

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the National Umpiring Staff of SNZ held at SNZ Offices, Sat 25th July and Sunday 26th July commencing at 9am.

Present: Wiremu Tamaki (Chair), Lindsay Edwards, Jeremy England, Eugene Gilbert, Mark Porteous (Through Skype)

In Part: Tony Giles

Apologies: Nil

Opening: Wiremu offered the Mihi Whakatau and welcomed all.

Notified bereavements: Phil Packer - HV, Tom Whiri - CM, Irene May Porteous (Porty's mum – NH)

Health Updates: Elva Dyason – Manawatu (Ray's wife)

Minute recording: Eugene Gilbert/Wiremu Tamaki

Director of Umpiring: One DDU position remained un-appointed at the time of the meeting

1.0	Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting Confirmed as true and sufficient record. Lindsay/Jeremy	Action
1.1	Matters Arising There were no non-agenda matters arising	
2.0	Awards	
2.1	SNZ Umpiring Distinguished Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three umpires to be awarded the SNZ Umpire Distinguished Services Award, 1) Mark McFarlane, 2) Ray Dyason, 3) Glen Nalepa. Wiremu/Lindsay To be presented at regional umpire clinics. Eugene to organise framed awards. 	Eugene
2.2	Softball NZ Umpire of the Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination forms to go out to umpiring fraternity, SNZ to communicate with NUS about nominations and recommended recipients. 	Wiremu & Eugene
3.0	National Umpiring Staff (NUS)	
3.1	NUS Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The make- up of the NUS was discussed, was passed that one DDU position to be disestablished. Jeremy/Mark NUS to consist of seven people - Umpire in Chief, 2 x DDU's, 3 x RDU's, 1 x roaming RDU (RDU at large). RDU's have assistants but not part of NUS Names were presented to be the RDU at large, Lance Brown was selected to the position. Wiremu/Jeremy 	
3.2	NUS Voting Procedure for Overseas Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New process for appointing overseas assignments. All eligible NUS members to send weighted votes to SNZ (eligible meaning the member of NUS has not put their name forward for the appointment). Lindsay/Mark UIC to have the casting vote if it is tied between two or more 	
3.3	NUS Job Areas (with assistance from umpiring community) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament appointments – Lindsay Exam – Dennis Smith, Darryl Paul, Dave Fortin (to be invited) Training – RDU's and Asst RDU's Website - TBC Uniform & Apparel – TK to be approached 	
4.0	Strategic Planning Four key areas focussed on, 1) Strategic planning, 2) Growth and Development, 3)	

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5.2	National Tournament Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications to be emailed to associations early Sept 2015. Returns to Lindsay by Monday 5th Oct 2015. First appointment schedule to be emailed to SNZ by Tues 3 Nov 2015. 	Wiremu Lindsay																																																												

5.3	Annual Rules Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination date to be Monday 5th Oct 2015 	
5.4	Grading Reviews The following grade adjustments are confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grading recommendations L5 to L6 (evaluations undertaken last year) – Andrew McManus (NH). Andrew to be assigned an out of region mentor Grading recommendations L4 to L5 (evaluations undertaken last year) – Tama Howard (AK), Robbie Sadgrove (AK), Tom Kingi (TR) The following umpire is to be assessed for L5 at the Mens Open Clubs – Ben Horn. Ben to be assigned a mentor The following umpire is to be assessed for L5 at the U19 Boys – Heath Walker. Heath to be assigned a mentor The following umpire is to be assessed for L5 at the U19 Girls – Shirley Harvey. Shirley to be assigned a mentor 	Lindsay To assign mentor for each.
6.0	Softball NZ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget explained for 2015/16 season, remaining budget for admin costs (\$1500), Regional clinics (\$1600 for 4 regional clinics) 30 flights for umpires for tournament assignments. This was outlined so as to keep within tournament budget 	
7.0	Other Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Conduct to be put up on website, communicated to umpiring fraternity Wiremu to possibly travel to Chch and AK to visit Regional Clinics 	Mark
8.0	Meeting closed 5.30pm	