

Minutes of ANRC Meeting July 2 2023.

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present: Jane Stearns, Tania Brown, Grant Jarvis

Correspondence: nil

Financial:

Tania updated transactions for the past month including IP shirts, new card sets, club advertising subsidy claims and an increased number of youth player subsidy claims.

Less than half of our clubs have claimed the lesson advertising and promotion subsidy.

The budget discussion at the recent region hui was addressed.

NZB Regional Conference Wellington:

Grant reported back on the discussions and presented agenda.

As a consequence, we will review our Youth tournament subsidy policy and place an updated form for download on the NZB website.

We have several concerns regarding the IP proposal to join Congress. Feedback from many leading players has not been encouraging. It was resolved to seek and summarise potential participation as part of our survey of IP trial formats.

We have not had recent “outside the region” applicants who hold dual club membership asking to trial but will apply the new criteria as required.

It was confirmed that some form of on-line trials will continue in 2024. We will fully support the concerns of clubs who had event numbers decimated by the competition of on-line events in this year’s format.

Our opinion that Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch should host their national events face to face was presented to the meeting.

The increased participation fees were discussed with input from our region on both the significant discrepancy with other national codes (and ABF) and the very high levy placed upon regular tournament participants. As a region we would very much appreciate the opportunity to provide

greater input and player voice prior to major NZB decisions, such as fee levies and the inter-provincial formats, are made.

General Business

Membership Tables: Jane outlined the trends in membership numbers with reasons for some individual club movements. We believe some clubs have yet to record their new from lessons members.

Given national trends we are pleased with the progress of numbers in our region- over and above the impact of two new clubs. Lesson numbers have been encouraging and a few smaller clubs have had significant increases. We will contact clubs who are facing declines with offers of support.

Regional Hui: We are considering an August date and North Shore venue to repeat last year's successful hui. Potential topics were discussed plus the possibility of our newly appointed NZB Communications Officer, Meg Auld, being in attendance.

Out of Lesson Social Afternoon: It was resolved to look at some regional social afternoons for new from lesson players. Shared hosting (3 clubs?), spot prizes and a social environment. It is a format that has been very successful in Northland.

New Committee Members. Further discussion was held on how we can attract new Committee members. Ideally we can identify a breakdown of roles to allow each member to "specialise" in some aspect. It was accepted we need "understudies" in roles such as tournament scheduling. The Wellington regional hui identified several regions facing similar retirement and recruitment issues.

National Swiss Pairs and Main Centre Weekend. An update was given on organisation for our remaining regional events- the Swiss (November) and the Main Centre Pairs/Teams at Franklin.

Meeting ended 8.20pm.