

Minutes of the Waikato Central Junior Rugby Board Annual General Meeting

Friday 3rd November 2017 at Speights Ale House 6pm

Present:	Chairperson Joe Graham	Secretary Rebecca Hardwidge	Vice-Chairperson Graham Wallace Weigh In Convenor Haley Slater	Treasurer Maria Henry
	Suburbs Tanja Bolli	Frankton Glenn Bjerring Glennise Head	Fraser Tech Steve Jefferis	Hamilton Old Boys Adrian Levis Mark Orr
	Huntly Ben Steiner Ben Wong Sam	Marist Mike Borrie Aaron Coombes	Melville Brodi Merrilees Hamish Watson Tony Worsop	Raglan
	Southwell Elliot Tiffany	Taupiri Leah Scott Andrew Brosnan	Te Kowhai Kerry Watkins Ryan Kerby	Te Rapa Kirsty Marlow Jason Bryant Craig Seager
	T.A. Sports Braydan Kete	Varsity Jimmy Heta	WRU Bill Heslop Paul Martin	Pirongia Paul Dale
	Kihikihi Alex Phillips Pou Collett	Ngaruawahia Laura Millward		
Apologies	Brendon Stone, Patrick Harridge, Nuthaniel Tonihi, Corrina Bell, Jardon Wilson, Paul Norman, Paul Wheeler, Henare Ngahere, Mike Gregan			
Previous Minutes:	Minutes of previous AGM 28 th October 2016 read as true and correct			Moved: Rebecca Seconded: Brodi Motion Carried.
Matters Arising:	Nil			

Inwards & Outwards Correspondence:	Nil	
Presidents Report	<p>Joe would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for all their hard work and behind the scenes Mahi that we all do for junior rugby. This year has been a tough year in terms of disputes and issues that we've had to deal with as a board but we got through it.</p> <p>Would like to acknowledge Melville and Te Rapa for hosting our semi's and final's this year, the environments created for those 2 days was outstanding.</p> <p>Joe also acknowledged those delegates that are standing down this year with a certificate and voucher</p> <p>Patrick Harridge served 11 years</p> <p>Craig Seager served approx. 5 years, stepped back from the board last year but still continued as a weigh-in delegate</p> <p>Kerry Watkins served 5 years</p> <p>Mike Borrie served 5 years</p> <p>Also special mention to Alex Phillips and Brodi Merrilees who have served less than 5 years.</p>	<p>Joe moved that his report be accepted.</p> <p>All in favour: Carried</p>
Treasurers Report:	<p>Income for the current year \$40491.32</p> <p>Operation Expenses for the year \$40665.30</p> <p>Bank Account Balance as at 20/9/17 - \$12521.95</p> <p>Term Deposit Balance - \$6225.04</p> <p>Bonus Bonds Balance - \$7122.00</p> <p>Discuss at the start of next year honorarium payments, AGM function and rep team fees, if 10 aside ever falls short we would be in trouble financially and these expenses are something we should review.</p> <p>We got our GST back from Direct Group as Hamilton Rugby Union supported us there.</p> <p>Our term deposit is due to mature on 8th November, will let it roll over again until May and hopefully it will mature just before 10 aside in case we need it.</p> <p>We had another \$20 win on our bonus bonds.</p>	<p>Moved: Maria</p> <p>Second: Glenn</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
WRU	<p>Bill</p> <p>HSBC Sevens</p> <p>Need 16 rippa teams to play (8 on Saturday and 8 on Sunday). Bill will get in contact with the clubs</p>	

that have registered. There is a hand out with information on how to get additional tickets.

Stadium

Under pressure to lose the 13th grade final from the stadium. There are no test matches at the stadium till 2021, it's very expensive to use so the financial pressure is starting. Reviews are happening so watch this space.

Roller Mills

The tournament was run by a committee headed by Bill and it was all about integrity, bringing back the integrity of the competition especially around the child welfare policy and the respect and responsibility policy. There was no alcohol on site and no parents allowed in dorms unless they were accredited. The coaches and managers were pretty anti this but Bill is taking the recommendation to the Northern Regions that this remains.

