

## Minutes of the Waikato Central Junior Rugby Board Meeting

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Frankton Clubrooms 6.00pm

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chairperson</b> Joe Graham	<b>Secretary</b> Rebecca Hardwidge
	<b>Vice-Chairperson</b> Graham Wallace	<b>Treasurer</b> Maria Henry
	<b>Weigh In Convenor</b> Haley Slater	<b>Draws</b> Brendon Stone
	<b>Suburbs Community Sports</b> Tanja Bolli	<b>Frankton</b> Glen Bjerring
	<b>Fraser Tech</b> Kerry Aitken	<b>Hamilton Old Boys</b> Patrick Harridge Adrian Levis Mark Orr
	<b>Huntly</b>	<b>Ngaruawahia</b> Glynis King
	<b>Marist</b> Aaron Coombes	<b>Melville</b> Brodi Merrilees
	<b>Ohaupo</b>	<b>Pirongia</b> Paul Dale
<b>Raglan</b>	<b>Southwell</b>	

	<b>Taupiri</b> Leah Scott	<b>Te Kowhai</b> Kerry Watkins
	<b>T.A. Sub Union</b>	<b>T.A. Sports</b>
	<b>Te Rapa</b> Kirsty Marlow Jason Bryant	<b>Varsity</b> Henare Ngahere
	<b>Kihikihi</b> Alex Phillips	<b>WRU</b> Paul Martin Bill Heslop Fiona Wilson
<b>Apologies</b>	Eddie Tarawhiti Mike Borrie Braydan Kete Jimmy	Nuthaniel Tonihi Jardon Wilson Andrew Brosnan

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Te Taka's Presentation:</b>	<p>New Zealand Junior Rugby Festival being held in Taupo, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September. The following weekend there is another tournament in Queenstown, 30<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October. This is not reps, it is up to individual clubs. There are up to 90 teams, 9-13<sup>th</sup> grade. Teams are guaranteed 2 games on Friday &amp; Saturday, 1 game on Sunday. Places fill up very fast so please think carefully and quickly if you are interested in entering a team. There is a \$250 non-refundable deposit required, with the total cost depending on the number of players entered as it is \$35 per player. Weights and other information are on the website <a href="http://www.juniorrugbytournament.com">www.juniorrugbytournament.com</a></p> <p><b>Referee's</b></p>	

	<p>Refs only get appointed to junior rugby if there's any spare after allocating to senior rugby. 13<sup>th</sup> grade might not even get their games covered this year as there is a real shortage.</p> <p>If you want to coach let Te Taka know. Ask your clubs if there is anyone who wants to ref. Michael Winter at the WRU is the best person to talk to about it. High School students are great to have, there is a lot of support out there for ref's especially new ones. In the past with high school students an experienced ref has been on the field with them in first game and on sideline for next couple of games.</p> <p>Joe thanked Te Taka for coming and speaking to our board.</p> <p>Last year Michael Winter run an associated referee's course (which was more in-depth than the referee's part of the Small Blacks course), maybe we should look at making the competition grade coaches attend this kind of course so they have more knowledge if we aren't going to get referee's at junior level?</p>	
<b>Previous Minutes:</b>	Minutes of the previous meeting held at Melville 19 <sup>th</sup> February read as true and correct.	<b>Moved: Joe</b> <b>Seconded: Rebecca</b> <b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>Inwards &amp; Outwards Correspondence:</b>	<p>Invoices from Sensortronic – Calibrating \$164.45, 3 new sets \$414.00, 8 new sets \$1104.00 (invoices total \$1682.45)</p> <p>Email from Pip Leppard (TA Marist) wanting to enter an 11<sup>th</sup> grade team into our competition.</p> <p>Email from Fiona asking if Whatawhata Juniors play in our competition as there is a possibility they may have some teams to enter if they do come under our competition.</p> <p>Email from Haley wanting to take on the weigh-in convener position. We still need to officially vote Haley in. Joe moved a motion "to accept Haley's nomination for Weigh-In convener". All in favor – carried.</p>	<b>Moved: Rebecca</b> <b>Seconded: Tanja</b> <b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>Treasurers Report:</b>	<p>Balance as at the 15<sup>th</sup> February \$5251.34. Term deposit \$6163.57. Bills to be paid - \$66.00 for our website, \$1682.45 for new scales and calibrating of old sets.</p> <p>The board now owns 11 brand new sets and 5 old sets of scales from last year.</p>	<b>Moved: Maria</b> <b>Seconded: Graham</b> <b>Motion Carried.</b>

