

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES MEETING
HELD IN THE SUPPORTERS CLUB LOUNGE, EDEN PARK
WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2009

PRESENT: John Hunt [Chairman], Dave Syms [ARFU OM], Matt McHardy [ARFU, CRM], Trevor Stewart [College Rifles], Francis Leilua [East Tamaki], John Fellowes [Eden], Mike Donovan [Grammar Carlton], Ellen Sa'u [Manukau], David Prendergast [Marist], Ces Williams [Ponsonby], George Radcliffe [Roskill Districts], Tony Jane [Suburbs], Jock McNeil [Teachers Eastern], Gary Froggatt [Te Papapa], Stu Mather [University] Don Urquhart [Waitakere City], Terry Cope [Waitemata], Brett Copeland [JRC Chairman] Lafi Pouanga [Auckland Tonga], John Roache [Otahuhu] Ron Jones [Stand in Referees], Mike Makaua [Mt Wellington], Mike Hanley [Tamaki], Alex Bing [ASSRFU]

APOLOGIES: Andy Dalton [ARFU CEO], Ken Rackham [Waiheke Is.], Smudge McNeilage [Referees], Peter Fatialofa [Auckland Samoan], Howard Perry [APSRFU], Brian Wilsher [Pakuranga].

Chairman John Hunt opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COD MEETING HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2009

Matt McHardy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Herald on Sunday Club Rugby Supplement likely to be cancelled – Counties Manukau and North Harbour are not funding this.
John Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Move Francis Leilua from Disciplinary Committee to the Coaching Committee

BOD REPORT

John Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As no representative from the Board present and John Hunt was absent from the last Board meeting, he asked delegates to read through minutes and ask questions if required. ▪ Moved that these be accepted in principle as no member from Board present.
------------------	---

ARFU OPERATION MANAGERS REPORT – Dave Syms

Super 14 Hosting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Into game phase at Eden Park and North Harbour Stadium ▪ Like to thanks those who act as liaison people
Northern Region Rep teams / Rep teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signed off on the B's and Emerging Players – play in the same competition. Good result from Auckland as we have 2 in this level of competition ▪ U20 mirrors competition of previous years. Northern Region competition followed by games against Wellington, Canterbury and Otago. ▪ U85kg still to be sorted, NZ Babas U85kg team travelling to Sydney. ▪ Storm will once again play in a National Competition. ▪ U18 A and Bs play in same competition. ▪ U18 div – competing in a 5 team round robin. ▪ U16 – standard structure of 2 pools, however this year the semi finals and finals will be held over one weekend. ▪ U14 and Secondary School Girls same as last year.
Sevens Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This was held with Ramsey Tomokino and Craig Lister. ▪ Overall a disappointing result considering recent success. ▪ Those roles will be advertised at some stage TBA

ARFU CLUB RUGBY MANAGERS REPORT – Matt McHardy

Premier Coaches and Managers Briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scheduled for this Friday 6th March in the Supporters Club Lounge. Important that there is a good turnout as all logistics for the competition format will be covered. Please inform your coaches / managers of this.
Competition Entry Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cut off date for Prem's, Prem Reserves, U21 and U19 was Monday. Clubs still to notify us are: Grammar Carlton, Otahuhu, Pakuranga, Papatoetoe, Ponsonby, Suburbs, Waitemata ▪ Cut off for other Grades – Friday 13th March. ▪ Important that we get these in so draws can be formulated.
Club Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will be delivered by the end of this month and distributed at Aprils COD meeting.
Law Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be picked up tonite one for each delegate. ▪ Coaches will be given one at Rugbysmart
Webb Ellis Match Balls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clubs would receive once again an allocation of Webb Ellis match balls. Due in at any stage. Will let Clubs know once these are available.
Team Sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As promised at last meeting have distributed a team sheet as to show how these should be filled out.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also distributed team sheet derived from the new NZRU Database
S14 Tickets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed to those who replied by email As per email to delegates a park and ride option will be in operation. Also public transport option – further details will be emailed out to delegates. These are not complimentary tickets they are purchased by the ARFU and are intended for Delegates, not anyone else Budgeting to spend \$26K for both JRC and COD S14 and Test tickets in 2009. The COD group will have hospitality based around the Crusaders game in Round 15
Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact details distributed 2009 Club Rugby key dates also distributed 2009 Alan McEvoy Draw Waka Nathan draw distributed with field and changing room allocations These to be posted in COD folders.

