

Inline Hockey New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

25th of May | Heartland Hotel Auckland Airport

Meeting start 10:30

Welcome

Welcome to all attendees by Ivan Wood

Apologies: Jendi Patterson, Simon Lovell, Sue Kennedy

Attendees:

Sally Williams – Waihi

Carl Cooper – Stingrays

Sue Gillespie – Stingrays

Lorrayne Heays – Waihi

Angela Prendergast – Panthers

Krystyna Beardman – Ravens (V)

Matt Lind – Ravens

Rhiannon Anderson – Panthers

Clyde Jackson – Panthers

Russell Brunton – Piako Pirates

Cameron McIver – Napier Sharks

Eraina Harbour – Central Region

Susan Tobin – Devils

Leticia Murray – Devils (V)

John Huntington – Devils

Kath Eastwood – Vipers (V)

Janine Kolkman – Vipers

Confirmation of Delegates

Referees Report

Presented by Mark Sutton on behalf of Andrew Kibblewhite

The 2019 season took off with a number of projects underway. Looking back, the highlights of the 2018 season were the (now established) IHNZ Referee's Facebook page where the purpose of this is for open communication between all parties wishing to be involved (both referee's and others), and the reinstatement of the National Referee's Panel made up with delegates from across all regions. We have a representation of both newer senior referees who bring a fresh perspective and experienced senior referees who have been around a long time, who give some old perspective and grounding to the group.

From the original panel, we have had resignations from Robbie Booth and Jono Bennett, with Craig Heyward being appointed by the LNI Region, and welcomed by the National Referee Panel. Welcome Craig.

The current panel consists of myself (Southern, Chair), David Allard & Craig Heyward (LNI), Alan Henderson & Ed Kooijman (Central), Derek McLean (Northern) and Michelle Wood (National Women's Referee Rep). We have one Northern Region Delegate position still to be filled at the time of writing this report with two nominations currently being looked at. Also more info on Michelle's position will be out soon.

Over the summer off season, we spent a fair amount on time creating some more operational documents and procedures, such as the IHNZ Officials' Manual and the Qualification System and Training Program. In order to create these documents, feedback was sought from a wide range of individuals involved with our sport. Both documents are in the pre-release stages and amendments will take place again soon.

For 2019, we had committed to the Inline Hockey Community, 6 x full Two-Day 'RTP' Courses held across the country with two per region. To this date we have run 1 x course in each of the regions (Kerikeri,

Hamilton and Upper Hutt). Collectively across these courses we are proud to say there are 27 new referees added to the National Database. We also had 7 qualified referees join these courses as a refresher.

We are still to facilitate the 2019 RTP in Auckland, New Plymouth and Wellington/Levin. The main struggle has been the securing of weekends that do not clash with tournaments or national team training weekends. We are confident that dates will be released soon.

We do have some exciting projects and improvements currently underway, not all of these will be named at this stage but here are a few of these below:

- New Referee Jerseys (currently in the design and sample phase)
- Certificates for newly qualified referees and option of wallet cards
- IHNZ Women's Referee Development

I would like to acknowledge our newest members to the Officiating Team and congratulate those that have advanced to the next level.

Level 1 (2019 Qualified)

- Aaron Riddell (Stingrays)
- Alex Riddell (Stingrays)
- Bailey Neilson (Stingrays)
- Chay Edwards (Stingrays)
- Daniel Middleton (Devils)
- Elliott Waghorn (Devils)
- Flame Berry-Banjerdlert (Devils)
- Fuyi Li (Devils)
- Hamish Dullabh (Penguins)
- Harriett Bliss (Stingrays)
- Jared Scarlett (Penguins)
- Jasmine Cosson (Stingrays)
- Kaiyo Ruthe (Devils)
- Kyrin Potter (Thunder)
- Lachlan Robertson (Devils)
- Leo Blackler (Devils)
- Lillian Ritchie (Devils)
- Marie Hunt (Thunder)

