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NOTICES TO CLUBS JULY 2021



Dear Club Secretary,

Please forward information on to your members.

Hi everyone,

As we head into the winter months and many of you have turned out your horses, there is still some polocrosse items to be advised of. Please forward the below information to your Club members and others that you think may be interested.



New Zealand JUNIOR and New Zealand INTERMEDIATE COACH Announcements



The New Zealand Polocrosse Board is please to advise of the following appointments –

New Zealand Junior Coach for 2022 Dean GOWER

New Zealand Intermediate Coach for 2022 Rick MURRAY

We are hopefully looking forward to an existing season ahead of us and hope that our young players will get to experience some overseas competition – either here in New Zealand or in Australia. A huge thank you to Dean and Rick for putting their names forward to help our young players fulfil their polocrosse dreams. These coaches are able to extend their tenure for an additional 12 months, based on a positive 12 monthly review.



New Zealand JUNIOR and New Zealand INTERMEDIATE and New Zealand OPEN SELECTORS Expressions of Interest.



The New Zealand Polocrosse Board is calling for Expressions of Interest for Selectors to work alongside our New Zealand Coaches. New Zealand Coaches are automatically selectors for their respective teams.

Both the Junior and Intermediate teams require one additional Selector; these selectors will be appointed for the 2022 season. The New Zealand Open team requires two additional selectors, and these selectors will work with the New Zealand Open Coach through to the start of the 2023 World Cup.

Applicants can apply for more than one position and can be selectors for more than one division – eg. Juniors & Intermediates or Intermediates and Open.

Expressions of Interest are due to the Board Secretary, via e-mail: nzpolocrosse@gmail.com by Sunday 14th August 2021 at 5.00pm any conflicts of interest must be declared at the time of applying.

If any person wishing to apply for these positions requires further information, please contact Neil Smith, Coaching Panel Administrator - by e-mail at neilsally10@gmail.com or phone 027 687 8789.



Expressions of Interest for CARNIVAL DATES and HOSTING NATIONAL FIXTURES



To assist with planning of events for the coming season the Board is calling for Expressions of Interest for Club Carnival dates for the 2021 – 2022 season. The Board is also calling for hosts for the **Juniors & Intermediates** Competition (usually held in the 2nd to last weekend of January) and for the hosting of the **Roke & Rockwood** competition (usually 2nd to last weekend in February).

Clubs or Associations wanting to put in EOI to host the Juniors & Intermediates need to be aware of the expectation to host a Coaching Camp (with input and assistance from the Coaching Panel) prior to the event.

The Inter Association Championships for 2022 will be hosted by Auckland Polocrosse Association.

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2021 AGM & CONFERENCE:

The 2021 New Zealand Polocrosse AGM & Conference will be held in Cambridge on **Saturday, 25th September 2021**.

Due to only having draft financial accounts at the 2020 AGM, there will be two sets of Financial Statements to approve. At the conclusion of the AGM there will be the normal Conference, with a presentation by the Board, to be followed by light refreshments. Further information regarding the AGM will be sent out later.

Date: SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2021

Start Time: 11.00am

Venue: Avantidrome- 15 Hanlin Road, Cambridge



BOARD MEMBER ROTATION:

Due to changes in the Board over recent years the rotation process has become out of synch and often leaves gaps in the Board. The current Rule, in the Constitution, means that in one year three Board members are due for rotation – which, depending on the makeup of the Board and who is willing to stand or restand, could possibly leave the Board in a very vulnerable position. The Board will be putting forward a remit to change the current rule (see below) and is also seeking not to have anyone come off the Board this year. Gary Malcom is due to stand down this year but has agreed to remain on the Board for an additional year to support the current Board.

Current Rule: 16.4 Term of Office of Board Members

Subject to Rule **Error! Reference source not found.** the term of office for all Elected Board Members shall be three (3) years, expiring on conclusion of the relevant AGM. The election of Elected Board Members shall be rotated so that three (3) Board members are elected in one (1) year and two (2) the next to ensure continuity of some Elected Board Members on the Board.

The Board will propose changing this Rule to read -

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This will mean that the current Board rotation will look like –

2022 – Gary Malcolm and Craig Zielinski due to stand down.

2023 – Two other members to stand down (Russell Tye, Nicky Schrafft, Andrew Fowler), with the third member rolling over for one more year.

2024 – The one remaining Board member will stand down.

Rule 16.8 refers to Board members vacating seats.



MINI CONFERENCE 2021:

Regrettably, there was not enough stakeholders available to make the Mini Conference to make the event viable for this year. However, the Board is aware that stakeholders would like to see a Mini Conference take place, but just closer to the end of the playing season. This will be discussed at this year's AGM, with a date being set for a 2022 Mini Conference. Thank you to everyone for the positive feedback received on this initiative.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA – Update:

The Board has reviewed all the stakeholder input, has sought outside advice, and reviewed what other sports do, all in an attempt to assist in trying to get a ruling that is as fair as possible to all New Zealand players, either living in New Zealand or overseas. The Board does not want to disadvantage players but expects to see some commitment to the sport by those wanting to represent the country.

The Board is now working through the finer points and will communicate their recommendation to Clubs prior to putting a remit forward for the AGM.



STAKEHOLDER VOICE:

To enable the Board / Coaching Panel / Coaches and others to receive good feedback in a timely manner, that is easy for the stakeholder to use the Board has invested in a better version of Survey Monkey, allowing surveys to have more questions in the one survey, a wider range of answers and more analysis features. This will assist the Board in gaining the stakeholders voice in many different areas.

