

Minutes of the Waikato Central Junior Rugby Board Meeting

Sunday 24th September 2017 Melville Clubrooms 5.00pm

Present:	Chairperson Joe Graham	Secretary Rebecca Hardwidge
	Vice-Chairperson Graham Wallace	Treasurer Maria Henry
	Weigh In Convenor Haley Slater	Draws Brendon Stone
	Suburbs	Frankton
	Fraser Tech Steve Jefferies	Hamilton Old Boys Patrick Harridge Adrian Levis Mark Orr
	Huntly Ben Steiner	Ngaruawahia Laura Millward
	Marist	Melville Mark Stewart Hamish Watson Tony Worsop
	Ohaupo	Pirongia Paul Dale
	Raglan Jardon Wilson	Southwell

	Taupiri Leah Scott	Te Kowhai Kerry Watkins Ryan Kerby
	T.A. Sub Union	T.A. Sports Braydan Kete
	Te Rapa Kirsty Marlow Craig Seager	Varsity Henare Ngahere Jimmy Heta
	Kihikihi	WRU Bill Heslop
Apologies	Glenn Bjerring Brodi Merrilees Chris Parkes Paul Martin	Mike Borrie Aaron Coombes Andrew Brosnan

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Remits:	<p>Below is a summary of feedback/discussion had around each remit. The remits are attached separately from the minutes.</p> <p><u>Suburbs Remits 1&2</u></p> <p>For safety reasons do we need even numbers? Are we allowed to change the NZRU rules? The laws of the game state that you must start the game with even numbers. Most teams would probably reduce to match numbers anyway. This year a team won the championship that only had 9 players from their 1st game. They should have defaulted</p>	

their 1st game, which is law. There is nothing in our 10 aside rules about this, so this remit is just to clarify and tidy that up.

Brendon will be amend remit 2

Old Boys Remits

Remit 3

This remit is about transparency behind our processes.

Should we extend it to all grades?

It's hard to get delegates out to the country clubs.

We could look at doing spot audits on books to keep weights "honest"

Maybe we look at a buddy system between 3 clubs

Could we do 2 signatures besides the child's weight? Or maybe the weigh in delegate could write each child's name and weight down on a separate piece of paper as well so this reduces the chance of the weight being able to be changed on the payer ID sheet later

Brodi took photos of the child on the scales with the weight visible when he did have to weigh in kids after the advertised Melville dates and would then email to Haley

Look at doing spot audits on children's weights. It would be pretty hard as weights can change.

Advertised weigh-ins need to be independent, look at buddy system or delegate counter signing for late weigh-ins. Each club has 2 delegates so surely the other delegate can check and counter sign the weight.

Adrian will amend remit 3

Remit 4

Thought behind this one is council cancellations and trying to save the fields from having spectator damage.

Would this help to save the grounds Bills, yes.

This will help the events coordinators keep people off the fields as well for crowd control.

Will this affect non council grounds? Yes it should be done for all grounds. But the remit will be changed to

“where possible”.

Adrian will amend remit 4

Haley's Remits

Remit 5

This is just to tidy up the rules to add the quarter time in so that teams know that can do it and it's in line with all the other grades.

Remit stands

Remit 6

Thought behind this one is so that if there are any discrepancies they are picked up straight away before the game starts, and it gets the managers looking at each other's folders.

It's the ref's job to check mouth guards and boots. Some do and some don't. We also don't always get an appointed ref either.

Remit stands

Remit 7

There are some coaches that are taking training times to the extreme and this remit is to put in place a maximum training time so everyone is aware what it is.

This is kid rugby, not high performance.

Raglan is the only club that trains only once a week and they do pretty well.

Maybe it could be a maximum of two 90 minute trainings per week.

There are some insinuations were kids are going from a 90 minute club training straight into a 90 minute rep training, these trainings should not be on the same night.

Haley to amend remit 7

Te Rapa Remits

Remit 8

Question – should this be banned at WCJR level and if so if it's used should it be a penalty to the non-offending team? Yes. Make everyone aware that is it a penalisable offence.

Remit stands

Remit 9

The wording of “under” needs to be replaced with “or under”

The whole bottom piece could be taken out as the top actually covers it on the chart.

