

**Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting of the National Umpiring Staff of SNZ held at SNZ Offices, Sat 24<sup>th</sup> & Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**Present:** Wiremu Tamaki (WT), Lindsay Edwards (LE), Jeremy England (JE), Eugene Gilbert (EG), Mark Porteous (MP), Gavin Shepherd (GS), Lance Brown (LB), Dave Fortin (DF), Kevin Gorman (KG).

**Apologies:** Nil

**Opening:** Wiremu offered the mihi whakatau and welcomed all

**Notified bereavements:** William “Bill” Smith, Kyosuke “Joe” Okada, Elva Dyason, Veronica O’Neil

**Minute recording:** Lance Brown

| 1.0 | Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1.1 | Minutes confirmed as true and accurate record - KG/MP - passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1.2 | <p><b>Matters Arising from the previous meeting;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LE – mentioned the perennial crew members who consistently pull out of tournaments to possibly name and shame</li> <li>• DF – bat stickers and bat processes to be directed to general business</li> <li>• LB – mentioned that SNZ have the concussion protocols as a topic at national level therefore no further discussion. LE – at regional clinics to discuss a course of action moving forward for the immediate season and for SNZ to have this added to the tournament handbook</li> <li>• WT – recording of game tallies to be structured on a database system</li> <li>• Level Six Cap – idea disbanded</li> <li>• TCU performance review – desk file on how best to run a tournament as a TCU</li> <li>• Uniform - task to be assigned</li> <li>• Off diamond attire - communication to our fraternity to ensure our umpires are conscious about off diamond appearance</li> <li>• Policy review – parked</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2.0 | Strategic Planning & Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.1 | <p><b>SNZ Umpire Progression Framework</b><br/>Darrel Paul (DP) presented the draft framework to the NUS meeting via Skype.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The working sub-committee members are Darrel Paul, Gavin Shepherd and Jill Farquhar</li> <li>• DP articulated the rationale for the framework and the need for the umpire’s programme to have a transparent and clear pathway for umpire development</li> <li>• Framework concentrated on the beginning stages of umpiring through to becoming a qualified SNZ Badge holder (level four)</li> <li>• Framework starts at Level Zero (Novice/Recruit) with a progression map from level zero to level four</li> <li>• Each level has a learning module with clear objectives for demonstrating the required level</li> <li>• Each level has an assessment module with recommended tournaments to attend in order to progress to the next level</li> <li>• The NUS acknowledged Darrel’s great presentation and the work of the team</li> </ul>             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NUS members to review the framework and provide feedback to GS by 5/7/2017</li> <li>2. Framework committee to provide final framework with “nuts and bolts” for implementation by September 2017.</li> </ol> |
| 3.0 | International Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 3.1   | <b>WBSC Certification 2018.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed WBSC certification clinic to be held in 2018 has now been postponed until 2019</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Advise candidates and manage expectations of those who may be ready. |
| 3.2   | <b>International Relations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT talked about developing relationships with other countries within WBSC. The WBSC international schedule is set to increase with more products on offer for both men and women</li> <li>U23 and the Friendship Series - now established as the resurged Trans-Tasman exchange</li> <li>These tournaments to target our level 4 and level 5 umpires</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |                                                                      |
| 4.0   | <b>Regional Reports (Summaries)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Action</b>                                                        |
| 4.1   | <b>Regional Director of Umpiring – Northern Region. Mark Porteous.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented his report</li> <li>MP talked about the number of tournaments the region facilitated, the challenges they had staffing them and how exciting the season had been</li> <li>There were many opportunities for umpires to chief tournaments</li> <li>Auckland umpire of the year - Heidi Leathart, North Harbour umpire of the year – Heath Walker, Counties Manukau umpire of the year – Chris Boyce</li> </ul> |                                                                      |
| 4.1.1 | <b>Grading nominations put forward by the RDU- NR &amp; Association UICs for NUS review</b><br>Simon Lindsay L5<br>Shaun Poata L5<br>Dave Taiwhanga L5<br>Geoff Simmonds L5<br>Tama Howard L6<br>Robbie Sadgrove L6<br>Heath Walker L6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                      |
| 4.2   | <b>Regional Director of Umpiring – Central Region. Jeremy England</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented his report</li> <li>Thanked Gavin for his work in Tairāwhiti and the grading framework</li> <li>Talked about last year’s regional clinic, the up-coming season and the Central Regional Clinic – Tairāwhiti (Gisborne) – September 23/24</li> <li>JE has taken the position of intercity UIC/scheduler within his regional</li> </ul>                                                                          |                                                                      |
| 4.2.1 | <b>Grading nominations put forward by the RDU-CR &amp; Association UICs for NUS review</b><br>Daniel Parker L4<br>Hamilton Maere L4<br>Jason Tamanui L4<br>Api Takoko L4<br>Willie Sadlier L5<br>Gary Tokoa L5<br>Dallas Joseph L3<br>Tom Kingi L6<br>Stu Murray L4<br>Andrew Lawson L5<br>Ben Dyason L5                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                      |
| 4.3   | <b>Acting Regional Director of Umpiring – Southern Region. Dave Fortin (ARDU)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                      |

