

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the National Umpiring Staff of SNZ held at the SNZ office, Hutt City, Saturday 16th June and Sunday 17th July 2012. Issued for General Distribution – 26 July 2012

Present: Wayne Saunders (Chair), Cass Seeling, Mark McFarlane, Lindsay Edwards, Bill Smith and Nicola Ogier.

In Part: Daph Turner, Eugene Gilbert (SNZ-RM), Naomi Shaw (SNZ-NDOC).

Apologies: Wiremu Tamaki, Dawie Sutton and Dane Dougan (SNZ-GM)

Minute recording secretary: Nicola Ogier

Opening: A traditional blessing through Wiremu's was conveyed by Wayne.

Notified bereavements: Tai Matehe (CB).

- 1.0 **Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting:** **Action**
Confirmed as a true and sufficient record. Nicola/Mark
- 2.0 **Awards**
- 2.1 **Distinguish Service**
Bill tabled the committee report. The recommendation of Don Poy (SL) passed unanimously.
- 2.2 **Notified National/Regional/LA Awards**
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| ▪ AFC Umpire of the year (AK) | Riki Tourangi |
| ▪ Ian Legge Memorial (NH) | Tristan Hutchinson |
| ▪ John Wall Trophy (NH) | Simon Lindsay |
| ▪ Dave Seaton Memorial (NH) | Shaun Poata |
| ▪ Presidents Trophy (HV) | Jo Tangitutu |
| ▪ Umpire of the year (HV) | Tara Harris |
| ▪ Rookie of the year (HV) | Keith Marsh |
- 3.0 **Regional Reports and Recommendations**
- 3.1
- ◆ RDU and LA reports to be circulated to all NUS prior to NUS meeting.
 - ◆ The format of reporting was discussed. NUS to provide standard templates for RDU and LA reports. (Target date September 2012)
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- 3.2 **Lower South Island Region** – RDU written report received from Dawie Sutton was tabled. Annual Reports received from Otago, North Otago and Southland.
- ◆ Grading recommendations. No recommendations received.
- 3.2 **Upper South Island Region** – RDU written report presented by Nicola Ogier. Annual Reports received from Canterbury, Marlborough and Nelson.
- ◆ Following discussion it was moved to recombine the South Island back into one region.
Moved: Nicola/Lindsay
 - ◆ Grading recommendations. No recommendations received.
- 3.3 **Central Region** – RDU written report presented by Lindsay Edwards. Annual Reports received from Hawkes Bay, Wanganui, Manawatu, Wellington, Tairāwhiti and Hutt Valley.
- ◆ Approved grading recommendation. L4 to L5 – Terry Ratu (HV)
- 3.4 **Northern Region** – RDU written report presented by Bill Smith. Annual Reports received from Auckland, WBOP, Waikato, North Harbour and Counties Manukau.
- ◆ Approved grading recommendation. L4 to L5 – Andrew McManus (NH)
- 3.5 **RDU Regional Recommendations**

The two yearly RDU appointment cycle is not due until next year. Discussions were held on succession planning and with the Central RDU Lindsay Edwards now elected as a Deputy Director, the SI approved to return to one Region and a review of the RDU unattached role. The following Regional recommendations are confirmed.

- ◆ South Island – Nicola Ogier Assistant: Dawie Sutton
- ◆ Central Region – Wiremu Tamaki; Assistant: Jeremy England (unchanged)
- ◆ Northern Region – Bill Smith (unchanged); Assistant: Glen Nalepa and Riki Tourangi (Confirmed with Bill Smith post meeting)

3.6 **Regional Preseason Clinics**

Recommended content – Rules knowledge (field application/case-plays), the use of ISF mechanics is considered as SNZ's world best practice (the four essential element theory is the over arching theory of ISF mechanics), use ASA Mechanics DVD (attached ISF-DU plate mechanic diagram), revised Pitching POE if required, promotion of ISF UmpSchool, UIC available via Skype.