Remit stands

Remit 10

This is to do with the discrepancies between WCJR referring rules and other sources. The information given at Small Blacks isn't the same as what our rules say. Not sure if this is a remit but if it is, is it that Small Blacks needs to be consistence with our rules or do our rules need to be consistence with Small Blacks rules?

Possibly at the Small Black courses do we need to highlight the discrepancies, so have a sheet of the different rules given out? Could get our rules given out at the courses.

As clubs we should let our coaches know that there are some differences and they need to make themselves familiar with our rules as these are what they are playing under.

Instead of this staying in as a remit Kirsty will write up a list of the differences that can be given out a Small Blacks.

Remit was withdrawn

Remit 11

WRU are going to get cards done again, so this remit is not needed.

Remit was withdrawn

Haley's 2nd Remits

Remit 12

This is about changing outdated information, the teams are known as Black and Gold, not A and B

Remit stands

Remit 13

This is changing the names from the old names to new names.

Haley to change the wording to "45kg and under".

Haley to amend remit 13

Graham's Remit

Remit 14

8.3 has already been voted on and we agreed to this, it just needs to be changed in our rules.

The addition rules that are getting added are just around parents needing to realise if their child trials and is selected in the team they need to be available for the whole tournament, so that coaches aren't having to swap kids in and out of the teams to replace unavailable children.

Remit amended to take out 8.3.

Remit stands

Joe's Remits

Remit 15

In our rules it states that we have a Judicial Committee and refers to this committee but we don't actually have one established. We had a lot of judicial issues this year and it would have been good to have been able to pass these on to a group of independents to sort out.

Remit 16 and 17

This is to change disputes being sent to Weigh In Convenor to the WCJR Executive Committee, and in remit 17s case changing from the delegate bringing up the issue to the WCJR, whose decision is final to WCJR Executive Committee, whose decision is final

In the first instance are we still meant to go delegate to delegate to try and sort? Yes. This may take longer than 3 days so that probably needs to come out.

This year there has been some instances where the delegates have been able to work out issues and they haven't needed to come to the board.

If there are disputes, send it through to the Executive Committee and let them know that there is a dispute but you are sorting delegate to delegate. This way there is a record of it.

Bill made the point of being mindful that there are 3 types of complaints – Judicial, Misconduct and Complaints.

Judicial and misconduct must be reported within 48 hours, complaints we can make the timeframe up for.

Bill has a flowchart, will send to Joe.

We should have the definitions of each in our constitution.

Joe to amend remits 16 and 17

Remit 18

Social Media Policy as discussed later in the meeting.

	Please send amendments to Rebecca ASAP	
Previous Minutes:	Minutes of the previous meeting held at Suburbs 20 th August read as true and correct.	Moved: Joe Motion Carried
Inwards & Outwards Correspondence:	Remits coming in from the different clubs	Moved: Rebecca Seconded: Joe Motion Carried.
Website:	Still not live.	
Semis and Finals:	<p>Joe would like to thank Melville and Te Rapa for hosting the semi's and finals. Big congratulations to those clubs that took out the championships, Southwell for winning 11th and 12th Grade Pool A and Fraser Tech for 13th Grade, and those clubs that won B and C pool finals.</p> <p>Results are as follows</p> <p><u>12th Grade A Pool</u> 1st Southwell, 2nd Raglan, 3rd Suburbs and 4th Te Rapa</p> <p><u>12th Grade B Pool</u> 1st Frankton, 2nd HOB, 3rd Fraser Tech and 4th Pirongia</p> <p><u>11th Grade A Pool</u> 1st Southwell, 2nd Melville, 3rd Fraser Tech and 4th Marist</p> <p><u>11th Grade B Pool</u> 1st Pirongia, 2nd Marist, 3rd Te Rapa and 4th Kihikihi</p> <p><u>11th Grade C Pool</u> 1st Fraser Tech, 2nd Suburbs, 3rd Southwell and 4th Marist</p>	
Rep Committee:	<p>Hamilton Gold won the U45kg Invitational Tournament, which was an amazing achievement for them. Our Black team finished 5th.</p> <p>Reps have finished now. Roller Mills is still going, 1st official games is against King Country.</p>	