Junior Rugby

Had a few judicial and other issues, mostly these were handled pretty well but the ones that weren't resolved club to club and needed to go through Bill months later is a nightmare when there is a process that needs to be gone through and the time frame period is well and truly over. Bill doesn't have an issue with clubs trying to sort issues between themselves but please let him know, at least then if the issue can't be resolved he was made aware within the correct time frame.

Junior numbers were down this year on previous years, but there was a 10% increase in junior girls. Thanks to Paul Martin who runs the 13th grade, thanks to Mike Gregan who did the draws and thanks to everyone on the WCJR board, enjoy your break with your families.

Paul

13th Grade

Thank you to all the clubs that had 13th grade teams, it was a great season.

Surf had the lightest team this year with an average weight of 54.5kg, Fraser Tech had the second lightest team averaging 56.9kg and both of these teams were in the final. Just goes to show the excellent coaching and educating that's going into these lighter players giving them the confidence to play and play well against the bigger boys.

The average weight of the teams was 59.29kg. We had 2 big boys this year and would like to thank Brodi and the Melville club for working with them and the rules we brought in.

Everything went well and was played in great spirits, there was only one issue and that was dealt with by the club. Looking forward to next season, and possibly some clubs having a 13th team that haven't had them for a long time.

Joe thanked the WRU for their support and for the great partnership that we share working together

	to make things run smoothly.	
Remits	<p>1. 7.1 (i) (a) Teams are must field the required number of players for their first game. In the event a team does not have enough players for their first game, the result will be a default and the game will be played with even numbers on each side. All subsequent games will also be defaulted unless the required number of players can be fielded.</p> <p>2. 7.1 (i) (a) Teams are must field the required number of players for their first game. In the event a team does not have enough players for their first game, the result will be a default and the game will be played with even numbers on each side. All subsequent games will also be defaulted unless the required number of players can be fielded.</p> <p>7.1 (i) (b) In the event a team fields the required number of players for the first game but is unable to field the required number of players for subsequent games due to injury or suspension, games will not be defaulted but opposing teams are not required to reduce player numbers to match.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>7.1 (i) (b) In the event a team fields the required number of players for the first game but is unable to field the required number of players for subsequent games due to injury or suspension, games will not be defaulted and opposing teams are required to reduce player numbers to match.</p> <p>3. Addition to: 3.1 Weigh-in (ix) A weigh in convener or other such person recognised by the WCJR must not conduct weigh-in(s) on players for the club that person represents as a delegate for the WCJR or otherwise. This rule applies to weigh-ins conducted for players weighing for the following grades; - 7th Grade - 8th Grade - 9th Grade - 10th Grade - 11th Grade - 12th Grade - 13th Grade It is recommended that a three way 'buddy system' between clubs be implemented prior to weigh-ins commencing.</p>	<p>Hold off to 1st Meeting next year</p> <p>Hold off to 1st Meeting next year</p> <p>Remit Declined 11 For/14 Against</p>

