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## Christchurch Local Sport Committee

**Date:** 12 May 2015

**Venue:** SLSNZ Southern Region Office, 1063 Ferry Rd, Ferrymead

**Attendees:** Craig Todd (CT), Derek Shanks (DS), Mark Robberds (MR), Henry Lawson (HL), Jo Eade (JE), Fraser Bickley (FB), Tania Bailey (TB), Wally Wilson (WW), Scott Roberts (SR), Stu Bryce (SB)

**Apologies:** Brad Wilson, David Price, Mike Litten

## General Business:

### **Inter-districts Proposal**

FB will be attending a national sports committee meeting (NSC) on the weekend of the 16/17<sup>th</sup> May and sought feedback on the planned inter-districts competition.

FB – questioned where this proposal came from? What happened to the project completed by Kurt and Jonelle?

Overall Feedback from Christchurch LSC:

- Return to districts rather than regions
- Needs to be a robust financial plan put in place to ensure the longevity of the event
  - Ensure there is no/minimal user pays
- Drop surf boats / canoes / IRBs from the event
  - Surf Boats have their own series
  - Canoes could follow similar process to Surf Boats
  - Introduce “Worlds” races at NI, SI and National IRB champs
    - Top ranked teams become the “NZ” team and receive subsidy to attend world champs for IRBs
- Align the proposed comp to world rules
  - Ensures it is a pathway event
  - Drops numbers to make it more manageable

**Action: Fraser to relay Christchurch LSC Feedback to the NSC**

### **Mixed Club Teams at nationals**

MR presented a proposal to the LSC in regards to entering mixed club teams in national events to help combat dropping numbers in the junior women’s ranks of clubs.

*Proposal:*

*That the NSC allows female athletes to compete in combined club teams at National Events.*

*Rationale:*

*Retention of female athletes is an ongoing problem in many areas across NZ. Team events are an important incentive to keep female athletes motivated and involved in surf sports. In*



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*the past, the response to this problem has been for one club to “recruit” these athletes, however this only solves the problem for that one club and exacerbates the retention problem for the rest.*

*We want all clubs to retain their female athletes (and patrollers). The Canterbury LSC sees the use of combined club teams as an effective tool in achieving this aim.*

*Details:*

- *Combined teams 2-4 (female) would be allowed to compete at Nationals.*
- *These teams would be able to get medals in the same way that Australian club athletes get medals (extra medals going to legitimate club teams)*
- *These combined teams would not get club points*

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MR

- About retention, not medals or points

FB

- Doesn't agree with current concept.
- Why is it so specific? AP -
- Who would select the teams?
- Are there examples
- Needs to be pre-organised
  - Teams submitted to LSC then NSC
  - District only

WW

- May make a difference in people actually attending
- Enjoyment of being in a team
- Can you be in multiple mixed teams?
- Would prevent smaller clubs losing valuable members

CT – wants it to only be 3+ teams

SB

- Has it been tried locally – why not?
- Race as Canterbury

TB – if you can field a team you can't be part of a mixed team

**Action: Fraser to present LSC proposal to the NSC**

### **Draft Sports Activity Calendar**

HL presented the draft sports activity calendar for the 2015/2016 season, with most of the season's events similar to last seasons. A corsair board series was introduced for



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consideration, along with questions about the number of junior surf events available to members.

**Action: HL to gain feedback from the Junior LSC and present for approval at new seasons LSC meeting.**

#### **Awards of Excellence Nominations**

Award nominations discussed and recommendations chosen to submit to the Local Honours and Awards Committee.

**Meeting finished: 8:10pm**

**Next meeting: TBC.**



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