the 2017 Nationals as pend by Dave Hickey after wide consultation with clubs, referred to as the 'IRB SAG Finish'. Vote taken in favour of ILS of IRB SAG Finish method. 7 -2 in favour of IRB SAG Finish method. Decided that the IRB SAG Finish method be adopted from 1 October 2017. Passed*
7. Dialogue/comments re SLSNZ Board Helmet decision.
   Can we seek an exception for the crew in the tube event?
   Questions raised about the availability of helmets and the time frame available for clubs to seek funding. Proposed that a conversation be had with the SLSNZ Chair to seek what short term leeway can be provided to allow clubs to get funding. BO to approach the SLSNZ Chair. All agreed.
8. Other Business
   Question re whether foot strap is required or not for racing. *The blanket removal of the right foot strap is questioned. The option to remove the right strap has been*

*considered satisfactory until recently. Proposed that a delegation go to the Board/CEO to seek going back to optional use or not.*
Question re whether 5 knot rule applies in local environments.
*Confirmation that 5 knot applies in all situations and that it is up to the individual clubs to liaise with local harbour masters to seek dispensation. RM to draft a letter for Paul Dalton's consideration and sign off in support of clubs.*

9. Next meeting/s?
   *TBC following response from the action points. Proposed Wednesday 8 Nov.*