

Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the National Umpiring Staff of SNZ held at the SNZ office, Hutt City, Saturday 16th June and Sunday 17th July 2011. Issued 29Jul11 – General Distribution

Present: UIC -Wayne Saunders (Chair), NUS - Cass Seeling, Daph Turner and Mark McFarlane; RDU's - Bill Smith (4.00pm), Nicola Ogier, and Wiremu Tamaki; Eugene Gilbert (SNZ).
International link-up: Bob Stanton (ISF-DOU), Patricia Sibraa (AUS-UIC), Debbie Grove and Leigh Evans (AUS-NUS).
Minute recording secretary: Nicola Ogier

Opening: Wiremu offered a Mihi Whakatau

Apologies: Lindsay Edwards, Dane Dougan CEO; Naomi Shaw NDOC

Notified bereavements: Jeff Odlum, Charlie Elkington, and Joyce Phillips.

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting: Confirmed as a true and sufficient record.

Daph/Nicola

1.0 **Matters Arising**

Nil.

2.0 **International link-up via SKYPE**

2.1 SKYPE facilitator - Wiremu Tamaki

2.2 **ISF re-accreditation** – presented Bob Stanton

The ISF are working towards requiring all ISF certified umpires wishing to apply to be appointed by the ISF to an ISF tournament to hold a current accreditation. If not accreditation within the current rulebook period to undertake an online 30 question rules refresher examination via UmpSchool. The re-accreditation pass mark is a minimum of 90%. Umpires will also be required to have a field evaluation no older than 5 year validating their current ability to umpire at ISF level. If a current ISF evaluation is not available a National Federation or an ISF Regional evaluation will be required.

2.3 **UmpSchool Update.**

- ◆ The ISF re-accreditation and ISF Certification seminar pre-qualifying rules examinations are now online. The rules database is currently under review. The database and examination conditions will be revised in the next programmed upload in September.
- ◆ The current 3/4 ump mechanics is under review and a minor change is likely. This will be uploaded when approved.
- ◆ Future additions to UmpSchool include: Video presentations and a provision for National Federation examinations.

2.4 **Pitching regulations.**

The revised POE is now online. The only change is in the timing of the splitting of the hands. – The hands must be separated and the arm moving prior to the landing of the pivot foot.

2.5 **World Series bat inspection.**

Bats for use at World Series must be on the approved list. Bats will be compression tested at the coaches' & managers meeting. Bats for use will have a sticker/tattoo placed on the bat to indicate they are legal for use at the World Series. Unapproved bats will be held by the UIC and returned to the team once they are eliminated from the tournament.

2.6 **Oceania ISF Certification Seminar.**

The next seminar is proposed for early 2013 in conjunction with the ISF UOC attendance at the

Men's World Series in Auckland. Seminar is likely to fit around the SNZ Men's and Women's open tournament. Pre-seminar planning will be undertaken by the SAL and SNZ UIC's.

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- ◆ SKYPE link has been very successful, next year we could look to include more from Oceania.
- ◆ ISF committee work by Oceania ISF umpires is appreciated.

3.0 Regional Reports & Recommendations

3.1 **South Island Region** – RDU written report presented by Nicola Ogier. Annual Reports received from Otago, Central Otago, North Otago, Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson and Southland. Wiremu Tamaki RDU unattached acted as LCU for Marlborough and assisted Nelson.

- ◆ Regional recommendation to split the South Island back into the original separate areas of Otago and Southland – Canterbury and Tasman. Moved Cass/Nicola
- ◆ Grading recommendations. L4 to L5 – Ross Emerson (NO), David Fortin (CB), Kevin Tippet (NN), Duncan Watts (OG) and Peter Wilson (OG). Noted
- ◆ Passed NZ Badge (L4) – Stuart Power (NN) and Rebecca Taylor (OG).
- ◆ Passed NZ Qualifying (L3) - Simon Harris (CB), Sam Meikle (OG), Paul Nistor (NN) and Pip Tuhoro (CB).

