



**2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation**

**Copthorne Commodore Hotel, Christchurch  
19 March 2016**

**Present:** Grant Hay (President)  
Jonathan Albright (General Secretary)  
Andreas Kaisser (NZIHF Treasurer)  
Csaba Kercso-Magos (AIHA Delegate)  
Wayne Curtis (AIHA Delegate)  
Martin Jeffreys (CIHA Delegate)  
Paul Scott (CIHA Delegate)  
Heather Goodall (CIHA Delegate)  
Howard Whitman (CIHA Delegate)  
Daryl Soper (SIHL Delegate)  
Stephen Reid (SIHL Delegate)  
Michael Stitely (SIHL Delegate)  
Andy Mills (SIHL Delegate)  
Günther Birgel (NZIHL)

**Apologies:** Kyle Matthews (VP, International Ice Hockey)  
Dan Biggs (AIHA)  
Ruth Smillie (AIHA)  
Jan Goulding (Women's Ice Hockey)  
Peter Haxell (Referee In Chief)

<b>1. Members Present &amp; Apologies</b>	As mentioned above.	
<b>2. Minutes of 2015 NZIHF Annual General Meeting</b>	No amendments suggested. Birgel moved that the 2015 NZIHF AGM Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Jeffreys.	All in favour. Motion carried.
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	None.	





<p><b>4. Reports</b> President</p>	<p>Hay gave an emotional President’s report – his final as NZIHF President.</p> <p>Hay moved that the ‘President’s Fund’ account be renamed the ‘NZIHF Immediate Past President’s Fund’ and be available exclusively at his discretion to use for the benefit of NZ Ice Hockey, but mainly in 4 areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rink Development;</li> <li>2. Generate income for Ice Blacks &amp; Ice Fernz players by enabling international tours to come to NZ;</li> <li>3. National Skills Development Programme</li> <li>4. Representing NZIHF Domestically and Internationally.</li> </ol> <p>This account would continue to be administered by the NZIHF Treasurer and will be checked by the NZIHF auditors annually.</p> <p>Hay thanked the NZIHF volunteers and general Secretary for their hard work.</p> <p>Hay assured that he will continue to work in ice hockey, but in a different capacity. Focus will be the building of rinks, encourage international teams to come to New Zealand, and the creation and maintenance of a National Skills Development Programme.</p>	<p>Moved by Hay. Seconded by Kaiser. All in favour. Carried.</p>
<p>Director of International Ice Hockey</p>	<p>Hay summarized Matthews’ report in his absence.</p> <p>National Teams in good shape.</p> <p>Questions arose regarding length of appointment term for the Ice Blacks and Ice Fernz.</p>	<p>NZIHF Management Committee to decide if the Ice Blacks and Ice Fernz go with 3 year appointment, or 1 year appointment to go in line with</p>





<p>Director National Ice Hockey</p>	<p>Scott summarized his 2015 Report. Were some issues with the NZWIHL Events Manual, specifically the tiebreaker rule. Proposed a template Events Manual for all Leagues, with add-ons to suit each League's requirements.</p>	<p>Junior Teams.  Hay moved that Matthews' report be accepted. Seconded by Soper. All in favour. Carried.  Scott to work on NZIHF Events Manual Template.</p>
<p>Treasury</p>	<p>Kaiser summarized his 2015 Report. NZIHF is in a good financial position. Debt collection will assist with the healthy balance.  Jeffreys proposed that the accounts be renamed with the current names of the Leagues.</p>	<p>Hay moved that his report be accepted. Seconded by Jeffreys. All in favour. Carried.  Proposed the creation and maintenance of a yearly budget.  Kaiser moved that his report be accepted. Seconded by Reid. All in favour. Carried.</p>
<p>Referee in Chief</p>	<p>Hay summarized Haxell's 2015 Referee in Chief report. Some frustrations arose with referee attendance at Officials' courses. Haxell requested that each rink has an operating Automatic External Defibrillator.</p>	<p>NZIHF to write to each rink requesting this.  Hay moved that Haxell's report</p>