- ◆ Central Regional Clinic at Hutt Valley, September 15th & 16th
- ◆ South Island Regional Clinic at Oamaru, September 22nd & 23rd.
- ◆ Northern Regional Clinic at Auckland, September 15th & 16th
- ◆ Clinic programmes to be sent to Cass Seeling.
- ◆ Facilitators to include ISF Seminar lead-in programme candidates

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4.0 **National**

4.1 **National Tournament Chief Umpire Reports**

Written reports were received from TCU's and referred to at the meeting.

- ◆ First draft of the accommodation schedule room arrangements to be reviewed.
- ◆ Improvement opportunity- the increase of rules knowledge application. This subject to be added to regional clinic programmes.
- ◆ UIC to arrange for the issuing of a Bar & Replacement certificate to Tamati Howard (AK).
- ◆ Names of successful Level 2, 3 and 4 candidates will be listed in the Annual National records.

4.2 **Level 7 Group Report**

A written report was received and spoken to by convenor Lindsay Edwards.

- ◆ After consultation, two Level 7 mentors have been assigned to all ISF Certification Seminar Lead-in candidates. Additional mentors have also been assigned on request.
- ◆ Updated lead-in candidate list to be confirmed by UIC.
- ◆ Selected 2013 ISF Certification Seminar presentations to be made available.
- ◆ Mentor reports will be part of the final NUS recommendation process confirming candidate selection to the 2014 Oceania ISF Certification Seminar provisionally proposed to be held in conjunction with the NFC, Christchurch, February 2014.
- ◆ Women's umpiring development programme has seen a continuation of networking between female umpires. Increased female officiating at Premier Women's Invitation Tournaments has been achieved through funding. This initiative lead by Nicola is being supported through SNZ.
- ◆ The monitoring of umpires with regarding potential by the NUS continues.

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4.3 **Grading Reviews**

Practical assessments undertaken at this season's National Tournaments were discussed.

- ◆ Grading Recommendations: L5 to L6 – Dave Beaumont (CB) and Jeff Weber (AK).
- ◆ The following umpires are to be invited to be assessed for L6 at a U19 National Tournament or above. Dave Fortin (CB), John Hickman (NH), Tony Kaiaruna (WN), Phil Packer (HV), Darrel Paul (HB), Chris Radford (AK) and Dawie Sutton (OG).

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- 4.4 **Trans Tasman Exchange**
UIC to consult with NUS post meeting UIC
- 5.0 **Committee Responsibilities**
- 5.1 **NZ Committee Responsibilities:**
Finance and Budget - UIC/SNZ
Sponsorship – SNZ/UIC
Annual Rules Examination and Refresher – Nicola
National Tournament Appointments, Accommodation and Travel – Wayne
External and Internal International Appointments - UIC /NUS
TCU Toolbox – UIC/Nicola /Wiremu
RDU Liaison/Regional Clinic Schedule - Cass Seeling
International and ISF – NUS/SNZ
ISF Umpschool – Oceania: Wayne, SNZ: Nicola, Promotion: Mark
Merchandising Liaison – Mark McFarlane
Website Manager - Wiremu.
Facebook (photos) - Rikki Thompson
Level 7 Group – Lindsay Edwards (Convenor), Mark, Wiremu, Nicola and Lance Brown.
Distinguished Service Awards – Bill /Daph
- 5.2 **Annual Rules Examination and Refresher** Nicola
- ◆ Examination Date: **Monday 8 October 2012. Closes 31st October 2011.**
 - ◆ Assistance: Tara Harris, Jeremy England and Mark Porteous to write 10 questions
 - ◆ Checkers: Selected L7 umpires. UIC to be consulted over points of difference.
 - ◆ Examination requirement reminder - All badge examinees (L4) must sit the exam in the year of examination and gain a 70% pass mark. Local Associations to remind candidates.
 - ◆ 2011 Exam Review: Question 99
“F8 is fielding deep on the outfield fence. B1 hits a long drive that F8 judges will clear the fence. He leaps the fence, leaps back onto the fence with one stride using the extra height to catch the hit and re-land in fair territory. Ruling: As only one foot regained playable territory prior to making the catch, this is not a valid catch and the umpire shall award B1 2B on the blocked ball.”
 Answer posted: True - Rule 1 Sec 15, c; Rule 1 Sec 13d; Rule 8, sec 7f Effect.
Revised Answer: False - No catch and a home run awarded
 - ◆ Out of Play diagram to be attached to these minutes.
 - ◆ Two down catcher. – Replacement Runner – Several scenarios are available for consideration. Nicola
Wayne
 Nicola to forward draft proposals to Wayne for. Further discussion by NUS before recommendations sent to SNZ for their consideration.
- 5.3 **Merchandising Liaison** Mark
- ◆ New jacket – for universal use the NUS preference is for solid navy blue (zip front) with SNZ umpires logo. Mark to follow-up with Sirius Sports.
 - ◆ Preseason order form has been finalised and sent to associations
- 5.4 **ISF UmpSchool** SNZ
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- ◆ ISF Seminar Examination reminder: it is a pre-requisite for acceptance by the ISF to attend an ISF Certification Seminar that a candidate must obtained the required rules examination pass mark. This rule examination is available via UmpSchool.
 - ◆ As part of continuing education and to take advantage of the bulk registration discounted fee offer, the NUS recommend to SNZ that an offer to pay this registration fee be sent to active