Weigh In Committee:	Nothing	
March Past:	Thank you Bill and WRU for putting it on, I know the turnout was below average but I know the clubs that did turn up enjoyed it.	
WRU:	<p>March Past Is it worth having? A lot of people asked why it was the 3rd home game; it was because it was the first home day game. The Wel Stand was nearly a sellout, but the stand was pretty empty on the day. Possibly look at having it as a club event, so not just juniors. Maybe even schools. Bill asked for thoughts about whether it should continue. Maybe look at making a decision once the Mitre 10 Cup draw is done so we know whether it is in our WCJR competition dates or not. The weather also has a big part in how many people turn up.</p> <p>Blue Card All grades next year with an officially appointed referee. Thank you to those clubs that put children on the Blue Card policy this year. Having issues with parents even though the doctor and referees say the children can't play, insisting that their child plays. Parent's attitudes need to change. Stand down period is 23 days from when the symptoms stop. Concussion is a serious issue and it needs to be treated that way.</p> <p>Roller Mills Its run by the Northern Regions, Primary School rugby doesn't exist anymore as such. Bill is the Waikato Rep for this. Roller Mills is being played at St Peters this year, this provides better value for Unions with all Unions paying the same amount. This also gives everyone consistency with sleeping, eating and training facilities. There will be hard penalties for anyone caught breaking the rules eg caught stripping kids. Each team has 1 game per tournament at different venues as St Peters wasn't available. The tournament will probably stay at St Peters for some time as there isn't anywhere else around that can cater for 300 children.</p> <p>Respect and Responsibility Rugby is actually in good shape compared to some other sports. A big part of respect and responsibility is child</p>	

	<p>welfare, there is a separate document on this. We are ahead of the game on such things as police vetting. To this committee, you do a good job. Bill only has to get involved as a last resort, most things we sort out ourselves fine. Compared to secondary schools and club rugby Bill doesn't really hear from our group which is a good thing. Keep it up, well done.</p>	
<p>Treasurers Report:</p>	<p>Bank account balance as at 15 September - \$12736.44 Term Deposit - \$6225.04 Bonus Bonds - \$7102.00 Accounts to be paid totalling \$4346.66 plus approximately \$1000 to Awards, \$350 for McKenzie Cup food and \$65 for Rebecca's yearly printer ink bill (these last 3 bills were only given to Maria tonight) We should start the season just under the \$10000 mark again next year. All clubs have paid their fees.</p> <p>Leah asked if we were going to get our books audited. We can get them reviewed instead of auditing.</p>	<p>Moved: Maria Seconded: Brendon Motion Carried</p>
<p>Club Updates:</p>	<p>Rebecca - Nothing Raglan – 120 players this year – 20 made reps. Great season. 1st year on the board, thank you to everyone. Te Kowhai – Introduced Ryan who will be taking over from Kerry next year. Te Rapa – Thanks to everyone for finals day, it was nice fundraiser for us. Varsity – Proud of our player representation at March Past, had approximately 50 kids there with our player base being around 70. Asked Bill how do get our kids to be ball boys? 8 boys are used for 5 home games. At the moment its sponsors kids doing it. Varsity's 10th grade just finished their semis at the Taupo tournament, unfortunately they lost, but finished 3rd out of 20 teams. That's awesome, well done. TA Sports – Nothing Pirongia – Nothing Melville – Introduced 2 new Melville delegates for next year, Tony and Hamish. Ngaruawahia – Nothing Fraser Tech – With police vetting charges coming in next year will we get charged for our coaches and managers? Bill is hoping NZRU will pay.</p>	