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|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented his report</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                              |
| <b>4.3.1</b> | <b>Grading nominations by the ARDU-SR &amp; Association UICs for NUS review</b><br>Craig Allen L5<br>Dennis Ormsby L5<br>Heath Lyttle L5<br>Robin Griffith L6<br>Sam Meikle L5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                              |
| <b>4.4</b>   | <b>Regional Umpires Clinics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Clinic, 16-17 September Auckland</li> <li>Central Clinic, 23-24 September Gisborne</li> <li>Southern Clinic, 23-24 September Christchurch</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                              |
| <b>5.0</b>   | <b>Umpire Evaluation Results</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Action</b>                                                |
| <b>5.1</b>   | <b>2016/17 Umpires Assessed for Promotion - Ratified &amp; Endorsed</b><br>Rebecca Taylor – Promotion to Level 6      Ratified & Endorsed<br>Heidi Leathart – Promotion to Level 5      Ratified & Endorsed<br>Kam Kwong – Promotion to Level 5      Ratified & Endorsed<br>Tamati Montgomery – Promotion to Level 5      Ratified & Endorsed<br>Mark Andrell – Promotion to Level 5      Ratified & Endorsed<br>Leon Hopa – Promotion to Level 5      Ratified & Endorsed<br>Jill Farquhar – Promotion to Level 5      Ratified & Endorsed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | RDU to communicate with successful candidates                |
| <b>5.2</b>   | <b>Recommendation for Assessment/Evaluation during the 2017-18 season</b><br>D Taiwhanga      to be assessed for L5      Endorsed by NUS<br>G Simmonds      to be assessed for L5      Endorsed by NUS<br>T Howard      to be assessed for L6      Endorsed by NUS<br>R Sadgrove      to be assessed for L6      Endorsed by NUS<br>C Allen      to be assessed for L5      Endorsed by NUS<br>H Lyttle      to be assessed for L5      Endorsed subject to meeting criteria<br>R Griffith      to be assessed for L6      Endorsed subject to passing the rules test<br>S Meikle      to be assessed for L5      Endorsed by NUS<br>D Parker      to be assessed for L4      Endorsed subject to passing the rules test<br>H Maere      to be assessed for L4      Endorsed subject to passing the rules test<br>J Tamanui      to be assessed for L4      Endorsed by NUS<br>A Takoko      to be assessed for L4      Endorsed by NUS<br>G Tokoa      to be assessed for L4      Endorsed by NUS<br>D Joseph      to be assessed for L3      Endorsed by NUS<br>S Murray      to be assessed for L4      Endorsed by NUS<br>A Lawson      to be assessed for L5      Endorsed by NUS<br>B Dyason      to be assessed for L5      Endorsed by NUS | WT to contact candidates to be graded, with UICs & RDU cc'd. |
| <b>5.3</b>   | <b>Talent Pool / Mentoring Program</b><br>Discussed partnering members with a coach / mentor<br>T Montgomery      Dave Fortin<br>S Meikle      Dave Fortin<br>M Andrell      Dennis Smith<br>B Dyason      Dennis Smith<br>H Lyttle      Dennis Smith<br>K Kwong      Gavin Shepherd<br>G Tokoa      Gavin Shepherd<br>W Sadlier      Gavin Shepherd<br>T Howard      Jeremy England<br>R Taylor      Jeremy England                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | LE to communicate with members and mentors                   |

