



Minutes of the NZPA Inc Management Meeting

15/16th May 2024, Pukemarama, Rangitikei

MEETING OPENED: at 12.30pm with President Cam McKelvie in the chair

PRESENT: Cam McKelvie, Emma Dormer, George Wood, Pete Dormer, Kit Brooks, Guy Martin, Paul Kirkpatrick, Ken Pitts, Dan Worker, Pete Hyslop, Andrew Mackenzie

APOLOGIES: Charlie Wood, Lachie Johnstone (joined by phone on Thursday) & Simon Keyte

OBITUARIES: Alex Buchanan & Julie Turner

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: were circulated and accepted as a true and correct record. Moved P Dormer, sec C McKelvie.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- L Johnstone reported income to date is at \$83,983. Net profit is sitting at \$19,920.
- P Dormer queried the longstanding loan of \$1000 to Cambridge. K Pitts to discuss with Diane Brown regarding this loan history.

CONSTITUTION & RULES

- Constitution up to date.
- By Laws need updating. E Dormer to look at those prior to next meeting.
- P Dormer to ask HPA for any rule changes prior to our season. It was discussed that the rule regarding a ball hitting a pony is still unclear. Prior to next season the umpire committee will give a recommendation to the membership about the interpretation of this rule.

CORRESPONDENCE

- L Johnstone forwarded a proposal from Kate Peacocke re a documentary TV series following women in polo for 8 half hour episodes on TVNZ and Sky one funded by NZ on Air. E Dormer to discuss with Kate next steps in this proposal and how involved NZPA could be regarding the story/perception of polo by the public and signoff of episodes.
- C McKelvie received a letter from S Keyte regarding handicapping and umpiring. C McKelvie to discuss in person with S Keyte (if he hasn't already).
- P Dormer received a letter from Stephen Phillip (President, APF) regarding discussions on reciprocal 14 goal games between Australia and NZ. P Dormer to keep in communication with S Phillip after the APF meeting in June to see if NZ will be invited to Australia in March/April 2025.
- Edward Elworthy Jones (along with George Cronin and Ethan Wate) emailed thanking NZPA for the organisation and opportunity to be involved in the NI 14 goal match and squad against

Australia. E Dormer has replied to E Elworthy Jones thanking him for the letter. The NZPA committee to take this letter into consideration when planning other international matches.

- Bryan Burrows emailed querying the need for the captain of NZ teams to also be a selector (alongside the other 3 NZ selectors). G Martin put forward a motion to only have the 3 New Zealand selectors to select New Zealand teams, 2nd Cam, carried unanimously.

CALENDER

- Associations provided their draft provisional dates.
- Discussion was had around the Savile date in the SI. It was agreed that a late Feb – early March date would be more favourable for NI teams.
- C McKelvie has asked A Mackenzie to go back to SI and request to move the Savile to this later date.
- A Mackenzie to let NZPA know by the 24th of May if the new date will work for SI.
- NPA, SI and CD to provide new draft calendars to E Dormer by the 2nd June for entry into the website.
- NPA also to add Urban Polo, NZ School Match and Intl date (if possible) to their draft calendar.
- Urban dates need to be forwarded to full committee when received next season.
- K Pitts requested if the calendar cards can be in bigger font!

UMPIRING

- Clubs need to give thought to umpires for matches (skill level, family and club connections) to lessen the possibility for any clash/conflict.
- C McKelvie put a motion forward to ask Izzy Kelsey to help us with grants for 3 headsets for next season (the presidents to look after these).
- K Pitts put forward a motion that all members have to pass the HPA rules test (only once, not annually), prior to becoming a member with NZPA. Passed unanimously. E Dormer to research how this could work with sporty.

COACHING/YOUTH POLO

- K Pitts queried the criteria for the squads. This was discussed and will be communicated better when squads are announced.
- C McKelvie discussed that there is always a few queries about the squads but the up sides (job opportunities and scholarships) to having these announced far outweighs the downsides.

YEARBOOK

- It was agreed that we need a printed yearbook annually. Committee members to support E Dormer with finding advertisers.

FUNDING AND GRANTS

- I Kelsey to look into grants for headsets.
- E Dormer to query FIP for funding to help with costs with 14 goal international games in NZ (or overseas).
- E Dormer discussed a meeting with Love Racing. Love Racing is very thankful for the data that has been collected by NZPA and would like to support the main events with prize money and merchandise (similar to last year) and other events with merchandise.
 - Love racing would also like to potentially support 3 training days where pros can help members with training young horses, this day would also have a session about horse welfare, lunch and prizes.
 - Love racing would also like to potentially support horse ambulances at the main spectator events.

