



BOCCIA NEW ZEALAND (INC.)
Minutes of the Management Committee

Held on Monday 18 June, 2012 at 10.00am.
At 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak, Auckland.

1. Opening and welcome

Boccia New Zealand Chair Harvey Brunt welcomed all attendees.

2. Present

Those present were:

- Harvey Brunt
- Luke Morriss
- Len Williams (late arriving)
- Dave O'Donovan; Kerry Jenkinson; and Paul Coffey (High Performance / Development Squad Call at 10.30am only)

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was moved **'that the minutes from the previous Boccia New Zealand meeting held on Monday 21 May are a true and correct record'**. Harvey Brunt/Luke Morriss...**Carried**

Harvey Brunt signed and dated the minutes.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

- Westpac Bank Account

Still waiting for Len Williams to fill out signatory form details to be added onto the Boccia New Zealand bank accounts.

- Australasian Invitational Tournament

Have withdrawn the invitation to host this tournament due to a lack of commitment from New Zealand players for the time being. This has been communicated to Australia.

- Tournament medals

These were handed out on the weekend at the North Island Boccia Championships (some still remaining from the order of 60). Still waiting on invoice for these before arranging payment.

- Constitution

Sections still to be completed on this. Harvey Brunt to finish altering Constitution before circulating out again to the Management Committee and then the membership for consultation.

- Paralympics New Zealand

Met with Malcolm Humm from Paralympics New Zealand and outlined our current position and ideas moving forward – in particular looking for assistance from Paralympics New Zealand to classify new athletes to help grow our player pool.

- High Performance Coach

Phoned and offered Dave O'Donovan the role of High Performance Coach following last meeting. Dave O'Donovan said he would get back with a response after hearing where Boccia is heading before committing.

- Classification

Decided against bringing Kerry Jenkinson up to classify at the North Island Championships due to a lack of unclassified and potential competitive players.

5. Correspondence In / Out

- Paralympics New Zealand

Paid the outstanding balance of \$37.50 to Paralympics New Zealand for Boccia New Zealand's principle membership fee for 2011–2012.

- Cerebral Palsy Society of NZ

Paid the outstanding balance of \$127.71 to the Cerebral Palsy Society of NZ for website fee.

6. Membership

The following applications for membership had been received:

<i>Sean Stamp</i>	<i>Jeremy Morriss</i>	<i>Michael Northcott</i>
<i>Sandra Grey</i>	<i>Leo Grey</i>	<i>Maxine Morgan</i>
<i>Amanda Lee</i>	<i>Andrew Shea</i>	<i>Robin Haskell</i>
<i>Craig Gadsby</i>	<i>Alicia McPhee</i>	<i>John Reidy</i>
<i>Margaret Thomson</i>	<i>Nessie Thomson</i>	<i>Bev Reidy</i>
<i>Mark Pattinson</i>	<i>Christine Ward</i>	<i>Terimay Mann</i>
<i>Fleur Mann</i>	<i>David Phuah</i>	<i>Fay Ngata</i>
<i>Reuben Ngata</i>	<i>Rodney Arts</i>	<i>Yung Chen</i>
<i>Kirsten Williams</i>	<i>Michael Bull</i>	<i>Gordon Dunn</i>
<i>Leonie Brunt</i>	<i>Harvey Brunt</i>	

After discussion, it was moved **'that all of the above be approved for membership for 2012–2013'**. Harvey Brunt/Len Williams...Carried

7. Financial Statements

After making the two payments listed under correspondence out, closed two accounts (Special purpose and Development) and transferred all remaining funds into a savings account.

Balances as of 18 / 06 / 2012:

Current account **\$3939.78** with \$40.00 still to bank
Savings account **\$778.74**

It was moved 'that the financial accounts of Boccia New Zealand be accepted'. Harvey Brunt/Luke Morriss...Carried

8. General Business

- High Performance / Development Squad Call – 10.30am

Conference call scheduled with Dave O'Donovan, Kerry Jenkinson and Paul Coffey at 10.30am to discuss situation regarding direction of elite Boccia in New Zealand and to get feedback on future initiatives.