|                                          | H Leathart<br>H Walker<br>R Sadgrove<br>B Horn<br>J Farquhar<br>L Hopa<br>D Ormsby<br>C Boyce                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Jeremy England<br>Lance Brown<br>Lance Brown<br>Lance Brown<br>Mark Porteous<br>Mark Porteous<br>Mark Porteous<br>Tony Kaiaruna |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |
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| <b>6.0</b>                               | <b>Nationals</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                 | <b>Action</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                 |
| <b>6.1</b>                               | <b>Tournament Chief Umpire Reports</b><br>Presented.<br>Major themes – there still appears to be a lack of preparedness when attending nationals, lack of rules application in games, a noticeable slip in mechanics – domestic comp mechanics versus national mechanics, transportation to and from airports, a concern that personal commitments whilst attending national tournaments as a fully assigned umpire to the tournament has created a number of headaches for TCUs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                 | NUS to continue working with SNZ to support transportation (shuttles) options to and from the airport for tournaments held at major centres<br><br>Add messaging to TCU handbook to ensure umpires assigned are aware of tournament attendance and expectations |                                 |
| <b>6.2</b>                               | <b>National tournament application process - review / protocol / actions</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 79 umpires were appointed to last year's roster</li> <li>- LE discussed the challenges of managing the national tournament application process and trying to communicate this early to the membership</li> <li>- LE mentioned the rational/reasons for appointing umpires to tournaments and the criteria he has to manage in making those decisions ie budget, umpire development, locals versus visitors</li> <li>- LE noted the rosters for each tournament are driven by the number of confirmed teams attending which is generally not known until a month out</li> <li>- LE also mentioned the impact of the rules test and umpires being evaluated requiring a rules test result need to be considered in being assigned to the national tournament roster</li> <li>- LE advised there is no easy solution but will continue to find solutions with SNZ to manage the process</li> </ul> <p>WT closes with uncoupling the rules test to national appointments, as it is becoming too hard to staff tournaments. However the NUS will continue to encourage members to complete the annual rules test</p> <p><b><i>MOTION: Uncouple the rules test with national scheduling but retain for being evaluated for next level. WT/LE. Passed.</i></b></p> |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |
| <b>6.3</b>                               | <b>Confirmed National Tournament Schedule. Identified Tournament Chief Umpires (DRAFT)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |
| <b>Tournament</b>                        | <b>Abbrv</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Location</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>TCU / ATCU</b>               |
| <b>Junior Secondary School Nationals</b> | JSS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Akina Park, Hastings                                                                                                            | 27-30 Nov 2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>TBC</b>                      |
| <b>NFC U23 Men's</b>                     | U23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rosedale Park, Albany                                                                                                           | 7-10 Dec 2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>L Edwards<br/>R Dyason</b>   |
| <b>U19 Boys</b>                          | U19B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mizuno Park, Christchurch                                                                                                       | 4-7 Jan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>D Beaumont / M McFarlane</b> |
| <b>U19 Girls</b>                         | U19G                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Rosedale Park, Albany                                                                                                           | 4-7 Jan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>M Porteous / B Wells</b>     |

