

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the National Umpiring Staff of SNZ held at the SNZ office, Hutt City, Saturday 12th June and Sunday 13th June 2010. Issued 11 July – General Distribution

Present: UIC -Wayne Saunders (Chair), NUS - Cass Seeling, Daph Turner and Mark McFarlane; RDU's - Bill Smith, Nicky Ogier, Lindsay Edwards, and Wiremu Tamaki; Bob Stanton joined the meeting via SKYPE; Eugene Gilbert, Debbie Mygind and Naomi Shaw (SNZ) for presentations
Minutes taken by Daph & Nicky

Opening: Wiremu offered a Mihi Whakatau/Karakia

Apologies: nil

Bereavements: Margaret Le Sueur; Vance Foster; Vivienne Triplett (Australia)

Hospital: Ray Le Sueur wheelchair bound; Joyce Phillips and H John Eager have not been in good health.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting: Confirmed as a true and sufficient record.

Daph/Mark

1.0 **Matters Arising**

Note change of TCU's

SS Div 1 – Ray Dyason; SS Div 2 Nth Island – Lindsay Edwards

Trans Tasman exchange umpire Richard Gale

- 1.1 **SNZ Umpire Distinguish Service Awards** – Awards are limited to twenty in total, with no more than three awards being made in any one year as per the confirmed Policy. The Sub-committee submitted three nominations. Three nominations were confirmed and will be forwarded to SNZ for confirmation and announcement.

For publication by SNZ at AGM: - Daph Turner, Nicola Ogier & Lindsay Edwards

Moved: Bill/Daph.

A brief resumes from the Sub-committee is to be provided to accompany each nomination.

Bill/Daph

2.0 **11:00am SNZ Coaching Staff Naomi Shaw/Debbie Mygind**

2.1 **Bob Stanton ISF UIC joined meeting via SKYPE**

2.2 **Pitching Presentation – Debbie Mygind.**

Debbie presented the SNZ power-point presentation on the pitching regulations effective internationally from 1st Jan 2010 and effective for SNZ this coming season.

Wayne to update the graphics on the feet mechanics and reissue to SNZ and to each RDU for Regional Clinic presentations.

Wayne

- 2.3 **Discussion Paper to alter the Illegal pitching Penalty.** Nicky Ogier presented a discussion paper on possible changes to the penalty for the illegal pitch. Bob Stanton offered his views on a little more simplistic application of the proposal. If the penalty is to be one between the pitcher and the batter, then if the batter hits the ball, - no penalty or option exists. The only alteration would be if the pitcher failed to deliver the ball, the ball would be immediately dead.

Bob Stanton left meeting

Further discussion took place. It was resolved that further investigation work is required on the scenarios and short comings before any rule change recommendation. Nicky to follow this up.

Nicky

3.0 **Regional Reports & Recommendations**

- 3.1 **South Island Region** – RDU written report tabled. Annual Reports received from Otago, Central Otago, North Otago, Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson and Southland.

Marlborough is now without a local chief. In the interim until one is able to be found, Wiremu Tamaki will provide administration support as the acting Local Chief.

- Grading recommendations. L4 to L5 – No recommendations. Possible candidates for 1011 discussed. Noted

After discussion and it was moved that Wiremu Tamaki 's position on the NUS be re-designated as RDU (unattached) Noted

Moved Mark/Lindsay

- 3.2 **Central Region** –Lindsay Edwards. RDU written report tabled. Annual Reports received from BP (Turanga), Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, Wellington and Hutt Valley.
- Grading recommendations. L4 to L5 – no recommendations. Possible candidates for 1011 discussed. Noted

- 3.3 **Northern Region** – RDU written report tabled. Annual Reports received from Auckland, WBOP, North Harbour and Counties. Rotorua in recess. Waikato did not furnish a return.
- Grading recommendations. L4 to L5 – no recommendations. Possible candidates for 1011 discussed. Noted