<b>Website:</b>	<p>Website went down as we hadn't paid the bill. Some people who tried to go onto the website would have noticed the URL had collapsed and you couldn't get on. We have paid the bill but now there are login issues. Hopefully will get these sorted shortly. Shot 360 will soon be taking over the running of the website for us and it will not cost us anything. Shot 360 are going to cover the yearly renewal costs.</p> <p>Still send all changes that clubs may have to Elliot and these will get done as soon as possible.</p>	
<b>Draws:</b>	<p>Team lists to be in by 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please specify field and times for when your teams are playing at home. Player lists go to Haley, just team names go to Brendon.</p>	
<b>Rep Committee:</b>	<p>Have dates for Gwynne Shield and U45kgs coach applications. Still need to finalise the trail dates for Gwynne Shield. There will be a stock take of our rep gear pretty soon. Socks will be needed, and that should be it. Hamilton Rugby Union are paying for stadium jackets for the reserves, 17 medium and 18 small have been ordered.</p> <p>We were looking at the schools in the North Waikato Gwynne Shield boundaries to try and boost their numbers – did anything happen around that? All changes need to go through Gwynne Shield committee, not our board. Graham will follow up to see where it's at.</p> <p>Paul Martin asked if the McKenzie Cup coach's applications could be pushed out abit as it's later in the season. Yes they can be.</p>	
<b>Weigh In Committee:</b>	<p>Dispensations need to be into Haley by 3<sup>rd</sup> April with the application, player ID sheet and their identification. Team Lists need to be in by 13<sup>th</sup> April, they can either be emailed or dropped off to Haley's house. They need to be on blue paper if hand delivering.</p> <p>New dispensation form has been emailed out and will hopefully be on the website as soon as Elliot has access. The only difference to the form is the word permanent has been removed.</p> <p>Most clubs have had their weigh-ins, 2 general weigh-ins to go.</p> <p>Dispensation meeting will be at Frankton on 4<sup>th</sup> April 6pm. Medical dispensations will need a Dr's certificate. You are actually allowed to wear goggles now so you don't need dispensations for them anymore.</p> <p>Don't really want to see dispensations over the 2kg mark unless for a really good reason as by the end of the season they could be a lot more. For 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be pretty tight on the weights because as a board we voted on lower weight.</p> <p>Joe asked they have a parent in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade with a child that goes to Berkley Intermediate and is a year 9, are they allowed to play in our competition. No they are not.</p>	

<p><b>Dates:</b></p>	<p>Small Blacks dates (tentative)  5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May. 5.30 – 8.00pm Southwell School.  Rebecca will send via email when these are confirmed.  Please all clubs tell your coaches and managers to bring their ID sheets with their photos on them. Also let them know that they need 2 forms of ID for police vetting.  Associated Referee’s course added to the end of Small Blacks all 3 nights.</p>	
<p><b>WRU:</b></p>	<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – great positive vibe at the moment. Forms have been sent out, dispensations get sent to Paul Martin (only for 13<sup>th</sup> grade). They also have a slightly different Player ID form too. Possibly 9 teams.  Club Development Officer’s meeting discussed the Rugby Child Protection guideline, it’s based on NZ Sport guideline but its more rugby related. It talks about the duty of care, identifying child abuse, police vetting processing. If you any issues and concerns around these areas please get in contact with either Paul or Bill.  Hopefully it will be sent out from New Zealand Rugby Union soon so that clubs can have a copy of it.  <b>Fiona Leaving</b> – This is Fiona’s last meeting as she is leaving WRU. We wish her well. Bill will be “Fiona” for 3 weeks learning the role. Should have the new person appointed soon, 62 applied and it’s now been shortlisted to 3. Draws will be interesting this season.  <b>Roller Mills</b> – Bill was tasked by Northern Regions to come up new strategies around Roller Mills because it’s an expensive exercise for provincial unions for a 1 week tournament. No players normally come through to high performance because of the restrictions on the players eg age, weight, school. A few of the unions wanted it scrapped altogether but with the findings of research done it will continue, however the tournament will be equalized and centralized. Every union will pay the same cost, and stay in the same place. This year it will be at St Peters School in Cambridge. It is still being debated whether they will stick to the primary/intermediate children only, or whether kids at high school that meet the age and weight restrictions will be allowed to enter.  <b>Junior March Past</b> – Won’t be a Friday night, the 1<sup>st</sup> Waikato home game is a Friday night but March Past will not be happening that night. It will be the 13<sup>th</sup> grade final though. There will not be a home game that suits March Past till round 3 or 4 which will probably be a week after the junior competition. The running of March Past will be the same as last year, come through the gates and marching from your seats.</p>	