	<p>4. Adjustment to; 4.12 Roping Off of Fields Where possible, all full size rugby fields must be roped off, with roping circumnavigating the entire field, including dead ball lines. Roping must be a minimum of Two metres away from and running adjacent to sidelines, and a minimum of One metre away from and running adjacent to dead ball lines. It is recommended that signage be in place next to full fields stating that spectators are to remain off fields.</p> <p>5. 4.18. add substitutions: Substitution at Quarter time, half time and three quarter time only. All players must play a minimum of half a game each match, whether it be in two quarter intervals or a full half game. 4.19. add substitutions: Substitution at Quarter time, half time and three quarter time only. All players must play a minimum of half a game each match, whether it be in two quarter intervals or a full half game. 4.20. add substitutions: Substitution at Quarter time, half time and three quarter time only. All players must play a minimum of half a game each match, whether it be in two quarter intervals or a full half game.</p> <p>6. All comp teams to do compulsory book check, mouth guard and boots all at the same time before the start of each game. Just like event manager role requirements.</p> <p>7. Trainings for all Club and Rep teams are to be no longer than 90 minutes maximum per day. Maximum of two 90minute trainings per team. Club training and rep trainings are not to be on the same day one after the other example: club starts 4.30pm – 6pm, rep start 6pm – 7.30pm as this will burn the players out.</p>	<p>Remit Accepted 16 For/7 Against/2 Abstained</p> <p>Remit Accepted 20 For/1 Against/4 Abstained</p> <p>Remit Declined 10 For/14 Against/1 Abstained</p> <p>Remit Accepted 16 For/4 Against/5 Abstained</p>
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8. Squeeze Ball – In the professional game, squeeze ball (posting the ball back through the legs from a kneeling position) is a common technique at the tackle area. And no wonder because it's very effective, especially for buying some time when isolated. Occasionally the tackled player gets pinged for holding on or being "beaten by the ruck", but a pro team wouldn't dream of not using it.

So it's interesting to find that so little coaching advice exists on the technique. In fact, trying to clarify how to do it or even its legality is surprisingly difficult! The only reference I'm aware of is from the IRB's Rugby Ready course, which states: "Squeeze ball is a potentially dangerous technique. It's not permitted below U19 level and should be discouraged in adults."

The safety issue arises because the tackled player is facing the opposition with potentially his neck berit as he looks back.

So, we have something that elite players use regularly and successfully, and yet is "discouraged" in the adult game by rugby's governing body. How many coaches reading this comment coach the technique to their players? And if you choose not to, is it because of the safety issue or because you think there are better ways to present the ball back to support players?

My question is, should be ban it at WCJR give the above information from the internet. If so, if used would this constitute a penalty to the non-offending team?

9. Referring to the WCJR weights and ages chart, in the lower section of the chart (2.2 Weight and Ages for 2017) remove the words UNDER as highlighted in my example photo copy as weights are, example 8th grade 7 years old 35kg and under, NOT under 35kg.

**Remit Accepted
16 For/3 Against/6
Abstained**

**Remit Accepted
25 For/0 Against**

2.2 Weight and Ages for 2017	
Age taken as at 1st of January	
5 years old and younger	open weight
6 years old	open weight
7 years old	under 35kg and 8 years old under 25 kg
7 years old	open weight, 8 years old under 40kg and 9 years old under 30 kg
8 years old	open weight, 9 years old under 45 kg and 10 years old under 35 kg
9 years old	open weight, 10 years old under 55 kg and 11 years old under 40 kg
10 years old	open weight, 11 years old under 60 kg and 12 years old under 45 kg
11 years old	open weight and 12 years old under 75 kg

10. Withdraw

11. Withdraw

12. 8.6 If a players in the A Gold squad is injured or withdraws, a replacement player can be selected (don't think this is fair)

Remit Accepted
10 For/1 Against/14
Abstained

from the B Black squad if required Gold coach to go back to the pool players instead.

13. 8.11 Weight for Trials

- ☑ Gwynne Shield: - 57kg or less on the day of the trial.
- ☑ Goord Cup: - 45kg on day of trial.remove
- ☑ Bowers: - 45kg or less on day of trial. (Goord Cup/Bowers)
- ☑ Goldfields: - less than 45kg on day of trial. Invitational

14. Proposed Changes and additions to Rep Rules

8.1. Teams & Tournaments. Remove the Ham Gold/Black Bowers Cup teams. Replace with Bowers Cup teams consisting of: Northern Blues, Sothern Reds, Western Greens and Eastern Whites. Change The Hamilton Goldfields Team to Under 45kg Invitational Teams Gold and Black.

