



Underwater Hockey New Zealand

Minutes of the 2007 Underwater Hockey New Zealand Annual General Meeting
Brentwood Hotel, Wellington
Friday 9 March 2007

Meeting opened at 7.10pm.

Present:

UWHNZ Committee 2006

Tristan Reynard	Chairperson
Zoe Firth	Secretary
Rob Fiest	Treasurer, Referees Development Officer
Liam Watson	Coaching Development Officer
Emma Rae	Universities Development Officer

Club Delegates

Scott Maddox	Figjam	Andrew McLeod	Southland
Matt Hart	Figjam	Scott Westbury	Southland
Darren Foo	Pakuranga	Brian Stewart	Dunedin
John Cole	Pakuranga	Jess Massey	Dunedin
Carolyn Siakimotu	Blue Fins	Tina Heir	Going Postal
Ray Goodger	Blue Fins	Angela Whiteman	Going Postal
Ian Barker	Proxy Nelson	Andrew Berry	Phoenix
Dave Whyte	QEII	Richard Maxwell	Crocodylus
Ross Rowe	Rotorua	Richard Burtenshaw	Pegasus
Paul Gebert	Rotorua	Tim Wills	QEII
Rory Hocking	Phoenix	Bryn Thompson	QEII

Honorary Solicitor

Pieter Brits

Apologies

Andrew Carr	Crocodylus
Tibor Mackor	Pakuranga
Stuart Hebbard	Nelson Sharks

Matters Arising from 2006 AGM

No AGM held in 2006 so these accounts are currently unapproved. Rob Fiest gave presentation of annual accounts for 2005-2006. Reasonably profitable 2005 year, managed to continue through 2006 year.

Motion: *That the 2005 accounts be accepted.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded Z Firth
Carried unan.*

Annual Report 2006

Tristan presented Annual Report for 2006.



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Tristan outlined strategic plan – noted that this is still in draft form, need to start bringing in club feedback.

Important points:

We are trying to create ways of measuring each area

SPARC recognition – need to be recognized as important to New Zealanders to become a high performance sport

Discussion – club delegates concerned goals aimed more at world level, more should be aimed towards our members, making sure underwater hockey is really good in NZ. Tristan replied that initiatives underneath strategic objectives look at inward aspects and cover concerns raised by clubs.

Also concern that while some points are measurable, others not so.

Tristan raised possibility of using the 2008 AGM as a possible workshop to finalise the strategic plan, with consultation with all clubs between now and then.

Looked at membership data – where are we losing members from? Don't know age group, can identify clubs.

Discussion about south islands and keeping the tourney in Chch. Invercargill not happy with just finding out tournament to be moved to chch without consultation. To talk about later...Competition Calendar was e-mail out to all clubs for Consultation in July 2006. The decision will be reviewed and discussed at South Island Interclubs.

Brief outline of budget for 2007 and 2008.

Schools tournaments and numbers outline. Good growth occurring, concerns with SI participation. Club membership – big improvement in Auck uwh in 2004 saw big jump in club numbers. South Island – loss of Blenheim club, nelson not registered last year etc.

Portfolio reports contained in Annual report:

Universities – drop out rate is still major concern. No stats on how many dropping out or how many joining clubs

Referees – subsidised refs to worlds

HP Coord – DFSNZ stuff, highlighted publicity and recognition of elite teams

Coaching – production of manuals and coaching courses major focus

Motion: *That the Annual Report be accepted.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded B Stewart.
Carried unan.*

Motion: *Tristan to be thanked for his efforts over the past few years.*

*Moved B Thompson / Seconded R Fiest.
Carried unan.*

Accounts

Rob went through 2006 accounts. Restated need for team money to go through UWHNZ accounts, but need good communication so we know where money is coming from. Cannot have teams paying grant money – needs to be paid to supplier etc from UWHNZ account that funding transferred into.



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Questions raised over what happens to surplus money? Does it still sit with NZU? Rob informed UWHNZ has now opened accounts outside Westpac NZU accounts because Westpac has taken money from UWHNZ accounts to cover NZU overdraft. So we are minimising the amount of money we hold in Newmarket branch to stop money getting taken from our accounts.

Peter Brits asked if there is any reason why we are still with Westpac? Said we need to change banks to stop transfer of funds. If still need to keep Westpac account for NZU trail, should deposit money in and move out same day.

Thanks to Rob for treasurers role in addition to referees.

Note that accounts have not yet been audited due to lack of time between end of financial year and AGM.