Level 5, 6 and 7 umpires. Wayne/Mark

- ◆ After approval from SNZ the UIC to email out this offer. List of names of umpires who have accepted the offer to be forwarded to Mark to coordinate registration.
- ◆ Annual upload of revised ISF documents to UmpSchool is scheduled in July.
- ◆ The ISF communication policy: National Federation umpires should contact their UIC in the first instance, if required the UIC should contact the ISF Regional Umpire Coordinator who would contact the ISF Director of Umpiring as required. Further SNZ umpires should contact their Local Chief Umpire in the first instance, if required the Local Chief Umpire should contact their Regional Director who would contact the SNZ UIC as required.

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5.5 National Tournament Applications

- ◆ Applications Forms to be emailed to associations **early September 2011**. Returns from Local Associations to Wayne **by Friday 5 October 2012**
- ◆ Appointment and travel schedule to be emailed to associations and SNZ **early November 2012**. Associations will be responsible for advising their members.

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5.6 National Tournaments and National Tournament Chief Umpires 2012/2013

2012/13 Tournaments	City/Venue	Start Date	Finish Date	TCU
Nat. Fastpitch Champ	North Harbour	Thurs 6 Dec 2012	Sun 9 Dec 2012	Wayne Saunders Ev: Lindsay Edwards
Open Men's Club	Canterbury	Wed 20 Mar 2013	Sun 24 Mar 2013	Wayne Saunders Ev: Lindsay Edwards
Open Women's Club	Hutt Valley	Thurs 14 Mar 2013	Sun 17 Mar 2013	Daph Turner Ev: Wayne Saunders
U19 Boys	Waikato	Thurs 17 Jan 2013	Sun 20 Jan 2013	Cass Seeling
U19 Girls	Hawkes Bay	Thurs 17 Jan 2013	Sun 20 Jan 2013	Wiremu Tamaki
U17 Boys	Nelson	Thurs 10 Jan 2013	Sun 13 Jan 2013	Mark McFarlane
U17 Girls	Auckland	Thurs 10 Jan 2013	Sun 13 Jan 2013	Nicky Ogier
U15 Boys NI	Counties	Thurs 3 Jan 2013	Sun 6 Jan 2013	Bill Smith
U15 Girls NI	Wellington	Thurs 3 Jan 2013	Sun 6 Jan 2013	<i>Dennis Smith</i>
U15 Boys & Girls SI	Otago	Thurs 3 Jan 2013	Sun 6 Jan 2013	RDU SI - TBC
<i>Secondary Schools</i>				
Junior SS Boys & Girls NI	Manawatu	Mon 26 Nov 2012	Thurs 29 Nov 2012	Ray Dyason
SS Div. 1 Boys & Girls	Auckland	Mon 18 Mar 2013	Fri 22 Mar 2013	Bill Smith
SS Div. 2 Boys & Girls NI	Wanganui	Tues 19 Mar 2013	Fri 22 Mar 2013	Lindsay Edwards
SS Div. 2 Boys & Girls SI	Southland	Tues 19 Mar 2013	Fri 22 Mar 2013	Don Poy TBC

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5.7 Website/Facebook

- ◆ Annually reissued documents to be available for upload early August.
- ◆ Appointment programme. International template functionality to be confirmed
- ◆ UIC to follow-up refreshing with Wiremu and Rikki post meeting.

