

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6:30PM.

WELCOME

Nicole Jack welcomed and opened the meeting at 6:30pm and welcomed Executive Members, Nuku Ora and office staff to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Corina Adamson

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS	
Nicole Jack	
Tony Kaiaruna	
Raewyn Ferguson	
Cameron Durkin	
OFFICE STAFF	
Will Zhou	
Faiz Syed	
NUKU ORA STAFF	
Tim Mannix	
Marie Kinloch	
MINUTES TAKER	
Faiz Syed	

MEETING MINUTES

Updated meeting minutes from 10th August 2021, and 30th August 2021 were reviewed and approved.

There were no matters arising.

ACTION LIST	
Nicole Jack	InterCity Meeting Update
Nicole Jack	Wellington Competition and Te Ahi Kaa Trophy
Faiz Syed	Voice of Participant Survey & summaries from other competitions
Will Zhou Tony Kaiaruna	Rep team coaches' interviews
Raewyn Ferguson Tony Kaiaruna	FastBall 45
Tim Mannix	Nuku Ora Good Sports Initiative
Will Zhou	Operations Report
General Business	Committee Members
Nicole Jack	Acknowledgments

INTER-CITY MEETING

Nicole Jack and Executive Committee discussed the outcome of the InterCity meeting. Discussion around Hutt Valley competition cancellation and organising Wellington competition on the labour weekend was proposed.

WELLINGTON COMPETITION & TE AHI KAA TROPHY

The feedback provided by the clubs was assessed and decided that the points from InterCity competition will be carried forward for the Wellington competition to allocate semi-finals and final ahead of InterCity competition. These trophies are being introduced as softball's version of the Ranfurly Shield. Porirua City United (Men) and Miramar (Women) will be the inaugural holders for the trophies and will defend the trophies in Home and Away fixtures against Wellington teams.

VOICE OF PARTICIPANT SURVEY & SUMMARIES FROM OTHER COMPETITIONS

The Voice of Participant survey and summaries from other competitions were excluded from the meeting, as they were not prepared in time for review due to on-going allocation of competition fixtures prioritized for the start of the season.

REP TEAM COACHES INTERVIEWS

It was advised the police checks for rep team coaches have been assessed and while some are still pending and will be assessed once the checks are cleared. The player selections will be made once the rep coaches have been finalised. Allocation of resources for trails and trainings will be discussed with selected coaches and their plan of action for teams.

FASTBALL 45

It was suggested that the start of FastBall 45 be pushed a week further and a weekend be kept aside to accommodate weather conditions. The competition was proposed to be held on Sunday, and it was assessed that there were six time slots on Sunday and if there was a possibility of fixtures being held on Saturday afternoons as well as on Sundays. The issue was based on the umpiring duties and allocating breaks between the matches for umpires and scorers. Although the issue was recognised but as the fixtures have been allocated for Sundays only, a late split between weekends was not possible.

It was suggested that umpires and scorers from Hawkes Bay and Manawatu be called upon as well to effectively manage the competition. It was advised that the teams should bring umpires and scorers for the seeding competition. A clear guideline of the rules should be provided to the clubs for the tournament. Jeremy England chief umpire will be consulted for umpires from other regions.

Tournament logistics were also discussed to address uniforms, umpires, scorers, other officials, use of club rooms, pavilion and general guidelines.

NUKU ORA GOOD SPORTS INITIATIVE

Tim Mannix and Marie Kinloch introduced themselves and Tim Mannix presented about Good Sports Initiative by Nuku Ora for executive committee and staff members. The committee agreed that Wellington Softball Association will adapt Good Sports initiative to help tackle side-line behaviours and address issues contradicting with providing positive sporting experience for softball players.

OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Te Manawa funding application sent through, waiting for the status of application. Other funding applications came back through, with Four Winds Foundation granting \$450 for office rental, Wellington City Council granted \$6500 partial funding for U19s Girls tournament, Hutt Mana Charitable Trust requested to re-apply.

The Premier competitions' draws were discussed, the delay in the finalised draws were reflected upon late entries and withdrawals into the competition. Proposed decisions are made in regards to P1, and P2 Women's competition. Premier Men's competition draws are finalised subject to no more changes occurring in coming weeks.

In terms of games development report, last two PCA sessions were cancelled due to Covid lockdown. Minimal feedback received from surveys, which helped minor adjustments. Hutt Valley and Manawatu sessions were delivered. U13 Regional Camp registrations came through with total 60 registrations (athletes, coaches, and volunteers). Camp might be rescheduled for 25-26th Sept depending on the weather conditions. Feedback survey will be followed.

Kelly Sports partnership is on schedule and marketing for HAGD in progress, with keen interest and enquiries for the sessions. In season PCA delivery in planning and may introduce sessions for girls aged 10-15 for once a week for 2 five-week cycles. Clubs contacted for proposed initiative.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The U13 regional camp participation and overall camp experience was shared by Nicole Jack. The use of umpires' room under the grand stand at Hataitai Park was discussed and a replacement key for the room for was asked, it was indicated the key was misplaced last year and a spare key might be in the office. Kelly Sports school delivery was discussed by Cameron Durkin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Nicole Jack thanked all executive committee members, Nuku Ora and office staff and wished the best for the coming season.

Meeting closed 8:00pm