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**Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the National Umpiring Staff of SNZ held at the SNZ Office, Hutt City, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013 commencing at 9.40am.**

**Present:** Wayne Saunders (Chair), Cass Seeling, Lindsay Edwards, Nicola Ogier, Wiremu Tamaki and Bill Smith.

**In Part:** Daph Turner, Eugene Gilbert (SNZ-RM).

**Apologies:** Nil

Minute recording secretary: Nicola Ogier

**Opening:** Wiremu offered the Mihi Whakatau. Wayne welcomed all and congratulated Nicola on her DDU appointment.

**Notified bereavements:** Kevin Collins (ML).

Abbreviations:

NUS – National Umpiring Staff; constituting the UIC –Umpire-in-Chief; 3 DDU’s -Deputy Directors of Umpiring and 3/ 4 RDU’s - Regional Directors of Umpiring.

1.0	<b>Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting:</b> Amendment: SSD2N – Dennis Smith replaced Lindsay Edwards as TCU. Confirmed as a true and sufficient record. Lindsay/Cass	Action
1.1	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Next meeting: consider the use of an independent recording secretary/audio recording.</li> <li>◆ It is noted that Mark McFarlane did not seek re-election as a DDU. Mark advised he needed to focus more on his business commitments during the rebuilding of Christchurch. He further added that he would like to contribute to a post-earthquake in a revitalisation of the Canterbury umpires association and wish to continue to contribute to “the programme”. The NUS records it appreciation of Mark’s valued contribution.</li> </ul>	NUS
2.0	<b>Awards</b>	
2.1	<b>Distinguish Service</b> Convenor Bill Smith advised there were no recommendations to table.	
2.2	<b>Notified National/Regional/LA Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ President’s Trophy (HV) Terry Ratu</li> <li>◆ Umpire of the year (HV) Keith Marsh</li> <li>◆ Rookie of the year (HV) Charles Ratahi</li> <li>◆ John Wall Memorial Trophy (NH) Andrew McManus</li> <li>◆ Dave Seaton Memorial Trophy (NH) Shaun Poata</li> <li>◆ Ian Legge Memorial Trophy (NH) Mitch Hutchinson</li> <li>◆ Umpire of the year (WN) Bob Jones</li> </ul> RDU’s to follow-up with their Local associations and advise UIC of any outstanding local awards including their Life Membership role status.	
3.0	<b>Regional Reports and Recommendations</b>	
3.1	<b>Central Region</b> – RDU written report presented by Wiremu Tamaki. Annual Reports received from Hawkes Bay, Wanganui, Manawatu, Wellington, and Hutt Valley. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ L5 Grading recommendations. No recommendations received.</li> <li>◆ Post meeting report received from Tairawhiti.</li> </ul>	
3.2	<b>South Island Region</b> – RDU written report presented by Nicola Ogier. Annual Reports received from Canterbury, Mid Canterbury, Marlborough, Nelson, Otago, North Otago and Southland. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ L5 Grading recommendations. No recommendations received.</li> <li>◆ Recommend the incoming RDU review whether the Tasman area continue under South Island Region or move to be included as part of the Central Region</li> </ul>	
3.3	<b>Northern Region</b> – No written RDU report available. Verbal presentation by Bill Smith. Written	