- 3.4 **Recommendation:** Due to the variation in Local Association reporting, the NUS recommend that no LA reports will be posted to the National website. LA reports will be provided to the RDU's for collation into Regional reports which will be presented to the National Staff at the Annual meeting. RDU reports may or may not be posted to the National website after approval by the NUS. Noted

Moved Bill / Nicola

- 3.5 **RDU Liaison:** Cass advised the dates of each Regional Clinic. Compulsory Subjects – Pitching, Rule Changes, Ethics ISF Candidates involvement where applicable.
- Lower South Island Regional Clinic at Otago. August 28th & 29th
Presenters: Mark McFarlane, Nicola Ogier, Dawie Sutton & Don Poy
 - Upper South Island Regional Clinic at Marlborough. September 12th & 13th.
Presenters: Mark, Nicola, & Wiremu Tamaki
 - Northern Regional Clinics proposed for Tauranga – hosted by WPOB. September 17th & 18th
Presenters: Cass, Lindsay, Riki Tourangi & Mark Porteous
 - Central Regional Clinic at Wellington September 25th & 26th
Presenters: Wiremu, Dennis Smith, Tara Harris, Dave Shedlock & Jeremy England.

Noted

3.6 **Miscellaneous Awards –**

- Jo Tangitutu - Umpire of the year (HV)
- Ben Horn – Junior Umpire of the year (HV)
- Tony Kaiaruna - Umpire of the year (WN)
- Lance Brown - nominated for Sports Official of the Year with Sports Wanganui (WG)
- Lance Type - nominated for Sports Official of the year with Sports Auckland (AK).
- Wayne Saunders – inducted into ISF Hall of Fame

4.0 **National**

- 4.1 **National Tournament Chief Umpire Reports** – Written reports were received from all TCU's and referred to at the meeting. 09/10 appointments "Yearbook" to be posted to website. Noted

Noted

- 4.2 **Grading Reviews** – Practical assessments undertaken at this season's National Tournaments. Grading Recommendation: L5 to L6 – Mark Porteous (NH) & Rikki Thompson (CB)

Confirmed. Wayne / Mark

- Jeff Weber (AK), Dave Beaumont (CB) and Gavin Shepherd (WN) to be invited to be assessed for L6 at a U17 National Tournament or above. Approved by NUS

4.3 **Trans Tasman Exchange**

A short list of candidates was tabled and discussed. The NUS recommend Mark Porteous for this season's exchange. Mark will also attend the ISF accreditation clinic at the same time.

Moved Cass/Daph

4.4 **NZ Umpire Annual Registration Fee**

The current methodology of identification and fee collection does not work in practice. It is recommended that the Umpires adopt similar practice as the Scorers.

- The NUS recommend that this year's fee be \$30.00 (incl GST) for active umpires L3 and above. NUS
- Local associations are to list all their Level 2 and above umpires shown of the 2009/10 Grading list on their association National Tournament Application return. All umpires are to be listed as active or non active for the 2010/11 season. LA
- Local Associations are to action the payment of the Annual Registration fee for all their Associations umpires listed as active directly to SNZ by not later than 31st October 2010. (Exception: umpires listed as administrators (A) on the grading list are exempt from fee payment). LA
- Umpires unfinancial at 31st October will not be assigned to a National Tournament. Umpires who become financial after the 31st October may be appointed to a National Tournament subject to staff requirements. Noted

Moved Daph/ Wiremu

5.0 **Committee Responsibilities**

5.1 **NZ Committee Responsibilities:**

Finance and Budget - UIC/GM

Sponsorship - UIC/GM (Glen Nalepa) Also refer item 7.2

Annual Rules Examination and Refresher – Nicky

National Tournament Appointments, Accommodation and Travel – Wayne (Mark to assist)

External and Internal International Appointments - UIC /NUS

TCU Toolbox – Bill

RDU Liaison/Regional Clinic Schedule - Cass

International and ISF – NUS/SNZ

Website Manager - Wiremu. Assistant Rikki Thompson

Level 7 Group - Lindsay, Mark, Wiremu, Nicky and Glen.