Harvey Brunt outlined Boccia New Zealand developments:

- Harvey Brunt, Luke Morriss and Len Williams made a proposal to the 'old' committee to appoint all of the above to the committee whilst keeping the same constitution and thereafter resigning, thus leaving the responsibility to Harvey, Luke and Len to run Boccia New Zealand.
- Following this, the 'new' committee contacted a selection of past, present and potential development / high performance players to discuss the road to Rio 2016.
- The first key event was the North Island Championships in June; the next was an Australasian invitational tournament in August and inviting Australia over to compete against a New Zealand selection; the third was the New Zealand Nationals in October.
- The response was very well received with a number of players signalling interest to compete at the international level. However, after the closing date for the first event there was an apparent lack of commitment to the North Island Championships due to various reasons. Therefore, the North Island Championships had more of a 'development' focus to it.
- Jeremy Morriss was the only exception as the difference in performance was clearly visible to the next tier of players coming through who would be considered high performance.
- Consequently, this has somewhat altered the initial thoughts of a high performance team as the current group of players aren't up to international standard and medalling.

Kerry Jenkinson asked who were the athletes contacted as potential squad members?

- Luke Morriss replied saying that all players who had been involved at the national and international levels in the history of NZ Boccia had been invited, as well as the young current players who had been involved for a number of years – a few names were given at the time of discussion. Complete list has been post-added below:

BC1	BC2	BC3
Liam Sanders Gayle Russell Michael Bull Gary Williams Renes Baschota*	Jeremy Morriss Maurice Toon Kerri Bonner Sarah de la Haye Fleur Mann	Greig Jackson Henk Dijkstra Anthea Henry-Hurst Sean Stamp Mandy Slade

	Alex Dickson Khi Chen Stacey Roche Red Nicholson Chloe Sturt* Jade Farrar* Bridget McLaren*	Oliver Hill-Parker Rhys Bycroft Andrew Phillips David Phuah* Diederick Struijck*
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* unsure of classification

Kerry Jenkinson gave an update as to the players based in Canterbury (Kerri Bonner) and her current injuries and subsequent unavailability.

- o Luke Morriss added that Sean Stamp and Anthea Henry-Hurst were also unavailable for the recent North Island Championships due to illness and work commitments respectively.

Kerry Jenkinson asked how much notice was given for players to attend the North Island Championships?

- o Harvey Brunt replied stating it was at least 4-6 weeks, possibly more.
- o Kerry Jenkinson mentioned the challenge of funding, especially for the players based outside of Auckland and the length of time to raise this.
- o Luke Morriss reiterated the disappointments of the lack of communication from the Auckland and Hamilton based players as discussed earlier.

Dave O'Donovan highlighted the good grassroots work and the need to start making steps towards a longer term goal and discussed the options of bringing back older players versus implementing pathways to develop new players and bringing them up to the standard of the older players.

Paul Coffey gave an overview of the past systems pre-2000 similar to the situation that Boccia in New Zealand now faces.

- o Players then were given the chance to perform overseas who were considered able to perform overseas and were to them consolidate that back home on the national scene to show others players the pathway forward.

Harvey Brunt discussed the need to add the top-down and bottom-up philosophies into the grassroots work to show players the complete pathway and to encourage more players to take the competitive step as something to aim for.

- o Harvey Brunt mentioned that the current players available wouldn't currently be ready to compete and achieve on the international stage but the older players might be (although they are generally less committed to do the hard work) and the development players would need time to get to the appropriate level.
- o Kerry Jenkinson highlighted the general mind-set of disabled athletes waiting for someone to do it for them due to the challenge of raising the funds needed for an international competition.
- o Harvey Brunt therefore discussed the notion of putting more concentrated efforts into the development players (who are keen and willing to work hard), and at the same time supporting the older players (who are in the mind-set of waiting for

someone else to do the work for them) as long as they show the commitment to initiate actions and fundraise, train, etc.

Dave O'Donovan gave an insight to international development programmes and the time length required (one Paralympic cycle) for players to benefit and show benefit on a bigger stage – possibly 2–4 years (e.g. Great Britain although they are heavily resourced).