- Rebekah Hogan (Renegades)
 - Reuben Heersping (Renegades) – theory
 - Richard Casper-Rushton (Devils) – theory
 - Ruby Waghorn (Devils)
 - Shane Langlely (Panthers)
 - Sophie Bliss (Stingrays) – theory
 - Timothy Sinel (Devils)
 - Tyson Cosson (Stingrays)
 - Zyran Hirst (Thunder)
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Level 2:

- Keith McLeod
 - Zach Bovey
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Level 3:

- Michelle Wood
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Kind Regards,

Andrew Kibblewhite

2019 National Referee Coordinator (IHNZ)

Refs report - Moved Ivan - Seconded Kath Eastwood

Finance Report

Chairperson Report

Nationals was a success with longer game times and stop time in some finals. Bringing the international standard of game to our National championships. The finals games were exciting to watch and we had lots of people staying to watch the games and support the teams. We also streamed all games at nationals live. This was also a success with many people watching the streams. It was noted that it allowed players to see when games were due. It also allowed people who were not in the region to see the games.

Regional championships were held in successfully in Levin. The club organised a good event. Again we had line streaming of all games. Some competitions were held part way through the tournament organised very well by Arden and the team in Levin. This was well received by the players.

We sent 3 team to the world championships in 2018. We are also sending 3 teams to World Roller Games 2019. These events have become the pinnacle competition for inline hockey following the IOC choosing World Skate as the official organisation of our sport. It is important to be at these events consistently as they have changed to a tiered system like IIFH used to run. It is really disappointing that we were unable to field a Senior Men's team with some players choosing a club tournament over a world event.

We sent representatives over to World Skate events in Rome. This provided new and current referee training information which has been integrated into the referee courses that are being run around the country. We also got a lot of updated information about coaching at world class level. As well as insight into the rule book updates they released.

The Referee committee has been reinvigorated and has started working as we need it to in order to move the sport forward.

The clubs and sport are looking stronger and working with each other more than they have done previously. There is more chatter and mixing between the clubs recently than we have seen for a long time. It is really important to understand that we must work together to grow this sport off the rink. On the rink is where we want to compete.

We have lost Sam due to the way we communicate. The negative, aggressive and dismissive emails being a source that he just could not deal with emotionally. So he was forced to move on for his own mental health.

Sam showed us a much better way of working together. He was positive and trying to move forward. He was looking for a solution in any given situation rather than being an anchor to the sport. We do miss him.

I have spoken many times about the power of words and what they can do to people. This is just so important to the sport going forward. We have to compete on the rink and cooperate off the rink. We need to always bring possible solutions and ideas to the table. Instead I see fised hard decisions and no way am I going to change attitudes.

There are many challenges to growth none of which are going to change any time soon. More youth are spending less time active. Those looking to achieve something now have eSports

competitions which is yet another competition to all physical sports. There are literally millions of dollars in prize money for some of these events.

Our sport is fun. Fun is the reason players get involved. Once players are hooked they look to be the best they can be. Our sport offers more of a challenge than most with hand, balance and team skills all required.

Helping players set goals and get better over the years, then watching them achieve and even exceed their goals is such an incredible feeling. Something that never leaves them.

We have had difficulty keeping the board fully populated with appointments committee. This has made the few who have put their hand work a lot harder than they were really able to. So thank you to those who have picked up the slack and kept things going.

Thank you to Kry and the Ravens for hosting Nationals

Thank you to Arden and Levin thunder for hosting Regionals

Thank you to Allison Story for her contribution to the board.

Thank you to Sam for his work with the operational side of the sport.