Rulebook – August 2010 Nicky/Wayne/Bill/SNZ/ Sandy

National Accommodation Recommendations - Daph

5.2 **Annual Rules Examination and Refresher**

- Examination Date: Monday 11 October 2010. Noted
- Checkers: Wiremu, Lindsay, Dennis Smith and Bill.
- Exam Review. Comments to be back no later than 1 September 2010.
- L2/3 results required for National Tournament appointments by 31 October 2010.
- Notice to be emailed to L1 umpires and/or Associations / Clubs by 20 September 2010 inviting them to sit examination and advising that the examination will be emailed direct to them on Monday 11 October 2010
- Answer sheet to be posted to the website on the 29 November 2010. Local Chief Umpires

may request a copy earlier

- Examination requirement. All badge examinees (L4) must sit the exam in the year of examination and gain a 70% pass mark. To be reinforced at the local clinics.

5.3 National Tournament Applications

- Applications Forms to be emailed to associations [early September 2010](#). Returns from associations to Wayne [by Friday 1 October 2010](#)
- Appointment and travel schedule to be emailed to associations and SNZ [early November 2010](#). Refer 4.4 regarding financial status requirements. Associations will be responsible for advising their members and advising Wayne immediately of any change requests. SNZ /Daph to confirm accommodation.

5.4 National Tournaments and National Tournament Chief Umpires 2010/2011

2010/2011 Tournaments	City/Venue	Start Date	Finish Date	TCU
Nat. Fastpitch Champ. (Men & Women)	North Harbour	Thurs 17 Feb 11	Sun 20 Feb 11	Lindsay Edwards
NZ Open Men's Club	Hutt Valley	Tues 15 Mar 11	Sat 19 Mar 11	Wayne Saunders
NZ Open Women's Club	Auckland	Tues 15 Mar 11	Sat 19 Mar 11	Cass Seeling
NZ U19 Boys	Hutt Valley	Thurs 6 Jan 11	Sun 9 Jan 11	Wayne Saunders
NZ U19 Girls	Otago	Thurs 6 Jan 11	Sun 9 Jan 11	Nicky Ogier
NZ U17 Boys	North Harbour	Thurs 20 Jan 11	Sun 23 Jan 11	Bill Smith
NZ U17 Girls	Manawatu	Thurs 20 Jan 11	Sun 23 Jan 11	Daph Turner
Nth Island U15 Boys	Hawkes Bay	Thurs 13 Jan 11	Sun 16 Jan 11	Ray Dyason
Nth Island U15 Girls	Wellington	Thurs 13 Jan 11	Sun 16 Jan 11	Wiremu Tamaki
Sth Island U15 Boys & Girls	Southland	Thurs 13 Jan 11	Sun 16 Jan 11	Dawie Sutton/Don Poy ex (TBC)
National Secondary Schools				
Nth Island Junior Boys & Girls	Wanganui	Mon 29 Nov 10	Thurs 2 Dec 10	Lindsay Edwards
Sth Island Junior Boys & Girls	Marlborough	Mon 29 Nov 10	Thurs 2 Dec 10	Wiremu Tamaki
Div. 1 Boys & Girls	Canterbury	Mon 21 Mar 11	Fri 25 Mar 11	Mark McFarlane
Div. 2 Nth Island Boys & Girls	Taranaki	Tues 22 Mar 11	Fri 25 Mar 11	Lindsay Edwards
Div. 2 Sth Island Boys & Girls	Nelson	Tues 22 Mar 11	Fri 25 Mar 11	Kevin Tippett (TBC)

- 5.5 **Umpiring budget:** 2010/11 tabled. Due to for mentioned planning decisions it was recommended that an adjustment to the international funding (\$1000) towards the costs of the ISF World Series Umpire to Venezuela.

