

# BOARD NOTES

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New Zealand Inline Hockey Association

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## FOUR KEY AREAS FROM BUILD THE GAME REPORT

The Board is well underway addressing the four areas the “Build The Game” report identified for initial attention:

**STRATEGIC PLAN** Discussions have begun around the Board table analyzing the current plan with particular emphasis on the future vision with a very early suggestion of “Being a mainstream sport in New Zealand”

**FINANCIAL MATTERS** The initial budget is being considered with consideration being given to use some of the current organization equity to be used as an investment in youth development as part of to ‘Build The Game’. Such an initiative will need to be part of the overall Development Strategy.

**A small increase in team entry fees will occur for National and Inter Regional championships in 2013. Fees will now be plus GST instead of being inclusive. Nationals team fee \$600 + GST and Inter Regional team fee \$350 + GST.**

**EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS** The nurturing & development of key partners is underway involving Sport New Zealand, Roller Hockey NZ, RST Networks, Infinity Foundation & NZCT.

**COMMUNICATIONS** Emphasis is being made in relation to the lines of communication utilising the following guideline;



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***The importance of abiding by the NZIHA Code of Conduct is being stressed by the Board.***

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## OPERATIONS MANAGER

The board have agreed to appoint Krystyna Beardman as the NZIHA Operations Manger reporting to the Board. The first point of contact for New Zealand Inline Hockey is via the Operations Manager, distribution to the relevant officer, panel or portfolio holder will then be undertaken. The enormous number of tasks still being carried out by the ‘Operations Manager’ is receiving high priority with a review being undertaken from the Board Portfolio team. Some outstanding work has been covered by Krys Beardman over the past months...a big “Thank You” from the Board!

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## MEETING JUNE 15

The full board met in New Plymouth on June 15 to discuss portfolio and strategic developments.

Independent Board member Neville Male, from Nelson was introduced to board members. Neville provided some insights into his background in the industry and his views on grassroots development and strategies to support this development.



## CHANGE TO COACHING AND REFEREE GOVERNANCE

Annual Budgeting is being developed incorporating event budgeting with a view to developing a strategic outlook for the association.

Coaching and Referee portfolio reports revealed the need to appoint a member of the board as the chair of each of these committees. This will provide a direct link to the board.



Richard Nelson was appointed as Chair of the Coaching Panel and Angela Prendergast was appointed as Chair of the Referee Panel. Expressions of interest will be circulated to members to allow application to these panels.

Current committee members are thanked for their input and commitment and advised they may submit an "Expression of Interest" if they so wish.

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***Expressions of Interest are now open if you are interested in being considered for coaching or referee panel members.***

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## MORE TEAMS – MORE GAMES

Regions are being asked to investigate the possibility of adding club teams for Masters and possibly Junior Women to National Championships. Clubs will be notified by end of July.

## OPERATIONS PORTFOLIO

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**7 July**

**FIRS Jnr Worlds**

**11 July**

**FIRS Snr Worlds**

**31 July**

**Final date for registration**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sept**

**Final date for League**

**28 Sept**

**NZ National Champs**

**25 Oct**

**Inter Regional Champs**

Some unique challenges have arisen from aspects of organising the "Campaign to Cali" this time including the number of people travelling, re-negotiating travel insurance as athletes classed as amateurs but playing an extreme sport (!). The corporate policy NZIHA have had in place for many years now has held us in good stead when players have suffered through minor sporting injuries, lost gear etc. The logistics of covering such a large group for the number of days involved has been difficult, with over 2500 "days" needing cover for all group members.

As soon as more information is provided on scheduling and whether games are to be streamed information will be posted on the NZIHA website and Facebook. [FIRS do have a live stream site](#), but it is not yet known if they will utilise this.

Information link to FIRS World Championships [here](#), and a Facebook site [here](#).

Team Managers have been doing a wonderful job, organising their team members, collecting in player agreements and travel consents from our under age players, all very time consuming, while coaching has continued on the rink during May and June to prepare teams for competition in July.

Membership from clubs continues to be of concern, a timely reminder however that there are still clubs who have not processed their affiliation and membership payments and data to NZIHA. Please get this as soon as possible. Remember that players need to be registered before their first games and the final date (if playing nationals championships) for registration is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## INTERNATIONAL AND FUTURE TRANS-TASMAN EVENTS

NZIHA are sending seven teams to California to compete at the AAU and FIRS inline hockey championships being staged in Anaheim and Huntington Beach. It is planned to also meet with Australian officials to discuss the future of Oceania competition.

The preparation and administration to organise the number of athletes and officials travelling within this group has been challenging. Often the international organisers have no idea how much time it takes to confirm arrangements for a group of this size. This is the largest contingent NZIHA have sent this far afield, with 150 that we know about but many more families going over to California having made their own bookings.



***On behalf of the association and its members we wish all our athletes and coaches the very best wishes for a successful event. An experience we hope you will be able to bring home and share with your club "mates" here in New Zealand.***

### DAVE HAMMOND



Many of you will know that Dave has been in New Zealand for several months now. He is committed to fulfilling his agreement and provide his coaching and knowledge to the New Zealand teams attending championships in California. Dave has also been involved in grassroots development within New Zealand, working with various clubs to provide coaching clinics to members and also working with some local schools. Feedback from those involved with his coaching clinics has been excellent. New Zealand Inline Hockey assisted Dave in applying for a variance to his work Visa so he could be "booked" by clubs and paid via NZIHA.

Dave's time in New Zealand is coming to an end, we wish him well for his future endeavours and congratulate him in being selected to play for Canada Inline at the forthcoming "World Games" taking place in Columbia at the end of July. Dave will be back in New Zealand for a few days before his departure to Namibia, his "home" location early in August.

### MEDIA – POLICY - STAKEHOLDERS

The Board view the correct use of social media very seriously and remind members of the Codes of Conduct already in place. This document can be found on the website.

<http://inlinehockeynz.org.nz/assets/documents/game-rules/CODESOFCONDUCT.pdf>

A social media policy is being developed and will be provided shortly.

Work is also going on behind the scenes to develop a larger range of stakeholders to ensure our sport reaches out to as many potential members and supporters as possible.



### REFEREE ADVANCEMENT



Congratulations to Rob Henry and Gavin McGlashen who have been promoted to Level 2 Referees.

**Side Note:** We will shortly have stock of larger referee jerseys again. There could be a slight increase in price due to fluctuations in the reate of exchange. Clubs will be notified shortly.

## [WEBSITE REMINDERS](#)

Don't forget to check out the website for information – use the links below or use the search facility.

[Board News](#)

[Scorekeeping Manual](#)

[Rules](#)

[Discipline Procedures](#)

[Referee Rule Interpretations](#)

**Links to**

[Sport New Zealand resource documents](#) - [NZ Drug Free Sport](#) - [Video](#)