<p>General Secretary</p>	<p>Albright summarized his report.          Long Term Projects: Constitutional Review, Strategic Plan, Reworking of GS Contract.          Medium Term Projects: Office, IIHF Hydra, National Team Managerial Support.          Short Term Projects: General Maintenance, ITC Transfers, Regional Transfers, Website.          Albright indicated he was grateful to the NZIHF for this job, and wished to continue.</p>	<p>be accepted.          Seconded by Reid. All in favour. Carried.           Albright moved that his report be accepted.          Seconded by Hay. All in favour. Carried.</p>
<p>NZIHL</p>	<p>Birgel summarized the 2015 NZIHL Season.          A good moment from last year involved the Stampede vs. Ice Blacks, where the kids remained on the ice with the current players.          Birgel looking to step down from League GM in 2016.</p>	<p>Birgel moved that his report be accepted.          Seconded by Curtis. All in favour. Carried.</p>
<p>NZ Junior Leagues</p>	<p>Kaiser summarized the 2015 Junior Leagues, and proposed a League Restructure.          After discussion, was decided that the Leagues would be restructured as indicated in the Remits.</p>	<p>Kaiser moved that his report be accepted.          Seconded by Hay. All in favour. Carried.</p>
<p>Women's Hockey</p>	<p>Albright summarized Goulding's report.          Women's League ran well, however issues with the Events Manual.          Goulding looking to step down from Portfolio and General Manager position.</p>	<p>Albright moved that Goulding's report be accepted.          Seconded by Hay. All in favour. Carried.</p>
<p>National Coaching Coordinator</p>	<p>Kaiser summarized the Coaching Activities for 2015.          Albright added that the Coaching Strategy has</p>	<p>Was endorsed that the National Coaching</p>





	<p>been a success, and plans are underway for 2016. Discussion was had over the minimum coaching standards, as outlined in the original 2013 Coaching Strategy Document.</p>	<p>Coordinator is to enforce the minimum requirements. Moved by Hay. Seconded by Scott. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p>Kaiser to provide a recommendation on how the minimum requirements are implemented on a fair basis.</p>
<p>2015 IIHF Development Camp</p>	<p>Hay summarized the reports from Matthew Sandford and the players who attended.</p>	<p>Hay moved that these reports be accepted. Seconded by Kaiser. All in favour. Carried.</p>
<p>Registrar</p>	<p>Kaiser voiced concerns over the registration process, and the gathering of accurate numbers. Auckland – working well with Club Hub. Canterbury – Double registrations occurring. Southern – Difficulties in getting accurate numbers. Not following the template made by Kaiser. Albright summarized the plans for National website registration, for the 2017 season.</p>	
<p>2015 IIHF Congress &amp; Semi-Annual Congress</p>	<p>Hay and Albright summarized their attendance at these congresses. No major decisions made at either congress. Albright indicated the value of attending the</p>	





<p>2015 Asian Strategic Planning Group</p>	<p>Semi-Annual Congress, as it have contact with the hosts of the 2016 World Championship Tournaments that NZL would be participating in.</p> <p>Scott summarized. NZL is not maximizing its potential in this group. Will look for further involvement in 2016.</p>	
<p>IIHF Transfers</p>	<p>Hay summarized Biggs' report. Biggs not looking to continue in 2016. Albright to take over the portfolio.</p>	
<p>Senior Players</p>	<p>Reid summarized the Senior Players' Portfolio in 2015. Done on a private group on Facebook. Main concern is officiating, and inconsistency in communication methods.</p>	
<p>National Teams: Ice Blacks</p>	<p>Hay summarized Graham Tappin's report. Some discussion on camp attendance and expectations. Was decided that the coach should decide selections and attendance on a case-by-case basis. Tier Funding: National Coach Coordinator to review criteria for Tier Funding. Kercso-Magos reinforced his opinion of the need to consult further with a regional coach over selections. 2015 Results: Silver in 2015 WMIIB.</p>	
<p>National Teams: Ice Fernz</p>	<p>Albright summarized the 2015 Ice Fernz campaign in Czech Republic and Great Britain. Was an unbalanced team, with two strong lines and remainder made up of youthful players. 2015 Results: 6<sup>th</sup> and relegation to 2016 WWIIB.</p>	
<p>National Teams: U20</p>	<p>Reid and Albright summarized the 2016 NZU20 campaign in Calgary, Canada and Mexico City.</p>	