- Kerry Jenkinson mentioned Australia taking more than two Paralympic cycles so it may be longer for us due to our financial situation.
- Kerry Jenkinson also mentioned the extra challenge of Powerchair Football as a rival sport that many of the Boccia players are taking on as there is more of a current pathway available now in this sport and the lack of progress in Boccia at the elite level over the past 3–4 years.
- Dave O'Donovan reiterated the importance of making the Boccia pathway visible to players.
- Harvey Brunt recapped saying the apparent need to 'blood' younger players into the international scene to show players the way forward and to encourage other players to compete.

Kerry Jenkinson asked if Boccia New Zealand had heard any communication about where the Asian Regionals 2013 will be?

- Harvey Brunt hinted that it may be in Korea.
- Luke Morriss said he will ask while in London (considering the lack of organisation of CPISRA and the challenges of Boccia becoming a separate organisation) and will let everyone know and also mentioned that Australia had considered hosting a tournament but it was too costly for them to do.
- Paul Coffey expressed the idea of New Zealand hosting another international competition. Harvey Brunt and Luke Morriss mentioned they had thought of this momentarily as there are a number of adequate venues around the country that could host one. However, it will take a lot of funding and time to host, something we are not prepared to do at this time.

Kerry Jenkinson suggested putting an 'expression of interest' out now to players to attend the Asian Regionals 2013 – possibly using a trial system to choose the team and encourage players to attend national tournaments in the meantime whilst putting together a rough budget – as was the case in the early 2000's.

- Harvey Brunt and Kerry Jenkinson both added the idea of having a squad from this who would train as directed by the High Performance Coach.
- Dave O'Donovan reinforced the idea and discussed tracking the group of players and possibly issuing a test out to clubs to determine how they are developing.
- Kerry Jenkinson agreed adding there are enough people around the country (e.g. Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland) at the moment to ensure that testing players' development would be possible.
- Kerry Jenkinson also added the need to add financial information to the expression of interest to communicate to players the need to be proactive with regards to saving and sourcing funds – from past experiences there have been players who have had to contribute their own funding and starting to put money aside for the future.
- Dave O'Donovan highlighted teaching players about funding as part of the long-term athlete development plan.

Kerry Jenkinson asked about an update with regards to the grassroots initiative and the Director of Boccia position.

- Harvey Brunt mentioned the Cerebral Palsy Society took Luke Morriss on for a 2-year term only but are likely to contribute some funding towards this for one more year. The Halberg Trust and other funding sources are also being considered to keep this going whilst looking at a longer-term solution to continuing this work.

Harvey Brunt thanked Dave O'Donovan, Kerry Jenkinson and Paul Coffey for their input to the discussion and will send out the minutes for their record – 11.02am

Harvey Brunt, Luke Morriss and Len Williams debriefed the conversation and concluded:

- Send out an expression of interest to players to compete at the Asian Regional Competition in 2013 and put together a rough budget for this (following receipt of expressions) whilst encouraging players to attend tournaments in the meantime to be considered for selection – based on trials, commitments, etc.;
- Depending on interest, look to send a group of 4 for teams and 3 for ramp pairs – each with varying goals – to the Asian regionals, along with support staff;
- Follow-up with Dave O'Donovan in regards to the offered High Performance Coach role and look to incorporate a coaching programme for the players and track their performance and development;
- Consider bringing Kerry Jenkinson up for the Boccia Battle of the Bridge competition to do some classifying with the help of Paul Munckhof, Andy Roche, other classifiers?
- Announce our plans and intentions to send a 'development team' lead by 1-2 experienced players to the Boccia community and make the pathway clearly visible.

- Club affiliation form and fee

The Northland Boccia club have asked what form to use. At the moment there hasn't been one issued but Luke Morriss will send one out this week – using the same fee as last year.

- Classification

Need to establish an up-to-date New Zealand Boccia classification database of players. There is also the possibility of bringing Kerry Jenkinson up to the Battle of the Bridge for some classification. Luke Morriss to contact Kerry Jenkinson for a copy for Boccia New Zealand's records of potential players going forward and for a possible classification opportunity.

It was discussed **'that the above items be acknowledged and the necessary follow-up action is to be taken.'**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.35am

Chairman

Date

Next meeting is scheduled for the 28th June 2012, 10am at CP Society Office, 14 Erson Ave.