3.2 **Central Region** – RDU written report presented by Wiremu Tamaki for Lindsay Edwards.

Annual Reports received from Hawkes Bay, Wanganui, Manawatu, Wellington and Hutt Valley.

- ◆ Approved grading recommendations. L4 to L5 – Tony Kaiaruna (WN) and Darryl Paul (HB). Noted
- ◆ Passed NZ Badge (L4) – Ngawhetu Dickson (WN), Ben Horn (HV) and Gary Tokoa (PB).
- ◆ Passed NZ Qualifying (L3) - Keith Marsh (HV), John Collier (PB) and Steve Sila (WN).

3.3 **Northern Region** – RDU written report presented by Bill Smith. Annual Reports received from Auckland, WBOP, North Harbour and Counties.

- ◆ Grading recommendations. L4 to L5 – Martin Hunt (NH), Chris Radford (AK) and Brydon Wells (NH). Noted
- ◆ Passed NZ Badge (L4) – Judi Leaper (AK), Michael Lee (NH), Andrew McManus (NH), Shaun Poata (NH) and Heath Walker (NH).
- ◆ Passed NZ Qualifying (L3) - Tamati Howard (AK), Karoline Sione (NH) and Cale Wood (NH).

3.4 RDU Regional Recommendations

Regional recommendations for the two yearly RDU appointments were presented by RDU liaison Cass Seeling. The following Regional recommendations are confirmed.

- ◆ Lower South Island – Dawie Sutton
- ◆ Upper South Island – Nicola Ogier
- ◆ Central Region – Lindsay Edwards
(Assistant requested by RDU – Jeremy England appointed with special focus on development in Taranaki and Tairāwhiti)
- ◆ Northern Region – Bill Smith
(RDU unattached Wiremu Tamaki will assist with special focus on development in Counties and Waikato. Riki Tourangi to assist at Counties). Noted

3.5 Regional Preseason Clinics

Recommended subjects – Revised Pitching POE, Umpschool promotion, first impressions/dress code, ASA Mechanics DVD. Consider additional facilitation via Skype - UIC and/or presenters.

- ◆ Lower South Island Regional Clinic at Alexandra, September (TBC)
- ◆ Upper South Island Regional Clinic at Blenheim. September (TBC)
- ◆ Northern Regional Clinics at Auckland, September 24th & 25th (Ass't presenter: Mark McFarlane)
- ◆ Central Regional Clinic at Palmerston North, September 17th & 18th

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3.6 **Advised miscellaneous awards**

- ◆ Trevor Stratford - Umpire of the year (HV)
- ◆ Ben Horn – Junior Umpire of the year (HV)
- ◆ Jeremy England- Umpire of the year (WN)
- ◆ Daph Turner – Presidents Cup

Recognition of local umpiring awards is to be encouraged. RDU's to report annually. There were no Distinguished Service awards this season.

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4.0 **National**

4.1 **National Tournament Chief Umpire Reports**

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

- ◆ Women's Open – females from six associations in attendance. Improved female networking.
- ◆ Men's Open – six ISF umpires appointed to final.
- ◆ U15's – peer share and mentoring worked well.
- ◆ Secondary Schools Div 2 – SNZ imposed understaffing again a major issue.
- ◆ Action recommended for umpires failing to attend without notifying TCU and/or UIC.
- ◆ Issue status of Badge/Bar/Cert schedule. UIC to update and action outstanding issuing.

Noted
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4.2 **Grading Reviews**

Practical assessments undertaken at this season's National Tournaments.

- ◆ Grading Recommendation: L5 to L6 – Gavin Shepherd (WN)

Confirmed
by NUS

Jeff Weber (AK), Dave Beaumont (CB) Les Haslam (AK), Phil Packer (HV), John Hickman (NH) and Dawie Sutton (OG) to be invited to be assessed for L6 at a U19 National Tournament or above.