UIC/SNZ

6.0 International

6.1 ISF Certification

The next Oceania ISF Certification Seminar is scheduled for Feb 2011 in Australia at the Men's & Women's Open. There will be a financial contribution required by each candidate payable to SNZ by October 31st 2010. ISF has updated the application form and expects all candidates to be well prepared before attending. Level 7 Group convener Lindsay reported mentor feedback on each candidate invited to participate in the lead-in. Following discussions it was resolved that an invitation to attendance the 2011 ISF Certification Seminar be sent to the following: Jeremy England (WN), Tara Harris (HV), Mark Porteous (NH), Dave Shedlock (WN) and Rikki Tourangi (AK)

UIC write to each candidate to advise them of their selection and obligations. Level 7 group convener and mentors to continue with the preparation programme.

UIC

7.0 **10:00am SNZ – Eugene Gilbert (Events and Association Relationship Manager)**

- 7.1 **Responsibilities :**Eugene outlined his areas of responsibility Noted
- RGDO’s Liaison/ Relationship Manager;
 - Association Liaison/ Relationship Manager;
 - Officials Liaison/ Relationship Manager
 - National Tournament Liaison.

- 7.2 **Sponsorship:**
- Schutt advised that the current material used for the shirts is no longer available and needs to be reviewed.
 - Ken (Schutt sponsor) is in communication with Glen – indications are that Ken is looking at provision of an alternative shirt. However there needs to be some key elements met prior to the acceptance of change – similarity of existing; cost effectiveness & serviceability. Wayne

- 7.3 **National Travelling Teams:**
- SNZ advise they have set an upper limit of six extra persons allowed to a touring party over & above the 17 players. SNZ advise they have agreed that the management of the National representative teams will decide whether a scorer & / or umpire is included as part of the six extra persons. Noted

The UIC advised the meeting that he had only recently verbally been advised of this change in policy. There has been a longstanding written understanding that wherever practical an umpire will be appointed to travel with all NZ teams. Noted

The view of the NUS is that this new position advised by SNZ is an untenable position from the point of view of the Umpiring. It places at risk the international development component of the umpiring programme. The old policy had worked well in the past and development of umpiring at international level is seen as key component of a successful national programme both for the umpires and the players.

If international umpiring is to become solely self-funded this will have a very big impact of career pathways and retention of experienced umpires. Further it brings into question if a voluntary based programme will be attractive enough to provide the numbers and retain the experience required for the National game.

The NUS request that the UIC express their concerns to the GM and the Board of SNZ and that a more workable policy is resolved UIC

- 7.4 **International Per Diem:**
This per diem is still to be confirmed by SNZ. The currently accepted rate is \$50.00/ day/umpire. SNZ

- 7.5 **National Tournament Daily Allowance:**
IT is recommended again to SNZ that they abolish the \$5.00 per diem allowance in lieu of provision of feeding & watering the officials by the host associations SNZ

Moved Mark/Wiremu

- 7.6 **National Tournament Umpire Appointments:**
SNZ stated policy of last season that a total of only (2 umpires - Junior Secondary Schools 4 umpires - Div II Secondary Schools) be appointed did not work in practise. SNZ

Both TCU's reported they were seriously understaffed with teams not providing umpires and those team umpires who did attend were only available for a few games.

The NUS recommended that SNZ/UIC appoint a TCU to each of these tournaments. The TCU will be responsible for staffing each tournament. SNZ will provide a budget figure to the host association to facilitate umpire staffing. Final details to be confirmed with SNZ. SNZ

Eugene advised that in essence SNZ is basically in agreement with this principle.