- Love racing would also like to have a presence at Urban Polo.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- E Dormer discussed that it is very important that the Health and Safety officers from each club fill in the incident forms if needed for ponies or players. These can be found on the website.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS:

- 14 goal Game in NZ
 - P Dormer discussed communications with APF and NSW Presidents regarding potentially hosting NZ in late March/April for the reciprocal 14 goal match. P Dormer to keep committee updated.
 - G Martin discussed a club from USA that is keen to travel to NZ in December with a 14 goal team, and if so would there be interest from the SI and NPA to host these matches.
 - K Pitts discussed that given the NPA find it hard to mount travelling teams maybe a Rest of the World or UK team (self-mounted) might be the best idea.
 - K Pitts to discuss with Mystery Creek and Auckland (and maybe others) if they would host an international and a date for this and get back to the committee.
 - It was discussed that it works best for mounting players if a test is done during a big tournament.
 - If a date and hosts can be found for NPA and SI, E Dormer to invite HPA to put forward a self-mounted English 14 goal team (or sanction a team if it can be found within NZ already).
- Beaufort Polo Club, UK
 - Two NZ teams have been named to play at Beaufort in June, a coach and manager to be appointed for both teams.
- USA School Team to come to NZ late Nov and early Dec
 - K Pitts to see if they can host the USA school team on the 1st Dec in the NI
 - Nominations to be circulated for two self-mounted NZ School teams. One in the NI and one in the SI.
- NZ International Team Protocol
 - E Dormer discussed a protocol that has been written for host clubs/associations. E Dormer to upload to the website.

NZ OPEN (HIGH AND LOW GOAL)

- 11-16th February 2025. At this stage handicap levels have not been set.

REVIEW OF SAVILE

- C McKelvie discussed that the Kihikihi Polo Club (along with Cambridge and Mystery Creek) hosting the Savile was well run. There was a large amount of teams and great organisation. It was a pity about the weather!
- The lack of support in the Savile grade was disappointing, but great a few players could support a team pulled together at the last minute.
- E Dormer to update the protocol for the responsibilities for host clubs and NZPA for the Savile.

SAVILE CUP 2025

- The Savile will be held in the South Island, date TBA. This was part of an earlier discussion regarding a four year cycle between Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Waikato and the South Island.

- C McKelvie put forward a motion that the grades be 10 (Savile), 4 (Wilson), 0 (R & L) be upheld for the next 3 years, carried unanimously. The Mackenzie Salver will now be awarded to a lower grade at the Skene Tournament.
 - In addition the following rules apply to entries for the Savile 2025
 - All grades to be played under the Savile Rules (found on web)
 - Players on -2 cannot play in the 10 goal
 - Players 3 goals and below can play in the 4 goal
 - Players 2 goals and below can play in the 0 goal
- Once this date has been finalised for the Savile tournament, A Mackenzie to put together a flyer with dates, grades and details of billeting, ferry crossing discounts (if any) etc together for distribution.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Handicap protocol and the handicap committee processes were discussed in length.
 - C McKelvie proposed that all mid-season handicapping needs to be done by the 31 January.
 - Both NI and SI handicap meetings need to have an independent conveyor that ideally is the president of NZPA or SI.
 - A run sheet or protocol needs to be written re handicapping meetings, L Johnstone has offered to do this.
 - E Dormer to look into updating by-laws around handicapping.
- L Johnstone discussed ideas around brainstorming for longer term plans/review for NZPA. Committee members were assigned to areas and to report back at the management meeting at the AGM.
 - Youth Development - P Dormer & D Worker
 - Player Numbers – A Mackenzie & G Wood
 - Rules and Umpiring – S Keyte & K Pitts
 - Funding – P Kirkpatrick & C Wood
 - Admin Support – P Hyslop
- G Martin and G Wood queried the costs over 4 years for FIP (\$57k) for one match in Australia. E Dormer stated that SUPA get approx. \$24K over 4 years for the running of SUPA tournaments from FIP.
 - E Dormer to explore FIP funding for 14 goal tests. C McKelvie to talk with the president of FIP and report back at the AGM.
- K Pitts to get C McKelvie Skene Cups (engraved). E Dormer to get Mackenzie Salver to C McKelvie to be used for a lower grade at the Skene Tournament. C McKelvie put a motion forward that a 3 goaler is not needed to form a Skene team for this season, passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next management meeting will be held in Hawkes Bay on the 16th October at 10.00am, venue TBC.
- The AGM will be held after a light lunch on the 16th of October at 12.00pm.

Meeting closed 11.00 am, 16th May.