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4.3 **Trans Tasman Exchange**

A short list of candidates was discussed. Liz Kawana (MN), Gavin Shepherd (WN) and Rikki Thompson (CB) to be invited to confirm their availability for selection.

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4.4 **SNZ Annual Umpire Registration Fee**

In consultation with SNZ and the best interests of the National Umpire programme SNZ has resolved that this Annual Fee will at this time be dispensed with. Umpires are encouraged to take this opportunity to sign-up with ISF Umpschoool. Contact Mark McFarlane if you require further information on Umpschoool.

Noted

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5.0 **Committee Responsibilities**

5.1 **NZ Committee Responsibilities:**

Finance and Budget - UIC/GM

Sponsorship - UIC/GM

Annual Rules Examination and Refresher – Nicola Ogier

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

External and Internal International Appointments - UIC /NUS

TCU Toolbox – UIC/Nicola Ogier/Wiremu Tamaki
RDU Liaison/Regional Clinic Schedule - Cass Seeling
International and ISF – NUS/SNZ
ISF Umpschool – Oceania: Wayne, SNZ: Nicky, Promotion: Mark
Merchandising Liaison – Mark McFarlane
Website Manager - Wiremu. Assistant Rikki Thompson
Facebook (photos) - Rikki Thompson
Level 7 Group – Lindsay Edwards (Convenor), Mark, Wiremu, Nicola and Lance Brown. After a stellar season Lance replaces Glen Nalepa.
Distinguished Service Awards – Daph Turner (Convenor), Bill Smith.

5.2 **Annual Rules Examination and Refresher**

- ◆ Examination Date: **Monday 10 October 2011. Closes 31st October 2011.**
- ◆ Checkers: Dennis Smith; Mark McFarlane; Jeremy England; and Lance Brown.
- ◆ Alternate Examination by application will be considered by the UIC. If required this will be expedited through Umpschool.
- ◆ L2/3 results required for National Tournament appointments by 1 November 2011.
- ◆ Notice to be emailed to Associations (and L1 umpires) by 16 September 2011 inviting them to sit the examination and advising that the examination could be emailed direct on Monday 10 October 2011
- ◆ Answer sheet to be posted to Local Chief Umpires and website on the **7 November 2011**.
- ◆ Examination requirement. All badge examinees (L4) must sit the exam in the year of examination and gain a 70% pass mark. Local Associations to remind candidates.

NO

5.3 **National Tournament Applications**

- ◆ Applications Forms to be emailed to associations **early September 2011**. Returns from Local Associations to Wayne **by Friday 7 October 2010**
- ◆ Appointment and travel schedule to be emailed to associations and SNZ **early November 2011**. Associations will be responsible for advising their members. The Association Contact person is responsible for advising Wayne immediately of any change requests (there is room for improvement in communicating change requests in a timely manner)

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5.4 **National Tournaments and National Tournament Chief Umpires 2011/2012**