<p>National Teams: U18</p>	<p>Calgary provided a good setting for a camp at the Hockey Canada facility, and Mexico put on an organized and safe tournament. 2016 Results: Bronze in 2016 WMU20III.</p> <p>Albright summarized the 2015 NZU18 campaign in Auckland. Auckland was a good setting for a camp, amidst some distractions. Albright voiced concerns about hosting with a young team- players were constantly distracted before, during and after games. 2015 Results: Silver in 2015 WMU18IIIB.</p>	
<p>Development Team: U18W</p>	<p>Albright summarized that plans are underway for an April 2016 Camp in Auckland, and Leaside visit in August 2016. Must make plans soon for international competition in 2017.</p>	
<p>Development Team: U16</p>	<p>Kercso-Magos and Curtis summarized the NZU16 Plans and camps. Indicated that they are still struggling with representation from Canterbury. Whitman and Goodall replied that it is a communication issue, and will be rectified for future camps.</p>	
<p>Archives</p>	<p>Soper and Albright summarized the state of the NZIHF Archives. Working well, with Soper taking South Island, and Albright with North Island. Archives will have a boost in 2016, with the 1987 &amp; 1989 Reunion Weekend planned for September 2016.</p>	
<p><b>5. Election of Officers</b></p> <p>President</p>	<p>Nominations were Heather Goodall and Günther Birgel.</p>	<p>Birgel elected as President for a</p>





<p>Vice President: Director of International Ice Hockey</p> <p>Vice President: Director of National Ice Hockey</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>General Secretary</p>	<p>Presentations were made by each candidate.</p> <p>Kyle Matthews was nominated.</p> <p>Paul Scott was nominated.</p> <p>Andreas Kaiser was nominated.</p> <p>Jonathan Albright was appointed.</p>	<p>two year term.</p> <p>Matthews elected as Vice President: Director of International Ice Hockey for 2016</p> <p>Scott elected as Vice President: Director of National Ice Hockey for 2016</p> <p>Kaiser elected as Treasurer for 2016</p> <p>Albright appointed as General Secretary for 2016</p>
<p><b>6. Election of NZIHF Management Committee</b></p>	<p>President: Günther Birgel VP International Ice Hockey: Kyle Matthews (SIHL) VP National Ice Hockey: Paul Scott (CIHA) Treasurer: Andreas Kaiser General Secretary: Jonathan Albright AIHA Delegate: Dan Biggs AIHA Delegate: Ruth Smillie CIHA Delegate: Heather Goodall SIHL Delegate: Stephen Reid NZIHL: TBA Women's Hockey: TBA</p> <p>This structure would change if the new proposed constitution is adopted.</p>	







<b>7.</b>		
<b>Appointments</b>		
Referee in Chief	Peter Haxell	
Auditor	Rotto & Associates Ltd.	
Disciplinary	Stephen Reid	
Senior Players	Jonathan Albright	
Archives	Jonathan Albright and Marita & Daryl Soper	
Registrar	Andreas Kaiser	
Statistics	Jonathan Albright	
International Transfers	Jonathan Albright	
NZIHL General Manager	To be announced.	
NZWIHL General Manager	To be announced. Birgel to seek a volunteer.	
Youth IHLNZ General Manager	Andreas Kaiser	
NZPIHL Director	Andreas Kaiser	
NZMIHL Director	Andreas Kaiser	
NZJIHL Director	Andreas Kaiser	





Sponsorship	Birgel to investigate a professional organization.	
Marketing	Vacant	
Fundraising	Jonathan Albright	
Medical	Vacant. Stitely to follow up with Bret Dougherty.	
<b>8. Remits</b>	<p>Southern: Social Player Category. Mills summarized the registration process in Southern. After discussion, was agreed that SIHL to discuss with rinks further, and raise liability issues with new Health &amp; Safety Act Legislation.</p> <p>Junior Leagues Restructure for 2016. Kaiser summarized his remit proposal. Whitman suggested U10 fund flights and transport individually, as they will be travelling with parents/guardians. Jeffreys suggested U14 Women and Women's League do not have overlapping seasons. Will complicate registrations. Kaiser proposed the removal of all age dispensation for females. All in favour. Southern agreed with a one year dispensation for U14 Women (15 year old girls). Auckland suggested the U13 League be pushed later, to September – October – November.</p> <p>Birgel proposed a motion to change age groups. Auckland – Against Canterbury &amp; Southern – In Favour.</p> <p>U17 NZMIHL League as proposed. No dispensation for females.</p>	<p>SIHL to discuss further with rinks.</p> <p>Motion carried to review and change age groups.</p> <p>Moved by Birgel. Seconded by Whitman.</p>