SUB COMMITTEES –

Adult Rugby (Ces Williams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Papapa Mt Wellington requested a Friday night game for their 50th celebrations. Fine subject to written acceptance from opposition (Papatoetoe) Rules of Competition sent to Kevin Kilgour for wording in section 4. Brian Wilsher has done. Grade Coordinators still to be allocated Counties Manukau U85kg teams x 2 accepted into our competition. This is subject to acceptance of the criteria by Counties Manukau. ELV and change to Law 17 regarding the collapsing of mauls in the U85kg grade. NZRU reluctant to change.
Coaching (Stu Mather)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoff Moon has been appointed as the new Coach Development Manager for Auckland Rugby and introduced himself at the first meeting. All ARFU Coaching programmes are now on the website Rugbysmart is compulsory for all coaches U14 level upwards and has been scheduled at 12 venues. PORC course starts this evening at Dilworth College. 35 coaches signed up. A new Auckland Rugby Resource coach programme in place – successful clinics already been run at Teachers Eastern and University. Geoff spoke about the proposed Coaching High Performance Unit – looks very good.
Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Rep Game Admin (Tony Jane)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Disciplinary (Gary Froggatt)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disciplinary manual distributed this evening Hearings will once again be held at Roskill Districts First meeting for the year will be on 11th March.
Standards (Terry Cope)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting held with Jo Coleman (ARFU Communication Manager) to look at the sideline behaviour campaign. Very good campaign set for the year. Spoke to the Event Management procedure document in place for Premier games this year.
Grounds (Matt McHardy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
Supporters Club (John Fellowes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil Dave Syms mentioned entry on match days to the Supporters Club – will try and arrange entry for COD members.
Mike Makaua (Maori Rugby)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland Maori have a game this weekend at the Glenfield RFC. From this tournament a Northern Region Mens, Womens and Colts team will be selected. Maori committee to meet on March 16th.

Advisory Committees and Affiliates

Junior Rugby Committee (Brett Copeland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First two meetings involved planning for the registration weekends Thanked Nestle / Milo for their Sponsorship of the registration weekend. So far numbers look promising Wondered if we could revisit the funding / assistance of teams travelling for junior rugby on Waiheke Island. Covered off Marist Eastern starting a satellite out of Sancta Maria College
Referees (Ron Jones)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referees had a successful opening day last Sunday at the Eden RFC. First night of training this year will be at the Maungakeikei Golf Club on the 9th March
Secondary Schools (Alex Bing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike McCahill has been very proactive in the schools so far this year. At this stage there seems to be plenty of players but not enough coaches. Work in progress. Pleasing that there has been no change as far as the Northern region representative programmes go. There had been talk of a split between the Blues and Chiefs but did not occur. Discussion took place around the requirements through College Sport of 1st XV teams. The issue of whether to go to U18 for 1st XV or stay with U19 in 2010 will be discussed at the March meeting.
Primary Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Howard Perry's absence, John Hunt mentioned that a Cluster Convenors meeting will be held on

	the 31st of this month. Howard will report the findings of this meeting at the next COD meeting.
Polynesian Rugby (Lafi Pouanga)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nil

General Business

Matt McHardy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highlighted the importance of registering all participants on the database in 2009. If the rugby community has any preferential booking for the 2011 RWC then the 09 database will be used for this. This preferential booking or the availability of tickets to the rugby community still has to be decided on by Rugby NZ2011. ▪ If this is to be the case please ensure all participants tick the box to receive promotional material.
Francis Leilua (East Tamaki)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enquired about the event management vests that have been distributed in the past and getting replacements. Matt McHardy replied that additional ones will be ordered and distributed.
Mike Makaua (Mt Wellington)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enquired whether there would be any objections from the COD regarding playing in their original strip for their 50th jubilee at Queens Birthday. ▪ The Chairman asked the committee – no objections recorded.
Trevor Stewart (College Rifles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gave the committee an update on the grounds at College Rifles. These have been laid and are in the settling down phase. Have gained the initial sign off from the IRB.

Meeting Closed: 7.12pm

Next Meeting: 1st April 2009