

Notice calling for a Special General Meeting of the NZHGPA

Date: July 11 2015

Time: 1 pm

Place: Nelson airport.

Meeting purpose and agenda.

To vote on a temporary amendment to the constitution to allow the AGM to be delayed to November 2015.

Current wording of Constitution 5.14.1:

“The President or in their absence or inability any other member of the Executive Council shall cause one General Meeting to be held each year in the months of August or September to be known as the Annual General Meeting.”

Remit.

That clause 5.14.1 of the constitution be amended by the addition of the words “or no later than the end of November 2015” after the word “September” and that this amendment to be deleted at the next AGM held in 2015.

Why is this necessary?

The president and the executive want to put forward a number of amendments to the constitution in order to make changes to the governance, management and administration of the association.

As these are important proposals we want to ensure there is plenty of time for members and clubs to be consulted before any vote is taken at a general meeting. A separate document will be circulated that outlines the proposals and why they are needed.

The president will be overseas through August and September, the months specified in the constitution for the AGM to be held. As these proposals are largely being drafted by the president it is our belief that he should be present for the AGM to answer questions and give any further detailed explanation before the final vote. The constitution must be amended to allow the AGM to be held after September if the president is to attend.

How will it be done?

By calling a special general meeting with just one item to be voted on we believe the meeting can be held at minimal cost and inconvenience by postal voting. There will still be a physical meeting with a

chairman, minutes will be taken as required by the constitution and delegates may attend in person if they wish. But as there is only this one remit to vote on and the constitution prevents any other matter being discussed at a SGM, there will be little need for face to face discussion and we would anticipate that most club delegates would agree to send their votes by proxy by post to be opened and counted at the meeting.

What do we need to do?

Listed below are the names of the club delegates last notified to the association. Club secretaries need to advise the administrator of any change to these delegates. Each club is entitled to one delegate vote per 30 members or part thereof.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Delegate</u>
Aorangi	Hagen Brueggemann
Auckland	Mark Alton, Leslie Graham
Bay of Plenty	Dave Washer, Wayne Roberts
Canterbury	Dan Campbell
Hawkes Bay	Rebecca Rae
Manawatu	Ross Gray
Marlborough	Russ Read
Northland	Herman Ahrens
Taranaki	Dennis Green
Tasman	
Southland	
Waikato	Ewen Tonar
Wellington	Grant Tatham

Appointed delegates need to determine the wishes of the members they represent in voting on the motion.

Delegates may vote by proxy by post.

Please use the attached voting form to record your vote, fold and seal it in an envelope and write the subject of the vote (i.e. motion delaying the AGM) on the outside of the envelope with your signature. If you are voting as proxy for more than one delegate vote please use a separate form for each vote but you may place them all in one envelope.

Please do not identify yourself on the voting form.

Send these to the NZHGPA administrator Nicky Hamill, at 23 Covent Dr, Stoke, Nelson 7011.

Voting forms will be opened by the administrator and mixed in a ballot box. Counting will be done by the chairman of the meeting scrutinised by the administrator and other members present.

If any delegates wish to attend the meeting and vote in person it will be very short, consisting of only the one remit notified for this SGM and no general business permitted.

What happens next?

After the SGM the executive will send out notice of the AGM, the date of which will depend on the result of the vote.

If the motion to delay the AGM is successful the meeting will be called for early November to give time for the proposed amendments to be discussed at club level and for delegates to canvas the opinions of the members they represent.

If the motion to delay the AGM is lost the meeting will be called for late September to comply with the constitution. The proposed amendments may still be put but there will be less time for discussion at club meetings and the president will not be able to attend to chair the meeting or expand on the proposals.

Voting form

Remit at the special general meeting of the NZHGPA held in Nelson on 11 July 2015.

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