	<p>U14 NZPIHL League as proposed. Kaiser needs to rework schedule, to reduce cost by \$500.</p> <p>U11 League: Kaiser suggested that one region organizes the tournament themselves. Canterbury commits to travel to one tournament. Host region organizes ice time. Players / Teams organize flights, hotel, etc.. Timing: September/October School Holidays.</p>	<p>Carried.</p> <p>Moved by Birgel. Seconded by Mills. Carried.</p> <p>Moved by Birgel. Seconded by Goodall. Carried.</p>
<p><b>9. 2016 Budget</b></p>	<p>Kaiser will provide an updated budget.</p>	<p>To be discussed at the Management Committee meetings.</p>
<p><b>10. 2016 Events</b></p> <p>2017 WMU20III</p> <p>2017 WMIIB</p> <p>2017 WWIIB</p> <p>NZIHL</p> <p>NZWIHL</p> <p>U14 NZPIHL</p>	<p>NZIHF to place a bid for Dunedin to host, January 2017.</p> <p>NZIHF to place a bid for Auckland to host, March/April 2017.</p> <p>NZIHF to place a bid for Auckland to host, March/April 2017 if WM bid is unsuccessful.</p> <p>2016 Schedule has been published.</p> <p>2016-17 Schedule to be determined, once 2017 WWIIB Tournament Dates are announced.</p> <p>2016 Schedule is almost ready. To be confirmed at tomorrow's Junior Leagues AGM.</p>	





U17 NZMIHL	2016 Schedule is almost ready. To be confirmed at tomorrow's Junior Leagues AGM.	Albright to discuss options with the IIHF. Management Committee to decide involvement.	
U20 NZJIHL	2016 Schedule is almost ready. To be confirmed at tomorrow's Junior Leagues AGM.		
2016 IIHF Hockey Development Camp	To be announced.		
2016 ASPG	Scott discussed options as an alternative to the Vierumaki Camp.		Scott and Albright to discuss with the IIHF.
2016 IIHF Congress	To be determined. May 2016.		
2015 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress	To be determined. September 2016.		
NZIHf Coaching Events	Albright and Kaiser to discuss and plan.		
NZIHf Game Officials Events	Albright, Kaiser and Haxell to discuss and plan.		
NT Coaches Meeting	To be determined.		
NT Managers Meeting	To be determined.		





<b>11. 2016 Registration Fees</b>	Fees for 2017: Associates: \$5.50 Learn To Play: \$5.50 19 and Under: \$27.50 20 and Over: \$38.50	Birgel moved. Seconded by Kercso-Magos. All in Favour. Carried.  Accepted for 2017.
<b>12. Life Memberships</b>	Birgel moved that Andreas Kaiser be nominated for NZIHF Life Membership. Seconded by Kercso-Magos. Unanimous approval.  Kaiser moved that Jonathan Albright be nominated for NZIHF Life Membership. Seconded by Reid. Unanimous approval.	Approved.  Approved.
<b>13. Constitution Review</b>	Constitutional Review is still being discussed. Draft document is almost ready. Draft will undergo final revisions and will be presented to the Management Committee for approval. Will then go to the regions for feedback. Looking to review and possibly adopt at the 2017 NZIHF AGM.	
<b>14. General Business</b>  NZL Entry for 2017 IIHF World Championships	NZL will enter all 4 National Teams: WM, WW, U20 and U18.  Proposal to look into Challenge Cup of Asia involvement for NZU18 Women.	Moved by Birgel. Seconded by Kercso-Magos. All in favour. Carried. Albright and Scott to





<p>Hosting 2017 IIHF World Championships</p>	<p>2017 WMU20III: NZIHF to place a bid for Dunedin to host, January 2017.</p> <p>2017 WMIIB: NZIHF to place a bid for Auckland to host, March/April 2017.</p> <p>2017 WWIIB: NZIHF to place a bid for Auckland to host, March/April 2017 if WM bid is unsuccessful.</p>	<p>investigate options at Annual Congress / ASPG.</p>
<p>National Skills Development Programme</p>	<p>As discussed earlier, Hay and Albright to draft a document and provide to the regions for consideration. Hay indicated that he had initial buy-in from all regions.</p>	
<p>National Goaltender Coaching Coordinator</p>	<p>Goodall summarized proposed position.</p>	<p>Goodall appointed as NZIHF National Goaltending Coaching Coordinator. Will provide a plan to the Management Committee.</p>
<p>NZIHF Reunion Weekend: September 2016</p>	<p>Albright summarized the weekend plans. Hoping that this event will assist with NZIHF Historical Records and Archives. Scott assisting with this project.</p>	
<p>Youth Protection Policy</p>	<p>Stitely reminded the NZIHF that this must be followed up by all regions.</p>	





**Meeting Closed at: 5:45pm**