FUNDRAISING:

CALF REARING: Travis Awburn oversees this scheme and is making great progress with several calves already being purchased and / or grazed by people all over the North Island. Thank you to those people that have already purchased or are grazing stock.



Travis has recently had some weaner calves donated to NZ Polocrosse so if anyone is able to support us by grazing one (free of charge) through to their sale, please contact Tavis. If you can't graze a calf but still want to support NZ Polocrosse with this fundraising venture, please contact Travis as there are different options available, or you can simply donate funds towards the scheme. If you would like more information, please contact Travis – phone 021 210 2774.

HORSE TREK: We are still looking for a Club to host the next horse trek. Planning for this needs to be underway soon so if you are interested, please contact Nicky Schrafft - e-mail: nicky26@xtra.co.nz

RACQUET & BALL PURCHASES:

Although some new stock has arrived, we are still trying to track down some “missing balls”. IF you got a ball from Shane or Beth last season and have forgotten to pay for it **PLEASE** do this immediately – we are at the end of the NZ Polocrosse Financial Year and we need these funds in now.



New Zealand Polocrosse BNZ Account Number: 02-0712-0081910-000

People are able to purchase racquets, grips etc from Beth Peaker - please ensure you make payment for these directly into the New Zealand Polocrosse bank account as soon as possible after purchasing and reference your name and what you purchased.

BOARD MEETING SNIPPETS:

To help with the Boards endeavors for transparency there will be brief updates after Board meetings to inform you all of what the Board has been doing or is currently working on.



Due to all Board members busy schedules the Board met on Sunday, 27th June in Taumarunui, with two guests in attendance. The main focus of this meeting was to discuss Player Eligibility.

The Board had contacted Australia re the possibility of our two Junior Scholarship recipients travelling in the July holidays but with the current unknow Covid climate it was agreed that this is not feasible for this year. Both countries main concerns are with the safety and wellbeing of all of our players and neither country would want to see players exposed to Covid or stranded in Australia.

Counties Polocrosse Club advised the Board that they were not currently in the position to host the Roke & Rockwood in 2022, therefore the Board agreed to seek a host through Expressions of Interest.

The paid version of eh Survey Monkey has been set up and we now just need to work on some questions to set up within this. This more advanced survey programme will enable the Board to seek stakeholder feedback and satisfaction on many different matters.

With the New Zealand Polocrosse Financial Year now finished (31st May) all of the 2021 financial records, minutes and other relevant information is being compiled ready to be given to the accountants. The Board must complete three Audit Questionnaires relating to internal controls, governance and general audit questions.

New Zealand Polocrosse is yet to receive any communication or answers from the IPC regarding Rules for Hosting International events, which will affect the number / type of invitations that NZ is able to extend for overseas tours.

The main focus of this Board meeting was to review all the information to hand relating to Player Eligibility. The Board had two guests in attendance who, through their knowledge and experience, were able to share other thoughts and ideas. The Board then went on to deliberate on all the information that it has received, heard and gathered and were able to agree on a criteria that they believed was as fair as it could be. No matter what the ruling, it will never please everyone, but the main thing is to be fair to all New Zealand players, no matter where they live, without disadvantaging those players living in New Zealand.

The Board believed that there needed to be various, slightly different, criteria for the differing levels of competition – Juniors / Intermediates / Open / World Cup.

The Board hopes to be able to have Board members speak to their own Clubs on this matter and will be providing information to the Clubs shortly. Ideally, if all Clubs are in agreeance this should lead to a By-Law being passed at this year's AGM. Player Eligibility is the first part of the equation, with Selection Criteria still to be worked on.

The Board was pleased to approve the appointment of Dean Gower as the New Zealand Junior Coach and Rick Murray as the New Zealand Intermediates Coach. Selectors will now be called for through Notices to Clubs and expressions of interest for Carnival dates and hosting of National Fixtures will also be called for at the same time.

The 2021 – 2024 Sport New Zealand Investment Schedule was signed off with our funding remaining at \$10,000.00 per annum for the coming three years. New Zealand Polocrosse Reporting to Sport NZ for the 2021 season was completed after the last Board meeting and we are awaiting official feedback on this.

A good start has been made on the new Strategic Plan, which now just requires some KPI's being put into each of three Strategic Aims. This will be presented at the AGM Conference.

The Board meeting concluded at 3.05 pm.

COACHING SYLLABUS:

If any members would like to start their Coaching qualifications (Level 1) then please contact the Coaching Panel Administrator Neil Smith - by e-mail at neilsally10@gmail.com



PUBLICITY, FACEBOOK & WEBSITE:

Kayla Murray and Kyla Zielinski are now our new Publicity Officers and they are doing a great job with the facebook page and Instagram. Be sure to check out the "Throw Back Mondays" on facebook for some great memories! The website is in the process of being updated. If you have photos, flyers, information or anything of interest please get it through to these lovely young ladies by e-mail to nzpolocrosse.publicity@gmail.com Please copy the NZ Secretary in on any carnival flyers or information that you want distributed to Clubs – NZ Secretary email address nzpolocrosse@gmail.com



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Kayla and Kyla have secured several sponsors for the website page – currently they have Wanganui Concrete, Woodland Forestry, Influence Gym and Richhill Stud.

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