



March 2018

Two ex-cyclones in one month, Fehi at the beginning and Gita at the end and both left their mark here in Nelson and elsewhere in the Country. Hope that you have not been too badly affected. Thank goodness March is NZ Championships month and something very exciting to look forward to. Teams and Judges will be directing attention to heading toward the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton. Host Association Marching Waikato are completing the final details ready to welcome Marchers, Team Management, Judges and Supporters at the indoor venue in a couple of weeks. Ensure that your Teams and Judges go with the full support and best wishes of your Association. You need to be aware of their travel times and their mode of transport, you are possibly the first contact if they run into difficulty e.g. getting fogged in on early flights or, minivan breakdowns. We wish them all safe travels

We don't have many tasks to complete this month but after the NZ Championships we get into future planning for next season and Annual Meetings.

Tasks this month -

- ◆ Farewell your **Teams and Judges** to the NZ Championships, check that they have no last-minute changes or concerns and wish them safe travels
- ◆ Encourage your Association **Publicity Officer** to update the reports to the media about your Teams and Judges attending the NZ Championships and follow up afterwards with the results and team achievements with photographs if possible. The Championship Draw will be added to the MNZ website on Friday Evening and the Results after the Presentation of Awards
- ◆ Does your Association wish to submit names of suitably eligible person/s (as per Rule of Participation A23) for **MNZ Service Awards**? Send names and a brief précis of their service to reach me no later than 30 April 2018
- ◆ Have you planned or held an end of season **Forum Meeting** of all members? This is a great opportunity to get feedback, some will be good, some will be bad, but all will give direction and ideas for next season. You may also identify interested members who could become Committee Members for next season. They may need some persuading so start now, especially if you have some known vacancies on the Association Committee. The Forum Meeting could also be the platform for recognising your Volunteers who have supported your association during the year
- ◆ It is time to start planning your **Association Annual Meeting** and looking for suitable persons required for the Committee to replace those known to be stepping down.
- ◆ Your Association Committee will need to consider which option of **Association structure** as per Constitution Rule 16.4.2 Association Committee Composition your association will operate next year, and this should be recorded in your monthly minutes and then also in the Annual Meeting minutes. You have two structure options –
Option a) A President, Secretary, Treasurer, Coaching Co-ordinator, Chief Judge, Membership/Privacy Officer, Promotions/Publicity Officer and up to four other Committee Members
Option b) A President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Judge, Coaching Co-ordinator and three Committee Member Convenors of Sub-Committee for Publicity and Promotion, Planning and Development and Technical and Coaching/Judging
- ◆ Follow up on the discussion from your last meeting and the research undertaken on venues etc re hosting the **2020 NZ Championships** and convince your Association of the benefits to the Association of putting together an application. Refer to Rule of Participation NZC1-2. The Application Document must be received no later than 30th April 2018. The Board will consider applications at the May Board Meeting and the Host Association for the 2020 NZ Championships will be announced at the Annual Meeting to be held in Wellington in June
- ◆ **MNZ Annual Meeting** is to be held on Saturday/Sunday 23/24th June at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington. It will commence at 1pm and conclude at 3pm on Sunday. This Annual Meeting, being a

two -ay meeting will over Remits to the Constitution as well as to the Polices and Rules of Participation. Your Committee needs to consider who will represent your association as Delegates at the meeting. This is an administrative meeting discussing and changing the Constitution, Policies and the Rules of Participation – the documents that dictate the how and what we do in the sport. The Delegates that you appoint must be capable of contributing the views of your Association in discussion and present a comprehensive report back to the Association of the actions taken. Early bird registration is \$80 prior to 15th May and late registrations will be \$90.

- ◆ The changes your meeting will be seeking to make to the **Constitution. Polices and Rules of Participation** need to be carefully worded and before finalising your remit wording make sure that a full check is made of the Constitution, Policies and Rules of Participation to ensure changes are covered and are not in conflict with the different documents. Any such remits must be received by 30th April 2018
- ◆ Does your Association have any item to be included for discussion in **General Business**? All items to be to the CEO no later than 30th April 2018
- ◆ Your Association will need to consider whom they intend nominating for the one **Board Member** position and will need to approach the person concerned to ensure that a nomination will be accepted and requesting a précis. Nominations close 30th April 2018. The term for a Board Member is four years (Rule 5.3.2) There is no election for President, President John in one year into a four year term (Rule 5.3.2).
- ◆ **Volunteer of the Month** – please, please send in your Volunteer of the Month – look at the Mums and Dads who have volunteered during the year. This simple recognition might be the catalyst to getting them further involved in the Association next season, maybe even on the Committee
- ◆ Keep the minutes coming through, and keep up the great work.

Have a great month. If you are lucky enough to get time off and attend the NZ Championships, I look forward to catching up sometime whilst in Hamilton. In the meantime, continue to enjoy the summer sunshine.

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