	<p>Annual Reports received from WBOP and Counties Manukau. Initial email response from Auckland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Grading recommendations. No recommendations received.</li> <li>◆ Post meeting report received from Auckland (previously available), Waikato and North Harbour.</li> </ul>	
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The UIC expressed his concern about the variance in formal reporting and the importance of Local Association and RDU input into grading recommendation process. Accurate game records form part of the NUS deliberations when reviewing grading recommendations.</li> <li>◆ The format of reporting was again discussed. Standard template format to be reviewed.</li> </ul>	UIC/ RDU's
3.5	<p><b>Regions in Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The two yearly RDU appointment cycle is due this year. RDU's are now much more integrated into the activities of the National Umpiring Staff and are often best suited too and asked to undertake tasks once exclusively done by the UIC and/or the DDU's. Refer item 8.1 below.</li> <li>◆ Further to last year's meeting discussions were again held on succession planning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Southern Region – The outgoing RDU advised she canvassed the SI association but received no recommendation.</li> <li>- Central Region - Incumbent RDU Wiremu Tamaki will again be standing.</li> <li>- Northern Region - Succession planning recommendation is Mark Porteous.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Following the appointment of the incoming RDU's consideration will be given by the NUS to the possible appointment of assistant RDU's</li> </ul>	UIC
3.6	<p><b>Regional Preseason Clinics</b></p> <p>Recommended content – Focus on increasing rules knowledge application. Case-play presentations using open space technology format. UIC available via Skype.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Central Regional Clinic at Hawkes Bay, September 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>◆ South Island Regional Clinic. Venue and date TBA in conjunction with incoming RDU</li> <li>◆ Northern Regional Clinic venue TBA, September 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup>. NUS to attend.</li> </ul>	RDU's
4.0	<p><b>Oceania Open forum via SKYPE</b></p> <p>Guests: Bob Stanton (ISF-DU), Tricia Sibraa (AUS-UIC) and Darren Sibraa (AUS-SDQ)</p>	
4.1	<p><b>ISF Recertification (from September 2013)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ An ISF umpire wishing to apply to officiate at an ISF World Championship post 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 must complete and pass the re-certification rules examination for new Rulebook period 2014_2017. The current examination on UmpSchool will be refreshed following the introduction of the new Rulebook. The existing re-certification rules examination on UmpSchool can be used until the refreshed examination is available, however the DU will separately examine umpires who have not obtained a refreshed examination pass mark before any final appointment. Additionally each applicant must file a current field evaluation (no older than five years). Evaluations can be from either an ISF World Championship or an approved National Federation evaluation from an appropriate national championship.</li> <li>◆ The ISF office will look to update rule box profiles with a date field to reflect expiration on valid on field evaluations</li> </ul>	
4.2	<p><b>2014 ISF Certification Seminar (Oceania)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Indicative attendance numbers: New Zealand (7-9), Australia (9-12), PNG (1).</li> <li>◆ Attendees must complete a pre-qualification examination via rule box and gain a 90% pass. This examination is based on the 2010-2013 Rulebook.</li> <li>◆ Confirmation of attendees by no later than 1 Dec 2013 so tournament staffing levels and accommodation and internal transportation bookings can be undertaken.</li> <li>◆ The tournament will be played under the current 2010-2013 Rulebook and SNZ National Tournament Rules</li> <li>◆ 2014-2017 rule changes will be discussed at the seminar.</li> </ul>	
4.3	<p><b>ISF Rule changes proposals</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ SAL's forty plus proposals are current before their board for approvals. They include the no advancing of runners on called illegal pitches.</li> <li>◆ Bob Stanton advised that Rule 10 regarding umpires dress code is currently under review.</li> <li>◆ SNZ rule change submissions are not finalised and are on this meeting's agenda.</li> </ul>	
4.4	<p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Q: Rule box/ UmpSchool current registrations total only 200. What is the future of this tool? A: The commitment to UmpSchool is reviewed annually. Current limitations include: limited to two languages (English and Spanish); difficulty with access for umpires who don't have a credit card facility for registration and or internet access.</li> <li>◆ Q: Does anyone know what the rationale behind the rule why there a double penalty for an illegal pitch (i.e. a ball on the batter &amp; a base to the runners)? A: unanswered</li> <li>◆ Baseball/Softball (WBSC) Olympic reinstatement vote set for September 2013</li> <li>◆ Q: How sustainable are two World Championships per year A: Question for Congress Oct13</li> <li>◆ Q: With two World Championships per year and with the re-introduction of open entry how will this impact the ISF umpire resources? A: It has already highlighted a lack of overall depth in some NF's. The current pool of female umpires is limited. The impact of recertification is unknown. It could be expected that with open entry and shorter time schedules that additional umpire resources will be needed.</li> <li>◆ The ISF Rules sub-committee to be involved with the review of proposed rule changes.</li> </ul>	
5.0	<b>National</b>	
5.1	<p><b>National Tournament Chief Umpire Reports</b></p> <p>Written reports were received from TCU's and referred to at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ TCU's present spoke to their reports. Other reports were displayed and spoken too.</li> <li>◆ For the second year running it is noted that there is need for continuing improvement with rules knowledge application. This subject to be added to regional clinic programmes.</li> <li>◆ One report highlighted the use of substandard playing fields and an unsatisfactory arrangement to the feeding of umpires. These situations must be raised with the SNZ STR. This situation was also reported latter in the meeting to the SNZ Event &amp; National Teams Coordinator.</li> <li>◆ Names of successful Level 2, 3 and 4 candidates will be listed in the Annual National records.</li> </ul>	<p>RDU's</p> <p>UIC</p>
5.2	<p><b>Level 7 Group Report</b></p> <p>A written report was circulated before the meeting and spoken to by convenor Lindsay Edwards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Reports had been received from the Level 7 mentors assigned to the ISF Certification Seminar Lead-in candidates. Additionally mentors were assigned in support of an additional L6 umpire and their reports received.</li> <li>◆ Each candidates mentor report was spoken to. There were many positive comments that again reflect the benefit of an organised mentoring programme. It is also noted that some candidates needed to show a greater commitment to their umpiring.</li> <li>◆ The NUS confirmed that all nine lead-in candidates will be invited to confirm their personal commitment to the 2014 Oceania ISF Certification Seminar. Final selection will be subject to candidate confirmation and the passing of the pre-qualification rules examination before the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.</li> <li>◆ Women's umpiring development initiative lead by Nicola continues. A core band of female umpires continue to network and have officiated together at Premier Women's Invitation Tournaments in the Auckland area and the Hutt Valley. Partly self-funded with funding support also arranged by Hutt Valley.</li> </ul>	UIC
5.3	<p><b>Grading Reviews</b></p> <p>L6 evaluations undertaken this season at selected National Tournaments were circulated before the meeting. Following discussions the following grade adjustments are confirmed</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Grading Recommendations: L5 to L6 – Les Haslam (AK); John Hickman (NH); Dave Fortin (CB); Dawie Sutton (OG); Tony Kaiaruna (WN); Chris Radford (AK) and Darrel Paul (HB).</li> <li>◆ The following umpires are to be invited to be assessed for L6 at a U19 National Tournament or above. Ross Emerson (NO); Charlie Gaze (CB); Duncan Watts (OG); Peter Wilson (OG); Brydon Wells (NH) and Kevin Gorman (CM).</li> <li>◆ NUS Grading Recommendations: L4 to L5 - Ngawhetu Dickson (WN); Rex Dyason (MW); Robin Griffiths (CB); Rebecca Taylor (OG) and Kevin Gorman (CM).</li> </ul>	UIC UIC UIC
5.4	<p><b>Trans Tasman Exchange</b> UIC to consult with NUS post meeting</p>	UIC
6.0	<p><b>Committee Responsibilities</b></p>	
6.1	<p><b>NZ Committee Responsibilities:</b>  <b>Finance and Budget</b> - UIC/SNZ  <b>Sponsorship</b> – SNZ/UIC  <b>Annual Rules Examination and Refresher</b> – Nicola (also refer 6.2)  <b>National Tournament Appointments, Accommodation and Travel</b> – Wayne  <b>External and Internal International Appointments</b> - UIC /NUS  <b>RDU Liaison/Regional Clinic Schedule</b> - Cass Seeling  <b>ISF UmpSchool</b> – Oceania: Wayne, SNZ: Nicola.  <b>Merchandising</b> – Lindsay Edwards  <b>Website Manager</b> - Wiremu.  <b>Facebook (photos)</b> - Rikki Thompson  <b>Level 7 Group</b> – Lindsay Edwards (Convenor), Mark McFarlane, Wiremu, Nicola and Lance Brown.  <b>Distinguished Service Awards</b> – Cass (Convenor), Bill and Daph</p>	
6.2	<p><b>Annual Rules Examination and Refresher</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Examination Date: <b>Monday 7 October 2013. Closes 31st October 2013.</b></li> <li>◆ Examination questions to be requested from the following: Wiremu Tamaki; Mark Porteous: Tara Harris, Jeremy England; Lance Brown; Riki Tourangi; Lindsay Edwards; Dennis Smith; Dave Shedlock; Tony Kaiaruna; Dave Fortin; Darrel Paul; Joe Okada; Dave Beaumont; Liz Kawana; Rikki Thompson and Gavin Shepherd.</li> <li>◆ Nicola to coordinate the writing, checking and publication of the examination paper.</li> <li>◆ 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.</li> </ul>	Nicola Nicola Nicola LA's
6.3	<p><b>Merchandising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Lindsay will take this over from Mark McFarlane. With Sirius Sports business now sold to The Fieldhouse (Wayne Reeves) this will require a fresh start.</li> <li>◆ Last season new jacket was the “Smittee” all navy pullover.</li> </ul>	Lindsay
6.4	<p><b>ISF UmpSchool review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Of the 200 currently registered members on UmpSchool, 57 are from New Zealand</li> <li>◆ The registration fee for 40 of these members was paid for by SNZ as part of the continuing education initiative. Due to a poor usage response the NUS has recommended that SNZ discontinue with this initiative when the current registration period expires on 30 September 2013. Future registrations will revert back as a responsibility for individuals.</li> <li>◆ Only four ISF Seminar lead-in candidates have registered tests on UmpSchool. To date only one candidate has achieved a mark greater than the 90% required for Seminar prequalification.</li> <li>◆ Six NZ umpires currently ISF certified have re-certified on-line for the 2010-2013 rule period.</li> </ul>	
6.5	<p><b>National Tournament Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Applications Forms to be emailed to associations <b>early September 2013</b>. Returns from Local Associations to Wayne <b>by Friday 4 October 2013</b></li> </ul>	UIC

