

## **MINUTES OF THE ATHLETES' MEETING 9 JANUARY 2014**

Present: Trevor Kennerson and 37 members

In attendance: Carole Hicks National Secretary

Trevor welcomed everyone to the meeting which opened at 2.30pm

Apologies: Tucker family, Les Jones, Logan Andrew Richard Scheib

Minutes of last meeting – matters arising

Mike Ashburn noted the equipment levy was to offset depreciation and build for replacement not to repair the current equipment. The minutes of the 2013 meeting should be amended to correct this detail.

Andrew Russell was of the view it should cover repairs as well. Minutes as amended were accepted

Trevor thanked the members of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for their work, Tony Kemp for his work setting out the grounds and Carole Hicks for being DoS and taking the minutes of all the meetings.

Steve Clifton raised the issue of the cut off dates for World Cups and other tournaments. In particular he noted the Shanghai leg was not until June but the cut off date was in mid January. Convener of selectors noted the dates were closely linked to the preliminary entry cut off dates. There was also the issue of airfares which would be cheaper the earlier they were booked. Steve noted that was a problem for the individual and should not determine the cut off date.

Moved Steve/Shاون *That there be a preliminary announcement of a team with the opportunity of other people qualifying if spots are available two months before the tournament* **Carried**

**Note** World Archery announced two days later that the Shanghai preliminary entries closed at the end of January. Any entries received after the preliminary closing date would be subject to heavy fines. This will be the policy for subsequent tournaments.

Elizabeth Andrew sought permission for her son Hamish, who is not a member of ANZ' to speak. This was granted.

Hamish noted that all international tournaments were based on match play and that our archers did not get sufficient regular practice at this type of tournament. He suggested that there be a series of match play events based on current tournaments including the Outdoor Nationals at which points were awarded and there be a match play "final" for the top X number of athletes. Several countries used this type of competition which also gained sponsors and spectators. Such an approach could be used here.

Jed asked if it would include juniors. People generally thought we need to start with the Open division and if numbers warranted it a junior division could be developed later.

Andrew agreed there was not nearly enough match play opportunities and supported this idea as being a very good one.

Shaun noted this was a good idea and if it followed the Archery GB pattern could be good for all concerned. However it is important to have good all round archers. No use being great at match play if one cannot score well enough in the ranking round to (a) qualify and (b) qualify high enough to avoid the top seeds in the early rounds. However he supported the concept and thanked Hamish for proposing it.

*Move Elizabeth/Shaun That a New Zealand Cup match play competition be referred to the Board to develop, which might include a small working group to work through the detail and have operative within two years if agreement is reached, **Carried***

Scott raised the issue of an inter-district team competition at the Outdoor and Indoor nationals. Perhaps begin with target only. He will check with clubs to see what interest there might be.

Andrew noted the intention of the LOC to hold a mixed team match play competition in 2015 if Auckland's bid to host those Nationals is approved.

Dennis raised the issue of a possible visit by Kisik Lee and whether it had been blocked and by whom. The National Secretary noted no such information about a proposed visit had reached the Board which had thus done nothing for or against such a visit.

Kerry asked if we wanted trophies for match play, in which case people should look at providing them. They should be perpetual trophies thus could not be taken by overseas winners. In such a situation a miniature trophy could be provided.

For the Indoor Nationals there are only recurve trophies. It was agreed we should get a full set of trophies for the Outdoor Nationals before going into the Indoors.

Trophies are expensive and it was agreed we should continue to seek donated ones than spend members' funds on them.

There was discussion about the appalling delays for the individual match play rounds. Dave Lamb suggested the use of large flat screens with all the information being fed into the system so everyone would know in advance where they would shoot next, etc.

Chris Gorman noted the screens did not work outdoors as it had already been tried.

Kathy Barclay outlined her difficulties with the quality of the uniforms used for the Youth World Championship team. She will provide details to Trevor to take up with the Board.

Trevor thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 3.24pm

Carole Hicks

National Secretary