



Club Bulletin

New Zealand Inline Hockey

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Information from AGM

Summary of Motions and Discussion

1. It was agreed to implement an online training programme to provide referees with an ongoing development tool. This is already underway with a module being investigated to add to the website that referees can access. Assistance will be sought from qualified personnel to prepare the content for uploading. A referee database is currently near completion to ensure all referees can be contacted by email. If you would like to be included on the referee database, let us know and we will include your details.

Skills Development modules are being developed by the Coaching Advisory Committee. Samples were displayed at the AGM. Quotes are being received for printing and it is hoped these will be available to clubs shortly.

Clubs are asked to remind their referees of the IIHF Rule Changes notified in March. A copy of these can be found on the NZIHA website, follow this link:

<http://www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz/news/2012/march/rule-change-notification/>

2. Affiliations with SPARC and Skate New Zealand were discussed with a view to have the NZIHA Executive relationships clarified. Within three months a report is to be presented detailing the consequences vs benefits of direct memberships if indeed these are possible.
3. Insurance was queried by Renegades, what policies did the NZIHA hold and could copies be circulated to clubs. There was discussion regarding the possibility of seeking sponsorship through an insurance company. Policy documents are traditionally very detailed and

Remits Withdrawn

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The three remits submitted to the New Zealand Inline Hockey Annual General Meeting, two from Hamilton Devils and one from Rimutaka Renegades were withdrawn by these clubs on the day of the meeting.

Your New Executive

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currently the documents have been sent already to Renegades president. If clubs would like copies of these documents, please ask and they will be provided.

4. Structure of NZIHA: A working group is to be convened by Barbara Baker (Penguins) to investigate whether the structure of NZIHA needs to be changed in view of the recent changes to policies regarding national funding, regional boundaries (Sports trusts) . Clubs were asked if they have IRD Exemptions and Charity Status. Many appeared not to have these documents. NZIHA needs to ensure it aligns itself with Sport New Zealand strategic directions. A draft report will be available by July with a Special General Meeting to be called and held during National Championships. The date and time will be advised in due course.

5. A proposal was put to the AGM regarding the employment of a National Development Officer with a salary range of \$25 to \$40k. After a lot of discussion the consensus was that this would not solve issues as each club and region would need their own set of criteria, network, stakeholders etc and one person would not have enough time to visit each area to set up specific local programmes. The New Plymouth model should be investigated

using their knowledge to develop programmes specific to other areas to help establish the sport in schools. Auckland, Wellington and Hamilton have also developed school and/ or social leagues and these models can also be used. A survey was to be sent to clubs (you should already have this) to begin this process. **Please send your responses quickly.**

6. Krys reiterated past information that clubs MUST build their own relationships with their own regional Sports Trusts to make sure their clubs are on the RST databases, to ensure an information flow between the clubs and the RST. Records of membership and particularly participation of players in addition to the league programmes in each region should be kept and supplied when requested to ensure that numbers are available when the NZIHA are required to account for ALL PARTICIPANTS. Currently this is not being responded to so potential funding is not forthcoming. Funding is based on PARTICIPANTS (all of them) not just league players.



7. **FORUM Topics** supplied were from three clubs only and in the main covered by General Business at the AGM. However there were topics discussed arising from the Forum topics not covered in General business, there were;

a. Oceania 2013: Australia has indicated that they will be attending AAU in Los Angeles in 2013 and would like to see the Oceania event incorporated in this event in 2013. The view was that the Oceania event move to a three year cycle (LA in 2013, Australia in 2014 and New Zealand in 2015) NZIHA to investigate players view on this (survey has already been circulated) but also to contact AAU for more information

and dates so preparations can begin if the proposal is agreed to.

b. Event Sanctioning: An ongoing issue with Hamilton hosting a non sanctioned event when an existing event has sanctioning and offering the same grades. Clubs want more tournaments and want the ability to attend all of them and not have to choose between them. Concerns that this



conflict is not developing the sport and in fact affecting the quality and atmosphere of the events. July dates need to be looked at to remedy the situation.

The Executive was asked what NZIHA had achieved in the past twelve months. Mark Drummond identified these as;

- a) The IIHF Qualifier Event being hosted in New Zealand with Chinese Taipei and South Africa attending. New Zealand winning the qualifier enabling them to attend the World Championships in 2012
- b) New Zealand training camps were available at minimal cost to players (as New Plymouth provided their venue at no cost) and locals offered billeting. These provided players access to ongoing training. Senior Women were also offered this opportunity.
- c) Referee courses were held in the North Island by the referee committee
- d) An international referee was secured for part of the NZ nationals and this included a hosted seminar and referee feedback
- e) Coaching Advisory Committee was set up with the appointment of Sandy Nimmo as

Chairperson to work on grassroots development and coaching coaches.

- f) Financial Advisory set up to investigate sustainable funds and recommended levels of fixed assets.
- g) A invitation package was developed to try and secure international teams to attend Oceania Championships
- h) A club survey was established to assist with on going issues with retaining membership etc. it was disappointing that many clubs did not respond as the information gathered is critical to assist the executive with planning.

Senior Men for Germany 2012: Mark commented that with the training camps offered over the past twelve months and the preparation taking place prior to departure he felt that this team was well prepared for international competition. A player/coach was not ideal, however the team was working well together. Best Wishes!



Photo: 1: 2012 New Zealand Senior Men - preparing to depart May 26 for Germany to compete at the IIHF World Inline Hockey Championships