7.7 **NZ Umpire Records:** Electronic copies of all past Chief Umpire AGM reports are required to complete historical records. Wayne to follow-up with Eugene. This has been an outstanding item for some time and urgency is requested. Bill offered to assist by donating his time to sort through documents in order to obtain the necessary information. SNZ

7.8 **SNZ New Rule Book:**

- New ISF Rule Book effective **1Jan 2010**.
- The New SNZ Rule Book is planned to be effective **August 2010**. The new rule book has been produced to include SNZ specific rules which are highlighted within the body of the rule book. Rule 12 (SNZ scorers rules) is yet to be added. Eugene has offered to chase the Chief Scorer in order to obtain the changes to meet the deadline for printing. SNZ
- It is recommended that SNZ produce a separate handbook pertaining to information specific to National Tournaments.
- Nicola to forward the working document to Eugene to insert Rule 12 Nicola

7.9 **Provisional International Calendar:**

Details to be forwarded once they come to hand from the High Performance Manager. Note: International Umpire appointments should be included in the programme. This will allow the High Performance Manager to provide assistance as has happened in the past. SNZ

7.10 **Web design /Updates:**

What provisions are available from SNZ to assist? SNZ in discussion with several website designers. It is currently a WIP. Once a provider has been confirmed it is expected to invite the umpire web-manager to the training session. Wiremu

7.11 **Accommodation Recommendations:**

All RDU's to forward recommended accommodation including tariffs to Daph by 30July10. Daph to forward to Eugene and cc to Wayne. Daph

7.12 **RGDO's Interaction:**

How do we engage the RGDO's to include the RDU's in their planning etc? Much of the time the RGDOs are duplicating the same work that the RDUs are doing without the insider knowledge. Eugene to memo the RGDO's on all umpiring matters. SNZ
RDU

7.13 **ISF Rule 2010 – 2013 Rule Books:**

SNZ to issue one to each ISF umpire in additional to all NUS Staff. SNZ

7.14 **Eugene** – alternate abilities specialises in creating questionnaires. Willing to assist the umpiring programme with "Survey Monkey". UIC believes there is a market for the use of such skills Noted

- Debbie Mygind rejoined the Meeting**
- 7.15 **SNZ Pitching Power point Presentation:** RDU
- All Regional Clinics will be utilising the presentation as a mandatory presentation. The RDU's will be utilised to present this documentation
- Cass – Rotorua, Waikato, Tauranga – via Northern Clinic
 Lindsay – via Central Clinic (Hawkes Bay) Manawatu, Taranaki, Wanganui, Poverty Bay – via Email presentation & Gary Butler
 Wiremu – Marlborough, Nelson via Northern SI Regional Clinic
 Nicola – Southland, Otago, Central Otago, Oamaru – via Southern Regional Clinic
 Debbie – Christchurch in association with the CB Umpires Assn
 Bill – North Harbour , Debbie in conjunction with a Level 7 group member –Wiremu
- Debbie to send an email to each Association to ensure Associations is aware where the NUS staff will be presenting on behalf of the National Coaching Staff. It is recommendation that all National team coaching staff members see this presentation. Debbie
- 8.0 **General**
- 8.1 **TCU Toolbox: Appointment programme:** Noted
- Nicky demonstrated an XL appointments programme that is available for use by TCU's. This can be directly copied into the TCU appointment record for end of year reporting. Particular note was made of the importance in relation to data collation for the year book. This programme is available from the TCU Toolbox
- 8.2 **Website Review -** facilitated by Wiremu Wiremu
- **Skype** usage is a definite benefit. NUS should all look to get on line. Benefits were clearly obvious with SKYPE connection to Bob Stanton on the Saturday.
- NUS utilised the opportunity to “clean up” the website to make more user friendly
- 8.3 **Associations Contacts List:** RDU/LA
- RDU's to confirm the 1011 list to Wiremu copied Wayne by [31July2010](#).
- 8.4 **2010 Blues Convention – Regina Canada:** Noted
- UIC attended and distributed a CD with a copy of all presentations.
 GPA – Good Pelvic Alignment – new catch phrase for Plate mechanics
 UIC discussed his experiences
- 8.5 **ISF Ump-school** Level 7
- All active SNZ ISF Umpires are expected to join ISF UmpSchool. ISF umpire re-certification is likely to be done via Ump School. Available through Ump School is the casebook, 3/4 ISF mechanic, ISF umpire manual, rule changes and rule book.

Wiremu offered a Karakia.
 Meeting Closed 4:10pm



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