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| <b>U17 Boys</b>                                      | U17B       | Colquhoun Park,<br>Palmerston North | 11-14 Jan   | <b>G Nalepa / R Dyason</b>     |
| <b>U17 Girls</b>                                     | U17G       | Ellis Park,<br>Dunedin              | 11-14 Jan   | <b>D Sutton / D Poy</b>        |
| <b>U15 Boys North Island</b>                         | U15B<br>NI | Haitaitai Park,<br>Wellington       | 18-21 Jan   | <b>T Kaiaruna / G Shepherd</b> |
| <b>U15 Girls North Island</b>                        | U15G<br>NI | Prince Edward Park,<br>Papakura     | 18-21 Jan   | <b>K Gorman / C Seeling</b>    |
| <b>U15s South Island</b>                             | U15<br>SI  | Surrey Park,<br>Invercargill        | 18-21 Jan   | <b>R Thompson / L Hopa</b>     |
| <b>National Fastpitch<br/>Championship</b>           | NFC        | Rosedale Park,<br>Albany            | 15-18 Feb   | <b>L Edwards / M McFarlane</b> |
| <b>Men's Club Nationals</b>                          | MO         | Fraser Park,<br>Lower Hutt          | 7-11 March  | <b>L Edwards / R Dyason</b>    |
| <b>Women's Club Nationals</b>                        | WO         | Mizuno Park,<br>Christchurch        | 8-11 March  | <b>W Tamaki</b>                |
| <b>Division 1 Secondary<br/>School Nationals</b>     | SSD1       | Fraser Park,<br>Lower Hutt          | 19-23 March | <b>D Smith / R Dyason</b>      |
| <b>Division 2 Secondary<br/>Schools North Island</b> | SSD2<br>NI | Resthills Park,<br>Hamilton         | 20-23 March | <b>C Seeling / L Type</b>      |
| <b>Division 2 Secondary<br/>Schools South Island</b> | SSD2<br>SI | TBC                                 | 20-23 March | <b>L Hopa / M Andrell</b>      |