8.4. Goord Cup. Remove Goord Cup rules as this cup is now played for within the Bowers Tournament.

8.5. Bowers Cup. Remove current rules and replace with:

For the Bowers Cup Tournament the WCJR enters 4 teams assembled from the following clubs:

Northern Blues: Huntly, Taupiri, Ngaruawahia, Te Kowhai, Eastern Suburbs

Southern Reds: Melville, Frankton, Raglan

Western Greens: Fraser Tech, Ham Old Boys, Te Rapa

Eastern Whites: Marist, Varsity-Taiohi, Southwell

It is the responsibility of the clubs associated with each team to organize the following:

- Coaches
- Nomination of players
- Selection of team

8.6. Goldfields. Replace this as it no longer exists with Under 45kg Invitational Tournament.

Remove Goldfields selection part of 8.6. and replace with:

Under 45kg Invitational teams selection for Gold (A) and Black (B):

- Players can be selected from Gwynne Shield, Bowers Cup or any club team providing all conditions of eligibility are met.

- Gold Team has first choice players to make up squad numbers as decided by the tournament organizers.

In addition to rule changes we would like to add some general conditions:

Players selected for any representative team shall be available for the duration of the tournament.

No private sponsorship of teams that requires additional branding or advertising to be displayed while representing the WCJRB at tournaments or official engagements is permitted.

**Remit Accepted
23 For/2 Abstained**

**Remit Accepted
21 For/4 Abstained**

15. Establishment of a Judicial Committee: (7 Members)

The Judicial committee will be made of 7 independent members for any judicial hearing.

The committee will have representation of delegates from 6 clubs and an WRU representative. The Executive Committee will have a minimum of 2 representatives made up of WCJR President and Secretary in the first instance if either of these two positions are unable to sit on the committee for any reason then they shall be replaced by 2 other WCJR executive committee members.

A standing agenda item for a Judicial report will be included in the WCJR monthly meeting agenda which will be reported by the WCJR President (This committee will not receive any honorariums)

16. 5.5. Disputes

All disputes must be in writing and shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary and a copy to the Weigh In Convener within 7 days of the game being played, and a copy handed to the Club Delegate for presenting at a WCJR meeting. Any disputes, regardless of their nature, will be heard by the WCJR. At any inquiry or appeal conducted by the Judicial Committee, no person shall sit as a member thereof in the determination of any matter in which he/she has an interest greater than any other of the committee.

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17. If a coach has a reason to believe that the opposing team is infringing the rules, he/she should make this complaint known to the opposing coach. If no agreement on the problem can be reached, the coach must, on being sure of his/her facts, inform in writing his/her Club Delegate, who will bring the matter up before the WCJR, whose decision will be final.

**Remit Accepted
22 For/3 Abstained**

**Remit Accepted
25 For/0 Against**

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<p>Election of Officers</p>	<p>Nominations for President Joe Graham</p> <p>Nominations for Vice President Graham Wallace</p> <p>Nominations for Secretary Rebecca Hardwidge</p> <p>Nominations for Treasurer Maria Henry</p> <p>Nominations for Weigh –In Convenor (Competition) Jimmy Heta</p> <p>Nominations for Weigh-In Convenor (Competition) Haley Slater</p>	<p>Nominated: Tanja Seconded: Leah Carried</p> <p>Nominated: Tanja Seconded: Leah Carried</p> <p>Nominated: Maria Seconded: Mike Carried</p> <p>Nominated: Leah Seconded: Brodi Carried</p> <p>Nominated: Rebecca Seconded: Maria</p> <p>Nominated: Glenn Seconded: Graham</p>

	<p>Jimmy and Haley were asked to leave the room while a vote took place. Voting was in favour of Haley becoming Competition Convenor, Jimmy was offered Non Competition Convenor which he accepted.</p> <p>Nomination for Draws Brendon Stone</p> <p>We are now meant to vote our club delegates onto the board but as some clubs are yet to have their AGM's and not all the delegates are here, we will defer this to our first meeting next year.</p> <p>As Rep Convenor/Rep Committee, Weigh-in delegates and Web Master do not form part of the executive committee these roles can be voted on after our club delegate have been decided on.</p>	<p>Nominated: Tanja Seconded: Maria Carried</p>
Meeting Closed	Next Meeting Sunday February 2018 (Date to be confirmed)	