



June 2021

WOW, the rain was forecast but that much at once!!! The flooding footage in the media shows mother nature can be cruel at times and we hope our marching families have not been too affected. It is officially winter the rain and snow has arrived. Now for the nice days to help dry everything out again. Being winter means no marching, though some very keen Teams will be anxiously awaiting the new seasons technical release on 1st July. As Administrators there is much to do whilst there is no on field marching.

- ◆ **Planning for the coming season** is a very important task that often gets overlooked at monthly meetings in the winter when time and temperature dictate shorter meetings. Consider having a special 'lounge meeting' with some mulled wine to brainstorm some ideas for the coming season. A brain dump of ideas can be exciting and surprising as to what 'out of the box' ideas are dumped. Some that can and will with some moulding turn into great ideas, be it for recruiting, training, or just where and when to hold the new season competition days. That off the cuff suggestion to hold a competition on the vacant section next to the Car Sales Yard could attract a new sponsor of medals for the competition from the Car Company. The in the midst of summer Beach March could be a fun day at the beach and that Competition Trail your Committee mapped out through the region accumulating the judge points could be the Associations opportunity for some good media marketing/profile. A fun time brain storming + a little time formulating and planning = some great opportunities to provide new and exciting opportunities for the participants.
- ◆ **MNZ Annual Meeting** is fast approaching, the Meeting Agenda has been sent out. The Remits have been circulated by email for easy distribution to your members for their input ensuring your Delegates are fully aware and will be confident presenting the views of your Associations. The Annual Meeting is being held at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington commencing 1 pm on Saturday 26th June and concluding at 3 pm Sunday 27th. For accommodation at the Brentwood Hotel phone 0508 273689 and quote Group Booking # 81292.
- ◆ Recipients for **MNZ Service Awards** have been confirmed by the Board. Any recipients attending the Annual Meeting will be presented on that occasion and others will be presented at up-coming Workshops.
- ◆ **Association Annual Meeting** planning will almost be completed, the Notice will have been given and nominations called for. Be sure to cast your notice wide and to include the parents/caregivers of your marchers. Encourage all members to attend and follow up on who have shown some interest in taking on positions ensuring their nomination is submitted. Make your Annual Meeting interesting and inviting and prove to your members that marching meetings can be enjoyable and productive. Take the opportunity to make presentations to your members stepping down from positions and also any Association Service Awards. Consider having a 'share' lunch before or after if a day meeting or perhaps a 'desert' before if an evening meeting. A lucky ticket taped under a seat could give the seat holder a discount off the new season registration or a coffee voucher at a local Café. Add a little something different, some value and enjoyment.
- ◆ **Association Rules** must be approved by the Board before enacted by your Association as per MNZ Rule 16.6.4. Remember if your Association has found a need for 'local rules' they must not be in conflict to MNZ Policies and Rules of Participation.
- ◆ File (if any) the list of **members with liabilities** to the sport that you have received from Team Treasurers. This advice must have been received by 30th April otherwise all members are declared 'clear' of liabilities. Keep reminding Team Treasurers to inform the Association immediately these members have cleared their liabilities.
- ◆ **Recess Teams**, a Team in a second year of having a year off and deciding not to register again, have deemed themselves in 'recess' and the team's assets are to be passed over to the Association Committee. The assets and funds (held in a separate trust account) are held for a period of two years. If during this two-year period the Association Committee approves, the team (Coach, Chaperon/s, Manager, Treasurer and Marchers) to use the Team name for the purpose of re-activating the Team concerned, the Association shall provide the assets and funding held in the trust. Refer Rule of Participation A18.3. If the Team does not re-form within the two-years, the Association Committee shall use the assets and funding for the furtherance of the Sport in the Association. Note that a team is not in recess if they are only 'having a year off' and of course if 'having a year off' there will be no movement in bank account balances during this time and Bank Statements are still to be forwarded to the Association until the team is either active again or deemed in recess.

- ◆ **New Teams** can register now for the coming season and should be registered before they start any fundraising in the name of marching or the new Team. Membership for new Teams with new Members will thus be for more than 12 months – it will be from 1 April to 30 September 2022. NOTE this is for NEW Members. Refer to Rule 4.4.4.
- ◆ **Volunteer of the Month** – please, please keep sending in your Volunteer of the Month for MNZ to recognise in the Newsletter and please continue to acknowledge your volunteers too, a card or quick email is all that is required sometimes. This month we celebrate National Volunteer Awareness Week (20-26 June), and what better time to thank your local Association volunteers and take time out and enjoy some social time. Organise a mid 'Winter Christmas Dinner' or perhaps just a simple all contribute 'Pot-Luck Tea'. Say THANKS to all the many, many volunteers who helped the Association over the past season. Thank your hardworking Committee, Judging Panel, Coaches and their supporting Chaperones, Managers, Treasurers, the Competition Day volunteers on the field - Marshalls, Plan Layers or off the field - Announcer, Music Person and the Recording Room staff.
- ◆ **Admin Workshop** is in the diary for Sunday 8th August at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington. A Workshop for President/Secretary/Treasurer commencing 10 am and concluding 4 pm. Registration Forms and more information will be circulated soon.
- ◆ Information and process for registration – has been circulated by the Technical Manager for the **Coach Workshop** on 28/29 August at St Margaret's in Christchurch and **Judge Workshop** on 11/12 September also at St Margaret's in Christchurch. Look deep into the Association budget and see if the Association can contribute to the costs for the Coaches and Judges, the entire Association are going to benefit from their attending and they will really appreciate some assistance, even a little.
- ◆ **Shared Subscription** incentive to 'introduce a friend' to marching will be available again this season. To encourage not only new membership but also retain existing members. How it works - where an existing Marching NZ member introduces someone new into the Sport of Marching, and that that person is a full paying member, Marching NZ, through the Association Membership Privacy Officer, refund 50% of their Marching NZ subscription in the following year. This is to be conditional upon both the existing and new member renewing after one year. A full paying member is represented by way of an individual registration other than as an Associate Member, and the 50% discount is to apply to the type of membership paid in year one. A member's discount is limited to 50% only regardless of the number of new members introduced.
- ◆ **Coach Incentive** is also available this coming season. For Coaches who after coaching for three consecutive years after first registering as a Coach will receive a \$50 voucher.
- ◆ **Judge Incentive** is also available. For Judges after judging for two consecutive season after qualifying as a Judge will receive a \$50 Gift Reward Voucher.
- ◆ **Chief Judge Incentive** for Chief Judges who progress a Trainee Judge to a Qualified Judge (and full membership) they will receive a \$50 voucher. A pro-active and successful Association Chief Judge can receive more than one Gift Voucher.
- ◆ **Admin 'stuff'** needs a good tidy and filing away occasionally including of the emails. Association Minutes will include reportage from your Treasurer, Chief Judge and Coaching Co-ordinator and if not included in the text of the minutes and is referred to 'as attached', then the reports MUST be attached when circulated including when forwarded to MNZ, TWP and when filing as per ROP A20.2. It is essential if you are vacating the position of Secretary to have a tidy up, making sure that everything is in order and will be easy to follow for your successor. THANK YOU to you all for your efforts as the front person of the Association and if you are 'retiring' I trust that you will not be lost to the sport, hopefully taking on another career option within.

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