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6.7	<p><b>Website/Facebook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Annually reissued documents to be available for upload early August.</li> <li>◆ Grading &amp; examination mark to be updated to the policy documentation</li> <li>◆ Annual return template (to include email addresses) to provide consistency to end of season reporting model</li> <li>◆ Re-establish mission statement link to umpires page</li> </ul>	UIC UIC UIC  Wiremu																																																																											
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7.1	<p><b>Oceania 2014 ISF Certification Seminar, Christchurch, New Zealand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates and observers are expected to arrive pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014. The seminar is programmed for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> followed by field evaluations at the National Fastpitch Championship from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>◆ Seminar outline budget included in proposed annual umpire budget submitted to SNZ. Outline budget has been approved by SNZ</li> <li>◆ ISF DU and Oceania RUC are expected to be appointed as the examiners. SNZ NUS members are expected to be invited as assistant facilitators/evaluators and also umpire at the tournament (Nicky Ogier, Lance Brown and Wiremu Tamaki). Lindsay Edwards with be TCU.</li> <li>◆ Organizing committee Nicky and Wayne in consultation with Bob Stanton and Eugene Gilbert</li> </ul>	UIC																																																																											
7.2	<p><b>Provisional International Calendar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ ISF are expected to call for nominations for appointment to the 2014 ISF Women's and Junior Men's World Championships towards the end of 2013.</li> <li>◆ Gilles Shield schedule for North Harbour December 2013.</li> </ul>																																																																												