	<p><b>Blue Card</b> – The blue card protocol will not come down to junior rugby this year, its everything above secondary schools this year. It’s only for qualified referees so there is a possibly of it may be coming down to 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> grades next year, but we don’t get many qualified ref’s in the juniors.</p> <p>Serious Injury Report form will be changed to include concussion. If you suspect concussion the form will need to be filled out.</p>	
<p><b>Club Updates:</b></p>	<p><b>Raglan</b> – Looks like having 1 team in every grade except 13<sup>th</sup>. Numbers are similar to last year, 120+.</p> <p><b>Melville</b> – Numbers are low, around 150. Disappointing considering how well the seniors did last year. Melville kids are normally quite late to weigh in.</p> <p><b>Pirongia</b> – Numbers are around 228. 16 teams. 13<sup>th</sup> grade will be a combined Pirongia, TA Sports and Ohaupo.</p> <p><b>Te Kowhai</b> – Wasn’t a great weigh in, only had 62 kids where normally around 100 or just over. Hasn’t helped with Whatawhata looking at having teams as they would normally play for Te Kowhai. Probably won’t have a 15 aside team, looking like 2 6<sup>th</sup> grades, 2 7<sup>th</sup> grades 1 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 1 10<sup>th</sup> grade.</p> <p><b>Old Boys</b> – Weighed just over 200, 16 teams. 11<sup>th</sup> grade good numbers, 2 much for 1 team but not enough for 2. 2 6<sup>th</sup> grade pinks this year, 1 7<sup>th</sup> grade pink. 13<sup>th</sup> grade is pretty much full.</p> <p><b>Suburbs</b> – Slow going so far, numbers are 411 down from 500 normally. 2 teams in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Numbers are down in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, pink teams in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Kihikihi</b> – Going to have an 11<sup>th</sup> grade. 13<sup>th</sup> grade, probably have 10 kids, but have to chase a few more. No coach or manager as the coach from 12<sup>th</sup> grade last year hasn’t returned. Do need more players. Thanks for the well wishes and condolences for my mum passing away.</p> <p><b>Varsity</b> – Last year had 4 teams, this year hoping to have 5. 13<sup>th</sup> grade not bad numbers. It’s the trying to find coaches and managers.</p> <p><b>Fraser</b> – 21 teams, 5 in the competition grades. Good numbers in 6<sup>th</sup> grade alittle light on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> numbers. At about 300 so far.</p> <p><b>Te Rapa</b> – Numbers of 163, 40 down from last year. Getting a lot of league players weighing in. Good numbers in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Down 2 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams and 1 7<sup>th</sup> grade but up 1 8<sup>th</sup> grade from last year.</p> <p><b>Ngaruawahia</b> – 16 weighed in at 1<sup>st</sup> weigh in. Likely to be a 6<sup>th</sup> grade team. Possibly will have a 9<sup>th</sup> grade with bringing kids up from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as there won’t be enough to have 2 teams.</p>	

**Taupiri** – Looking really good, got 150 kids already. 5 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Have had to go out and buy more jerseys. Still got another weigh in to go.

**Marist** – Numbers of 350, 24 teams. Probably got abit to many 13<sup>th</sup> grade at this stage and alittle light for 2 12<sup>th</sup> grades. May have 4 11<sup>th</sup> grades. 1 thing to raise, been having trainings at Marist on a Sunday for competition grades for the last 3 weeks and there has been “shoulder tapping” from other clubs who have been there watching the trainings and then talking to the kids. Please don’t, not really in the spirit of what we as a group are trying to achieve.

**Frankton** – Same as last year, 17 boys for the 13<sup>th</sup> grade with 3 more boys to still come and weigh. Teams in every grade. All teams will have new jerseys this season.

**Fiona** – Went over everything you needed to know at the sporty workshop that was held. There is a new email address that you will need to give permission in sporty which is [admin@mooloo.co.nz](mailto:admin@mooloo.co.nz) this will never change. Please delete my old email address.

There are a few issues with Sporty that they are looking at upgrading and improving, 1 is putting people into teams. Bear with them while they are doing this. In regards to players that are already registered with another club just send an email with the players name and New Zealand Rugby number. A transfer will need to be requested.

If you do have any questions you can go straight to Sporty [support@sportsground.co.nz](mailto:support@sportsground.co.nz)

A big thanks to everyone that has helped with my 3 years of working at WRU, it’s been a blast. I have certainly made some friends and enjoyed my time there, but itchy feet got the better of me and I am off overseas.

Joe thanked Fiona on behave of the WCJR, thank you for all the work that you have given to our communities, our families and whanau, without you coordinating the draws for us it wouldn’t have run as smoothly as it has. Enjoy England.

**Bill** – Request from Hamilton City Council, please don’t use the same part of the grounds every week for training.

**Paul** – Still have some kids magazines to give out. If you have photos of the kids with them can you please send them in. Hope the kids enjoy them.

**Maria** – Please don’t forget if you are around to help out signing coaches and managers off at Small Blacks the help would be appreciated.

Are we getting Base cards this year? Joe is emailing to check as it has now changed owners. May have another sponsor – McDonalds.

Meeting closed:

**Next Meeting Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 6pm Taupiri**