Chairmans report – Moved Russel B, Seconded Sue Gillespie

Remits - No Remits have been proposed

Appointments Panel and Board

The appointments panel has been a struggle for the current board. With the panel unable to fill all of the available positions in a timely manner leaving the board members overloaded and causing significant burn out. Paul Cameron has had various health problems and has announced that he is standing down from the panel once a new board has been put in place. The panel asked the Chair to gather nominations for new board members and will appoint a new board before they move on. It is recommended that the new board look at the Appointments panel, it's members and how it is working with the sport. It is acknowledged by the Panel that this should have been completed in time for the AGM.

A question was raised that given this was likely to be a mostly new board how would the discussion and information be carried across so we can keep the sport moving forward. In answer the Ivan said that he hoped that some of the people in the room would put their name forward.

A reminder that the applications are accessible from the IHNZ website and suitable people should be encouraged to apply.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of AGM 2018 - Moved Carl , Seconded by Krys

Comment: Audit Report is required charities - Krys

Minutes of SGM 2018 - Moved by Carl, Seconded by Ivan

General Business

Premier Discussion

A general discussion was had about the senior men's team not competing and WRG 2019. It was proposed that the players were surveyed to find out why they did not want to go after attending training camps. Clyde has offered to talk to the premier players to find out what needs to change to get there interest in the sport.

It was also suggested that World Skate may not have been seen by the players as a strong competition compared to now defunct IIHF competition.

Actions: Clyde to talk to the premier players to gather a pathway forward for then in sport.

NZ Team Entry

Entry to NZ teams was also discussed with the clubs not being happy about a second team being sent to AAU for the U14s.

There was a strong opinion that the qualifications for an NZ team needed to start with a Regional Team selection.

There was some concern that a player may not make a regional team for a reason such as injury and then not be in an NZ team as a consequence. This has been dealt with in the past by having selector in place at nationals as well as allowing for special case invitations to trial.

The consensus was that this would provide a much better trial situation and be a clearer path for all players.

Recommendations:

- We do not send second team to overseas events.
- Selectors are in place before Nationals

International Events

It was raised that we should be able to better plan the international calendar. This would allow longer times to prepare for events.

A note at this point was that the premiers believe that there are no further events planned for them. There is a WRG event in 2021 that we would like to have the men's team attend with the rest of the teams. The outstanding item is to identify which events would make the best preparation for WRG 2021. There are multiple event in the Asia region as well as world championship in 2020.

There was a discussion about running squads for longer leading to events.

Recommendations:

- We make the planning for attending events more visible to the sport.

Rules

A question was asked about rules to be used moving forward. Those in attendance generally favoured the World Skate rules as that is the only world event to attend.

It was noted that the Goal size and Roller Flies were the only items that appeared to be in any debate.

Coaching Report

Clyde presented a report on his attendance at the World Skate caching event.

Clyde had originally questioned if it would be worth sending someone to the event. As Scott Collins was unable to go Clyde ended up being the person travelling. After going to the event he said that it was definitely worth going to and we should look to be engaged with world skate on the coaching front more moving forward.

This was the first event of its kind world skate had held and there were some very high quality coaches running and attending the event.

In summary the focus was on Fun, technique and repetition.

Clyde has some material that is being made available for other coaches in the country.

He noted that the sport is very different for younger players elsewhere in the world. Where young players start with u6 and u8 year old teams. Young teams do not play a full 20 minute per half game.

With the contacts established there is a suggestion to bring more coaching skills over to improve the way we teach our players.

A key point made was that a coach is a teacher and needs to prepare and behave like one. So there is a plan on what they are looking to teach and there is respect for the players. Simple things such as dropping to there level is important to help get the message across. As opposed to the way we generally talk down to them.

Recommendations:

- Invest in coaching the coaches
- Run coaching training programs in cooperation with the clubs

Operational Format

The board has decided to create some operationally specific teams. This will allow people vested in areas to be able to contribute better to the sport.

Areas:

- Coaching - This group is to be responsible for coach education, assessment and recommendations of placement to the board.
- Referee - This group is responsible for Referee education and assessment.
- International - This group is responsible for ensuring team managers are educated, assisted and coached.
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