7.3	<p><b>ISC Exchange</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mark McFarlane represented SNZ at the 2012 ISC Worlds. Jay Hart, Canada represented the ISC's in at both the 2103 Women's and Men's Opens.</li> <li>◆ EOI for the 2014 SNZ exchange will be called for in early 2014 following an invitation confirmation.</li> </ul>	
7.4	<p><b>ISF/SNZ Communication Policy</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
8.0	<p><b>NUS meeting with SNZ Staff</b></p>	
8.1	<p><b>Eugene Gilbert (SNZ - Event &amp; National Teams Coordinator)</b></p> <p>The following is a summary of discussions</p> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The proposed budget for the 2013/14 season as submitted by the UIC to SNZ was circulated before the meeting.</li> <li>◆ SNZ have confirmed the umpire's budget for the 2013/14 season including the budget for the ISF Certification Seminar. Budget flexibility has been agreed.</li> <li>◆ Budgeted provisions also included: NUS meeting, Regional Clinics, Umpires to 2013 ISF Junior Women's World Championship, Gillies Shield, Trans-Tasman Exchange. Recommended umpire contributions were also included.</li> <li>◆ Projected estimate were included for the next financial year.</li> <li>◆ Additional sponsorship and funding options will be perused on an as required basis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>2012/13 minute: 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.</i> The final draft was discussed. Minor amendments were suggested; regions be reduced from four to three to reflect the current appointing; provision for an RDU unattached be added if required.</li> <li>◆ Nominations for the RDU position are expected to be called for by mid-July and confirmed asap thereafter.</li> <li>◆ Copies of some past AGM Chief Umpire reports have been received from Graham Latta.</li> <li>◆ SNZ umpire merchandising programme is under review with Lindsay Edwards</li> <li>◆ SNZ to advise of the International programme for 2013/2014 as and when it is to hand. This may include a Men's World Championship Qualifier.</li> <li>◆ A round of the Gillies Shield has been confirmed for North Harbour in December, as this is an Australian national Championship the SAL UIC will be directly involved as will umpires from Australia. Umpire appointments will be by invitation.</li> <li>◆ ISF rule change recommendation have been received and will be reviewed by the NUS before the forwarding of recommendations to SNZ</li> </ul> <p><b>National Tournaments/2013 Men's World Championship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Thank you to Mark McFarlane for offering to sponsor the additional two umpires appointed to the Men's World Championship. This funding was finally not required. Many thanks to Fay Freeman and her organising committee and to SNZ.</li> <li>◆ Thank you to Just Water for providing free water for\o the umpires at the World Championship. Thanks to Mark Porteous for arranging this sponsorship and for his leadership in organising the</li> </ul>	



	<p>regional umpires to staff the pre- championship games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ SNZ advises the umpires' tournament allowances are paid host associations as part of the bulk tournament funding. It is recommended that SNZ instruct association is to contact the_Tournament Chief Umpire to discuss and finalise food arrangements at their tournament.</li></ul>	
8.0	<b><u>Other Matters</u></b>	
8.1	<b><u>Succession Planning</u></b>  All NUS members were invited to share the views on the future direction of the programme; their immediate term goals and contribution, and those whom they thought would be suitable and compatible future leaders of the National Umpiring Staff.	
8.2	<b><u>Associations Contacts List (post meeting)</u></b> When appointed RDU's are requested to confirm their associations 2013/14 season's contact list to Wayne copied to Wiremu asap.	

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