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6.0 **International**

6.1 **ISF Certification Seminar**

- ◆ Outline programme and budgets to be discussed with Bob Stanton/Tricia Sibraa at the 2013 ISF Men's World Championship. UIC
- ◆ SNZ examination candidates and draft list of observers to be discussed at the 2014 NUS meeting.

6.2 **Provisional International Calendar**

Confirmation of this seasons programme is still with SNZ and will be advised by way of the website and email when available.

- ◆ ISF are expected to call for nomination for appointment to the 2013 ISF Men's World Championship at the beginning of September.

6.3 **ISC Exchange**

Mark McFarlane will represent SNZ at the **2012** ISC Worlds. Jay Hart will represent the ISC's here in NZ in **2013**.

7.0 **NUS meeting with SNZ Staff**

7.1 **Eugene Gilbert (SNZ Relationship Manager)**

The following is a summary of discussions

Budget

- ◆ SNZ have confirmed the umpire's budget for the 2012/13 season. Budget flexibility has been agreed.
- ◆ Budgeted provisions for: ISC Exchange, Trans Tasman Exchange, Umpires to 2013 ISF Men's World Championship, Regional Clinics.
- ◆ SNZ RM to make funding application for Umpire attending the 2013 ISF Junior Women's Championship. This activity falls into the 2013/14 budget period. Target date 31 August
- ◆ SNZ RM to investigate further opportunities for funding for the Women's umpiring development programme. Target date 31 July.
- ◆ Confirm host contingency for 2013 Men's World Championship.

Planning

- ◆ SNZ RM /UIC to finalise the Regional Director of Umpiring Job Description and appointment process. The RDU JD will mirror the JD of the DDU to reflect the flexibility required in the operations of the NUS. Target date 31 October.
- ◆ Forward copies of past AGM Chief Umpire reports. Target date 31 August.
- ◆ Review with GM the SNZ umpire merchandising programme.
- ◆ Forward SNZ's International programme for 2012/2013.

National Tournaments

- ◆ SNZ RM to contact local chief umpires whose assoc is hosting a tournament to get their input on local accommodation for tournament. Target date 31 July.
- ◆ SNZ RM to inform the tournament review committee that the NUS recommends the retention of the current 'intentional walk' rule as this is in line with the ISF's adoption of time saving rules.
- ◆ SNZ RM advises tournament allowances are given to host associations. The association is to contact the local Chief umpire to discuss and finalise arrangements for feeding at their tournament. SMZ to advise host associations of this protocol. Target date 31 July.
- ◆ SNZ RM to issue calendar setting out key dates for providing tournament deliverables.

7.2 **Naomi Shaw (SNZ Director of Coaching)**

The following is a summary of discussions which focused mainly on the ISF bat list and testing procedure. The meeting was advised that an email on the above was sent to Naomi the week before.

- ◆ The current bat list is available from the ISF website. SNZ umpiring copies the ISF and the ASA bat lists just prior to the first national Tournament of the season and posts a copy on umpires website for general use.
- ◆ The ISF bat sticker procedure was demonstrated.
- ◆ Post meeting SNZ has advised that they will be purchasing a bat tester.
- ◆ UIC to confirm with SNZ RM about the use of the tester at this season's National Tournaments and what stickers could be used.

8.0 **Other Matters**

8.1 **Associations Contacts List (post meeting)**

RDU's to confirm their 12/13 asap and send to list Wayne copied to Wiremu but no later than Friday 10 August 2012.

With the new season far approaching we would all benefit by viewing the following

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7r7YY_EO0A



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