2011/12 Tournaments	City/Venue	Start Date	Finish Date	TCU (TBC)
NFC	Wellington	Thu 16Feb12	Sun 19Feb12	Wayne Saunders
Men's Open	North Harbour	Tue 13Mar12	Sat 17Mar12	Wayne Saunders
Women's Open	Nelson	Wed 14Mar12	Sat 17Mar012	Daph Turner
U19 Boys	Canterbury	Thu 5Jan12	Sun 8Jan12	Mark McFarlane
U19 Girls	Auckland	Thu 5Jan12	Sun 8Jan12	Cass Seeling/Bill Smith Ev
U17 Boys	Wellington	Thu 19Jan12	Sun 22Jan12	Wiremu Tamaki
U17 Girls	Canterbury	Thu 19Jan12	Sun 22Jan12	Nicola Ogier
U15 Boys North	Wanganui	Thu 12Jan12	Sun 15Jan 12	Lindsay Edwards
U15 Girls North	Western BOP	Thu 12Jan12	Sun 15Jan12	Cass Seeling
U15 Boys & Girls South	Marlborough	Thu 12Jan 12	Sun 15Jan12	Wiremu Tamaki
National Secondary Schools				
Jnr Boys & Girls North	Waikato	Mon 28Nov11	Thu 1Dec11	Bill Smith
Jnr Boys & Girls South	North Otago	Mon 28Nov11	Thu 1Dec11	Dawie Sutton (TBC)
Div I Boys & Girls	Hutt Valley	Mon 26Mar12	Fri 30Mar12	Trevor Stratford/Dennis Smith (TBC)
Div II Boys & Girls North	Manawatu	Tue 27Mar12	Fri 30Mar12	Ray Dyason
Div II Boys & Girls South	Central Otago	Tue 27Mar12	Fri 30Mar12	Don Poy (TBC)

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6.0 International

6.1 ISF Certification

- ◆ ISF Oceania Certification Seminar held in Brisbane, Australia in February 2011. Thirteen candidates after sitting the prequalifying Rules examination participated in a three day seminar and a five day elevation tournament. All thirteen were ISF certified including all four SNZ candidates: Mark Porteous (NH), Dave Shedlock (WN), Riki Tourangi (AK) and Jeremy England (WN). Noted
- ◆ The next Oceania ISF Certification Seminar is proposed for early 2013 (refer item 2.6 above). The NUS reaffirmed the strategy of inviting selected candidates to participate in the lead-in programme. The Level 7 Group convenor will discuss with and appoint mentors to the candidates that confirm their participation. At the 2012 NUS annual meeting a review of candidate participation in the lead-in programme during the 2011/12 season will be discussed and invitations to attend the 2013 ISF Certification Seminar will be considered. Noted
- ◆ The follow candidates are to be invited to participate in the lead-in programme: Tara Harris (HV), Liz Kawana (MN), Joe Okada (HV), Gavin Shepherd WN, Trevor Stratford (HV), Rikki Thompson (CB), David Beaumont (CB), David Fortin (CB), Tony Kaiaruna (WN), Daryl Paul (HB), Phil Packer (HV), Cass Seeling (WBOP) and Chris Radford (AK). UIC to write to candidates to advise them of their selection and obligations. UIC

6.2 Provisional International Calendar

- ◆ ISF Oceania Men's World Series Qualifier, Canberra – early Dec11 - EOI (mid Sept). Noted
- ◆ Gilley's Shield & Edebone-Weber Shield R1, Victoria - 28-30 Oct11 - EOI (mid Sept)
- ◆ Gilley's Shield & Edebone-Weber Shield R 2, Brisbane - 25-27 Nov11- EOI (mid Sept)
- ◆ Gilley's Shield R3 & Edebone-Weber Shield Final, Canberra 3-7 Jan12- EOI (mid Sept)
- ◆ Gilley's Shield Final & Open Men's Championship, Sydney – 14-18 Feb12 - TT Exchange
- ◆ ISF Oceania Women's World Series Qualifier Rosedale – early Dec11 – (tbc)
- ◆ ISF XIII Women's World Series, Whitehorse, Canada - 13-22 Jul12 – EOI (tbc)
- ◆ ISF IX Junior Men's World Series, Parana Argentina – 1-10 Nov12 – EOI (tbc)
- ◆ ISC Exchange Aug12 - EOI (tbc)

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The above provisional calendar will be posted to the website and updated as further details become available.

6.3 ISC Exchange

The ISC were unable to send an exchange umpire last season. This seasons exchange programme to be discussed with the ISC. Mark advised that Jay Hart was interested as an exchange umpire and visiting NZ in Feb/Mar 2013. UIC

7.0 Eugene Gilbert (SNZ Relationship Manager)

7.1 Umpire Planning/Budget

SNZ have confirmed the umpire's budget for the 2011/12 season.