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| <b>7.0</b> | <b>Annual Rules Test</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Action</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|            | <b>Rules test statistics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The overall average score was 81.4%, with 74 participants completing the test. In comparison to last year – 83.92% and 96 respectively</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|            | <b>General Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DF talked about the development of the rules test and how it came to be. Talked about the successful working relationship between the working committee</li> <li>DF discussed that rules tests are a training tool and therefore the format is acceptable. If it is desired that the rules test be an assessment, then a “Rule Box-type” set up would be required</li> <li>The consensus was that the rules test was excellent and the NUS agreed to continue with a similar-style rules test be continued next season.</li> <li>Further discussion was held on rules test for levels 1-3 being an introductory test to be completed at the start of the season and the main rules test to be at the end of the season, as per the last two seasons to assist with next season's allocation. This to be looked at in line with the SNZ Umpiring Progression Framework</li> <li>Agreed to keep the rules test open to allow recommended members requiring a rules test for evaluation to complete this task. Date to officially close to be advised by DF and WT.</li> <li>Recommend to keep the working committee as status quo</li> <li>LE discussed how some umpire associations are completing the rules test together which raises integrity issues. There is a need for individuals to complete the rules test as individuals and come together as a group after the test has been completed.</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue with online rules test with video.</li> <li>Readjust for new SNZ Umpire Progression framework – L1 – L3</li> <li>Next rules test to include advice to members to sit the test as an individual rather than a group</li> </ol> |
| <b>8.0</b> | <b>Softball New Zealand</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Action</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>8.1</b> | <b>SNZ CEO Tony Giles.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tony discussed a new operational direction for SNZ to deliver quality national and international tournaments</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony mentioned the success of the TAB Challenge and confirmed the tournament for the 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> of February 2018</li> <li>• Talked about potential umpire development with tournaments being developed at a World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) level, to include - 16U Girls – Oklahoma, USA August 2018, 23U Men’s – 2020, an Elite 8 Men’s – 2020, Olympic qualifier – 2018</li> <li>• SNZ have included a National Fastpitch Championship (NFC) U23 Men’s, which is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Rosedale Park</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>9.0</b>  | <b>Awards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Action</b>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>9.1</b>  | <b>Research</b><br>Jeremy to research criteria of the award and check membership for who may fit the criteria.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>9.2</b>  | <b>Presentation of award</b><br>Wiremu presented Kevin Gorman with his distinction award for his services to softball.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>9.3</b>  | <b>Nominations of SNZ Umpire of the Year</b><br>Three nominations received - Dawie Sutton, Tony Kaiaruna and Heath Walker.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>10.0</b> | <b>General Business</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Action</b>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>10.1</b> | <b>Level 7 Group:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LE – advises that this concept never got traction and recommends that this be disestablished.</li> </ul> <b>MOTION: The Level 7 Group be disestablished LE/GS. Passed</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>10.2</b> | <b>The Alumni Assessment Team / Practical Evaluation of an Umpire:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LE talked about the proposed alumni group members of Mark McFarlane, Ray Dyason, Cass Seeling and Dennis Smith</li> <li>• Purpose of the group is to oversee the assessment/evaluation process throughout the country.</li> <li>• Due to resourcing this may be hard to achieve so ATCU roles may include an Alumni member assigned to a tournament</li> <li>• LE requested the NUS members read the document titled “Terms of Reference”</li> </ul>                                                                      | NUS members to read the terms of reference and get back to LE asap                                                                     |
| <b>10.3</b> | <b>National Umpires Conference:</b><br>JE provided a briefing about the National Conference. This is still a work in progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>10.4</b> | <b>Regional Director of Umpiring – Southern Region</b><br>The role is currently vacant. DF is the acting regional director of Southern. The NUS will advertise the role of RDU-Southern.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | WT to action the advertisement, the application process and the timings of the RDU Southern.<br>WT to look at the position description |
| <b>10.5</b> | <b>RDU at Large</b><br>Template to be developed for TCUs for a self-evaluation form to be added to the toolbox and to be part of the TCU Umpires report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | LB to action                                                                                                                           |
| <b>10.6</b> | <b>SNZ Bat Check Process</b><br>Proposal to complete an in-depth bat check process at the beginning of the season at local level that provides a warrant of fitness for the entire season. At national tournaments physical tests to be completed to validate eligibility for use at the tournament. This would cut down on some of the admin processing tasks.<br>To gather more data on rejected bats, forms to add in a section to record this information                                                                                                                                                                             | DF to draft proposal and research appropriate bat stickers.<br><br>LB to amend current bat check documents                             |
| <b>10.7</b> | <b>SNZ Umpires Code of Conduct</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and look to ratify and load to SNZ Umpires website for 2017/2018 season</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | WT to post and communicate to membership                                                                                               |

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|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From the minutes of the 2014 National Umpires Staff meeting, the SNZ Code of Conduct was already ratified.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION: ratify Code of Conduct and to be included as policy MP/GS. Passed.</b></p>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>10.8</b>  | <p><b>Health &amp; Safety</b></p> <p>SNZ to research concussion protocols with different codes/sports.<br/>NUS to provide advice to the tournament committee to include in their handbook ie automatic stand down and replacement rule to be used</p>                         | WT to provide advice to the tournament committee                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>10.9</b>  | <p><b>National Uniforms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National shirt still being provided by Fieldhouse</li> <li>- Suggest to local associations to look at an alternate local strip preserving their national uniform for national tournaments</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WT to follow up with TK regarding keeping a relationship with Fieldhouse to keep stock up</li> <li>2. RDUs to contact their regional UICs to consider an alternate strip</li> </ol> |
| <b>10.10</b> | <p><b>Travel policy – Review</b></p> <p>Vans/transportation were utilised during last season. It is a must have at the bigger centres, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch. MP mentioned the reduced pressure on locals.</p>                                                   | Already noted                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|              | <p><b>MEETING CLOSED:</b></p> <p>WT closed with Karakia. Meeting closed on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, 3pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Supplement to the above minutes recorded 14/9/2017**

**Late additions to minutes in consultation with appointed RDU Te Waipounamu – D Beaumont**

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R Watson L4 (omitted by NUS after being recorded in the tabled UIC report from Southland)

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**Endorsements:**

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