Motion: *The 2006 accounts be accepted in unaudited state.*

*Moved R Fiest / Seconded S Maddox.
Carried unan.*

Election of Officers

The following positions were elected unanimously for the 2007 year:

Chairperson	Tristan Reynard
Secretary	Zoe Firth
Treasurer	Tim Wills
Coaching Development Officer	Liam Watson
Competitions Development Officer	Bryn Thompson
High Performance Officer	Darren Foo
Masters Development Officer	David Whyte (in interim)
Referees Development Officer	Matt Toohey
Schools Development Officer	vacant
Universities Development Officer	Emma Rae
Womens Development Officer	Scott Maddox
Publicity Officer	Angela Whiteman
Web	vacant

Rob Fiest withdrew nominations from Treasurer and Referees Development Officer. Rob to retain involvement with referees portfolio as International Referees liaison.

Discussion about what to do with vacant positions. General agreement that need to encourage clubs to put their hands up, but cant force people to volunteer. No point in putting people on committee just to put a name next to each portfolio if those people don't want to do it and wont put effort in.

Discussion around Women's portfolio – roles that this position performs are largely covered by other portfolio's (universities, masters, high performance etc), so idea raised that there is no need for separate women's position. Comments raised that removing Women's portfolio would affect development funding. Issue not fully discussed, not put to vote. Scott elected Women's Development Officer.

Remits

- 1 Fee Changes



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Clarified that the late fee applies from April 15, and that new members are to be exempt from late fee.

Motion: *the Underwater Hockey New Zealand Fee Charges for 2007-2009 be accepted at the level proposed.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded Z Firth.
Carried unan.*

Motion: *The proposed tournament levy changes be accepted.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded R Maxwell.
Carried unan.*

Motion: *The proposed referees and coaches penalties be accepted.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded R Maxwell.
Carried unan.*

2 UWHNZ Committee Induction Handbook

Amendment to change induction to operation.

Motion: *That the updated Underwater Hockey New Zealand Committee Operation Handbook be accepted for use by Underwater Hockey New Zealand Executive, Committee and members.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded E Rae.
Carried unan.*

3 UWHNZ Competition Handbook

Motion: *That the updated Underwater Hockey New Zealand Competition Handbook be accepted for use by Underwater Hockey New Zealand Executive, Committee and members.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded R Fiest.
Carried unan.*

4 UWHNZ Bylaws

Remit: *That the updated Underwater Hockey New Zealand Bylaws be accepted for use accepted for use by Underwater Hockey New Zealand Executive, Committee and members.*

Remit withdrawn.

5 UWHNZ High Performance Handbook

Motion: *That the updated Underwater Hockey New Zealand High Performance Handbook be accepted for use by Underwater Hockey New Zealand Executive, Committee and members.*

*Moved T Reynard / Seconded R Maxwell.
Carried unan.*



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6 Regional representation on UWHNZ Committee

Amendment to wording – ‘committee to comprise of at least one *member* from each region’.

Discussion that need better communication between committee and regions, may not necessarily need people on committee. Again point raised that we cant force people to volunteer. But points raised that we need to ensure that regions have say in the way UWHNZ is run, and to make sure that regions are contributing to the sport etc.

Motion: *That each region to ensure that they put forward at least one delegate for the committee and the committee to comprise of at least one member from each region.*

Moved T Reynard / Seconded D Whyte

For - Dunedin, QEII, Blue Fins (votes = 125)

Against – Figjam, Pakuranga, Rotorua, Southland, Posties, Crocs, Phoenix, Pegasus (votes = 239)

Motion defeated.

Committee to take on board message to ensure representation from all regions.

7 That Regionals be moved back to Wellington permanently and be travel equalized as it used to be, or partially equalized.

Discussion about possible amendment – removing the word permanently. Liam said that was the whole point of the remit. Also discussion about splitting the remit into two parts, one to have it in Wellington, other to have it travel equalised. Decided to vote on remit as it was originally worded.

Motion: *That Regionals be moved back to Wellington permanently and be travel equalised as it used to be, or partially equalized.*

Moved T Reynard / Seconded S Westbury

For – Figjam, Crocs, Posties, Southland, Dunedin, Pegasus, Pakuranga (votes = 230)

Against – Rotorua, QEII, Blue Fins (votes = 85)

Motion carried.

8 That Underwater Hockey New Zealand form a incorporated society and commence formal separation from New Zealand Underwater Association”

Rob and Tristan presented summary of NZU issues and reasons for separating.

Motion: *That Underwater Hockey New Zealand form a incorporated society and commence formal separation from New Zealand Underwater Association.*

Moved T Reynard / Seconded R Hocking

Carried unan.

General Business

Life memberships to be awarded to Andrew Carr and Ray Dolman.



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Carried unan.

Service awards to be awarded to Kenrick Knowlson and Matt Harris.

Discussed format of AGM – to be kept the same for 2008.

Meeting closed 10.28pm