- ◆ International focus is now on supporting umpires attending ISF Word Championships and the Trans Tasman and ISC Exchange programmes and is included in this season's budget. Noted
- ◆ Budget flexibility has been agreed with SNZ so usage of budgeted funding is transferable.
- ◆ Budget concerns still exist around accrual accountancy where funds can not be confirmed for the subsequent season. With umpires selections scheduled up to nine months in advance funding confirmation is essential as part of the appointment process. Eugene will raise this RM/UIC

- issue with SNZ and discuss further with the UIC.
 - ◆ 2013 Men's World Championship. Eugene advises that Fay Freeman is Chairperson of the organizing committee. Umpire liaison and funding implications need planning consideration. Eugene to keep UIC informed. RM/UIC

- 7.2 **National Tournament Daily Allowance**
SNZ has increased the daily per diem from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Noted

- 7.3 **National Tournament Umpire Staffing**
SNZ have revised their policy on the limited number of umpires available to be appointed to the Div II Secondary Schools tournaments. From this season onward SNZ, subject to availability, request that sufficient umpires be appointed to provide a minimum of one umpire per game. Noted

- 7.4 **Merchandising Liaison**
It was resolved that Mark McFarlane be appointed to this role to enhance participation. The NUS is very pleased with the current "Schutt" Apparel programme as administrated by Sirius Sports. Mark will now become the NUS's one point of contact and will interface with Wiremu and Local Association contacts. (Post meeting: Mark and UIC have been in contact with Ken Sommers). Noted

- 7.5 **SNZ Rules**
 - ◆ SNZ need to advise of any new tournament rules if wishes to introduce more in advance. It is recommended that this be done no later than October each year. SNZ
 - ◆ SNZ Tournament manual needs additional information added. Nicola will forward copies of the green/pink pages and SNZ/POE's to Eugene. NO
 - ◆ SNZ General Manager has tabled the use of Gorilla Gold (currently illegal under ISF rules). UIC to liaise with GM/RM. UIC
 - ◆ Cleats – SNZ rule is in conflict with the ISF rule. SNZ allows metal cleats to be worn at any age. Youth grade is not specifically defined in either rule book other than reference in the distance tables. NUS to draft a technical bulletin to address this issue. NO/UIC

- 7.6 **RDU Job Description**
The current Job Description is now out of date as the RDU role has changed significantly since 2004. The RDU's now have a greater role to play as part of the National Umpiring Staff by attending the NUS meeting and being intimately involved with NUS resolutions throughout the year. The RDU Job Description is to be updated in conjunction with SNZ. RM/UIC

- 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. RM

- 8.0 **Other Matters**

- 8.1 **Rule Box (Umpschoool) online review** – facilitated by Nicola
Nicola demonstrated the versatility of the ISF programme, and also showed the versatility available for training with the latest information available. The ISF certification programme is highlighted and participation importance will be part of the Umpschoool promotion.

- 8.2 **Website online review** - facilitated by Wiremu
Wiremu demonstrated the SNZ umpires pages; these are limited by the access available through SNZ. The Umpires pages are a sub-page and are considerably limited by what is able to be WT/UIC

presented in their layout and style. UIC & Web manager plan a workshop to address what is currently available and what needs to be added or refreshed.

8.3 **Facebook**

Due to the inconsistency to National reporting it was resolved that we discontinue with the present yearbook approach. It was further resolved that umpiring records would be better served by utilizing Facebook which is popular with many of our membership and that our photograph records be placed on Facebook. Rikki Thompson has been appointed to implement this task.

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8.4 **Associations Contacts List**

RDU's to confirm their 11/12 list to Wiremu copied Wayne by 12 August 2011.

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8.5 **Quote**

If everyone is moving forward together then success takes care of itself. - Henry Ford

Wiremu offered a Karakia to close our meeting.



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