

2018 IHNZ Special General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 4th of October 2018

Venue: Auto Lodge Motor Inn, 393 Devon St E, New Plymouth

Meeting Open: 1400.

Welcome by Ivan Wood (IHNZ Chair)

Confirmation of Delegates/Attendees at Meeting Commencement.

IHNZ Board Members: Ivan Wood (IHNZ Chair), Mark Sutton (Treasurer), Simon Lovell.

IHNZ Administrator: Sam Talbot.

Levin Thunder: Donna Pedersen (voting delegate), Natalie Neill (non-voting delegate).

Auckland Orcas: Maxim Kaluzhny (voting delegate).

Capital Penguins: Brett Turia (voting delegate), Jared Scarlett.

Vipers Inline Hockey: Kath Eastwood (voting delegate), Alan Eastwood (non-voting delegate), Tanith Friedlos.

New Plymouth Roller Sports Club: Krystyna Beardman (Life Member) (voting delegate), Julia Craig, Carol Moana Rosser, Raewyn Krutz, Mel Scott, Lynette Rowan.

Waihi Inline Hockey Club: Nicola Ellis (voting delegate), Rachelle Heays (non-voting delegate), Chris Poipoi.

Northland Stingrays: Sue Gillespie (voting delegate), Carl Cooper (non-voting delegate), Sophie Bliss, Nicole Grimme.

Morrinsville Piako Pirates Inline Hockey Club: Russell Brunton (voting delegate).

Hamilton Inline Hockey Club: Paula Middlemiss (voting delegate), Bonnie Milne, Nan Jensen, Tara Tissink, Courtney Fox, Gordon Tam.

Mt. Wellington Roller Sports Club: Sheree Anderson, Jenny Henry, Rob Henry.

Rimutaka Renegades Inline Hockey Club: Sandy Nimmo.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment (Independent Board Members).

IHNZ proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association in order to allow Independent Board Members to serve a term in excess of the current two year non-extendable term as stated in Item 9.2(e) with:

“A minimum of two independent persons who will be appointed to each serve for a two year term, after such time each person must retire and may not stand for re-appointment again within two years of removal.”

The proposed remit put forward was to amend Item 9.2(e) (a) by removing “after such time each person must retire and may not stand for re-appointment again within two years of removal”.

The reasoning put forward by Ivan Wood was that under the current rules whereby Independent Board Members were precluded from serving more than a two year term that:

- a) It was felt the relatively short tenure of a two year non-extendable term created issues around stability of the Board.
- b) It was also felt that the Independent Board Members ability to bring about positive changes over a relatively short time frame in a long-term meaningful fashion was compromised.

Ivan Wood motioned that the proposed remit be accepted. Motion not seconded; motion failed. item 9.2(e) to remain unchanged.

Appointments Panel.

IHNZ proposed to change The Board Appointments Panel in line with Item 7 of the Constitution of the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association: “the Appointments Panel shall comprise between two (2) to four (4) independent persons, selected by the Independent Appointor every four (4) years.”, with the current Board Appointments Panel having now reached the end of their term as per this Constitutional Item.

IHNZ, in line with its current philosophy to continually improve the professionalism and integrity of the sport, feels it is important to retain independent and experienced advice on Board appointments.

A general discussion was undertaken around the merits of the Board Appointments Panel, with Ivan Wood explaining that all Member Clubs will have a vote on any new Board Appointments Panel at the 2019 IHNZ AGM.

The outcome of the discussion was:

- Member Clubs agreed that Ivan Wood should look at a new Chair for the Board Appointments Panel.
- Member Clubs felt the Board Appointments Panel should be more than 2 people.

Appointment of a New Auditor.

The Board decided at the start of the year that a change of auditors was required due to big increases in costs, and a perception of a lack of independence. This ultimately proved to be the right decision with the current auditors stepping down after the latest audit.

As such, NZIHA have actively been seeking proposals from new auditors to undertake the annual financial audit of NZIHA in line with Item 12.1.5 of the Constitution of The New Zealand Inline Hockey Association.

A shortlist of proposed auditors has been drafted based on cost and suitability to the Association and the NZIHA seek approval to appoint one of the following organisations to conduct NZIHA’s annual audit:

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- UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants
- BDO Audit
- RSM New Zealand

Member Clubs asked that the Board research two suggestions put forward by Julia Craig and Sandy Nimmo:

- Julia Craig suggested acquiring a quote from Silks Audit in Whanganui.
- Sandy Nimmo also suggested the Audit could be performed internally by a qualified IHNZ Member.

Krys Beardman motioned that the final auditor selection be carried out by email to all Member Clubs to approve. Motion passed.

Region Changes.

NZIHA had identified that the current regional format was currently not providing weekly competitive games and is ultimately causing players to leave the game.

A discussion on how to improve the league game for all players, with respect to the construction of the regions ensued, where Ivan Wood notified meeting attendees that Hamilton Inline Hockey Club had asked to leave the Central Region in light of the aforementioned issue.

Member Clubs agreed to the current regions staying unchanged (no voting was to be undertaken on this point).

Ivan Wood suggested that Member Clubs share ideas, and share what they're doing for the year ahead so that it could be incorporated in to planning.

Jenny Henry motioned that a working group be setup at a Regional level focussed on getting more competitive games for the Regions. motion seconded with all Member Club Voting Delegates in agreement. motion seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Closed: 1545.