	<p>Bill – Would like 7-8 U8 rippa rugby teams to play on the mornings of the HSBC Sevens tournament in February next year. Parents of the children will get passes as well.</p> <p>After a discussion it was decided the 5 clubs with all girls’ teams will take those teams, and then Bill has said another 7 teams from different clubs. Register your interest and if there are more than 7 clubs the names will be pulled out of a hat at the AGM.</p> <p>Frankton – Thanks to all the weigh in delegates this year, you did a great job. Please bring your scales to the AGM. Could clubs please also bring their preferred dates for their next year weigh in so delegates can be allocated.</p> <p>Frankton had a really good season this year, 12th won the Pool B final.</p> <p>Old Boys – Bit tough with side-line behavior this year, personally and as a club got concerns around the younger kid’s reffing the competition grade games. The concern is that if/when things get out of hand they don’t have the maturity to deal with the situation. Maybe we either need to make sure they have someone with them to manage the situation or they start off reffing the younger grades first.</p> <p>Suburbs – Thanks to Graham for allowing our child that had played 10 years for our club to be allowed to turn up late to Roller Mills commitments so he could be at our presentation.</p> <p>Huntly – Nothing</p> <p>Taupiri – Nothing</p> <p>Maria – Nothing</p>	
<p>Girls and Weights Discussion:</p>	<p>Two main issues that came up during the weigh in time were country clubs struggling to get teams in our competition due to weights and guidelines, and the other one was girls getting dispensations in some of the grades.</p> <p>Glad to see Ngaruawahia back in rugby. Ngaruawahia and Huntly have done a fantastic job with their clubs this year and working within the confines of our rules and regulations. Their jobs are a lot harder to put teams together than the city clubs. Need to help these clubs where we can to get kids back into rugby.</p> <p>Rules are there, they cater for a dispensation process but it’s the application of the process and the review of how do we harbor growth especially for the smaller clubs.</p>	

Last year we gave Ngaruawahia allowances for dispensation with some bigger kids being able to play down a grade to get them going again as a club, this year we didn't seem to give that some allowance to Huntly for their teams, that's an example of the rules being applied in 2 totally different ways.

The kids that got the dispensations the year before for Ngaruawahia, this year went into their appropriate teams and have played really well. Giving some allowances does work. The smaller clubs have to put smaller kids up a grade to make up numbers for their teams as they don't have the numbers to have a team in every grade.

In Roller Mills King Country and Thames Valley are allowed 6 kids over the weight, which no other teams are allowed. King Country and Thames Valley certainly don't kill the competition by having this 'advantage'.

Maybe we need to have leniency to the smaller country clubs to have more dispensated children in a team and look at their dispensation requests differently to the larger clubs.

We would need to define who the country clubs are.

Every dispensation is temporary so if there is a player who is "cleaning up" in every game we can always revoke the dispensation and put them up a grade or if there isn't a grade up we may just have to deal with it.

Big assumption to say they can go up to the next grade, not all clubs have that. We shouldn't turn kids away, our constitution says "to foster rugby for all children" – yes it is but we need to look at it for all children not just the 1 dispensated child.

This year we had a relatively new weigh in committee, with only around 3 being experienced weigh in delegates. In previous years we've had a lot more experienced delegates who can debate and argue the process more. If we can get a continuity of the weigh in delegates we'll be better off for it next year because they'll have a year under their belts and be able to assess more.

Maybe we need to have the clubs present at the dispensation meetings to 'sell' their dispensations. Clubs are disadvantaged if you are not involved in the discussion.

Dispensations need to be a case by case situation, all relevant information needs to be presented and then look at as to how best to deal with it.

We need to develop a framework for dispensations guidelines, decide on a maximum weight (because at the end of the day there is a reason why the weights are there), and anything under the maximum weight gets discussed to see if dispensation is the best option.

Can we look at allowances for girls? They do get put off pretty easy when they see the size of some of the boys they have to play against. In Wellington girls can play down a grade as long as their weight isn't over the

	<p>maximum allowed for that grade. Maybe we need to look at something like that here.</p> <p>12th and 13th grade seems to be where it gets harder to keep the girls, they see the size of the boys and get put off. It's also where it starts to get more physical as well.</p> <p>It's going to be a big achievement for the first club that can get a girls rippa team through to 8th grade staying together and playing against a boys/mixed team.</p> <p>Huntly's girls are some of their best players.</p> <p>The more girls and girls' team we can get the better.</p> <p>Can we get some of the Black Ferns to talk at schools to get the girls more interested in rugby?</p> <p>This discussion was never going to solve the problems around these issues, but at least it has got us talking and thinking.</p> <p>A working group should be set up to come up with the framework for dispensations.</p>	
<p>Media Policy:</p>	<p>The WRU media policy came about as a result of Bill hearing that a rugby player had died from reading about it on Facebook. This policy is to get the processes in line.</p> <p>The media policy had been sent out to delegates to read for thoughts about adopting it for our board.</p> <p>It was decided that this policy will be added as a remit and if pasted will be part of our constitution.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed:</p>	<p>Next Meeting AGM 3rd November @ Speights Ale House 6pm</p>	