

NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION



2011

74th AGM and ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 27th 2011

**To be held at Sports House
93 Hutt Park Road
Seaview
Lower Hutt**



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PROGRAMME

9.00am	Morning Tea and Registration
9.30am	Awards Presentation
10am	Annual Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>NZ Rugby League Representative:</u> <i>The NZ Rugby League new zone structure and how it is working for them.</i>• <u>Guy Kawe:</u> <i>Developing a Coaching Strategy-North Harbours continuing journey to improve the quality of Softball through the change and development of a Strategic plan.</i>• <u>Fay Freeman:</u> <i>An update on Softball World Championships 2013, including Ticketing.</i>
12.30pm	Lunch provided for delegates at Sports House
1.00pm	The 74th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Softball Association Inc

FINISH NO LATER THAN 4.30pm

**The 74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INC
Saturday, August 27th 2011, Commencing at 1.00pm**



A G E N D A

- 1 Welcome and Introductions**
- 2 Roll Call and Apologies**
- 3 In Memoriam**
- 4 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting held on 28th August 2010**
- 5 Matters Arising out of the Minutes**
- 6 Adoption of the Annual Report**
- 7 Financial Statements and Balance Sheet and 2011/2012 Budget**
- 8 Board Appointments**
- 9 Election of “Elected Board Members”**
- 10 Remits and Items for Discussion**

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VOTING STRENGTH

Auckland	6	Nelson	2	Southland	2
Canterbury	6	NZ Maori	1	Taranaki	1
Central Otago	1	NZ Defence Force	1	Waikato	1
Counties Manukau	3	North Harbour	4	Wanganui	1
Hawkes Bay	3	North Otago	1	Wellington	6
Hutt Valley	5	Otago	2	West Coast	1
Manawatu	1	Tairāwhiti	1	Western BOP	1
Marlborough	1	Central Rotorua	1	(Total Possible)	= 52

Total Possible Voting Strength = 52

Please Note: 1. under section 17.17 NZSA must be advised in writing 7 days before the AGM who your voting delegate is. Proxy votes are not permitted.

As at 31 July 2011

4 Associations (Manawatu, Western BOP, Central Rotorua and West Coast) are currently unfinancial and 1 unaffiliated (NZ Maori)

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Item 8 Board Appointments

The chair of the meeting will introduce the board member who has been appointed commencing their term at the conclusion of the AGM.

This Board Member will be invited to speak.

Item 9 Election for SNZ Elected Board Members

The Nominees for the Board elected positions in no particular order are:

Name	Nominated By
Raewyn Clarke	Wellington Softball Association
Donna Milne	Canterbury Softball Association

The board appointment Panel through the GM will advise members prior to the AGM of their recommended nominee or nominees whom it considers would best suit the vacant positions of Elected Board Members for consideration at the General Meeting.

The Chair of the meeting will refer to this information prior to the election process. Each of the nominees above will be invited to speak for two minutes at the AGM. A CV for each nomination is enclosed.

Item 10 REMITS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL REMITS

No constitutional Remits were submitted.

B. REMITS FOR DISCUSSION

As Submitted by Canterbury Softball Association

1. It is recommended that a **Tournaments Committee or Advisory Group is re-established** to provide a formal process for tournament recommendations and critiquing of the Tournament product delivered by SNZ to its membership. This group should present to the Annual General Meeting each year.

Reasons:

- Rules and ambiguity of applying “trial” rules in recent years has created confusion.
 - There is no formal process for suggestions being heard or established timelines to present them.
 - There is a culture of casual conversation and anecdotal evidence that change rules.
 - The rules are changed by management, not the users.
 - There is no democratic process in place, nor is the decision making transparent.
2. It is recommended that a **“whole of sport” media strategy be developed** and shared with the membership for application.

Reasons:

- Currently there is no defined media strategy for softball
 - Every softball region should have a guide on how to present our sport
 - Dedicated communication mediums should be expanded throughout the country
 - Media journalists should be targeted and educated
3. It is recommended that a **“whole of sport” recruitment and promotion window be established and supported by SNZ.**

Reasons:

- Each year August & September are prime recruitment opportunities for softball but national image of the game is fractured and disjointed
- There are no defined resources for promoting the sport
- There is no “strapline” or “campaign” planned
- There is no carry through the year for promotion and brand
- There are no identified role models