

Report from the Board – July 14

Wow yet another month has flown by and I can't believe we are already making forward plans for the first quarter of next year. The Board had its third meeting on Wednesday again via skype which is generally working well.

A few big announcements came out this month which I hope you have all caught up with.

1. The long awaited Strategic Plan was published, (shame on you if you haven't read it as a lot of work went into it). We've received no feedback, so I'm assuming there are no major issues that anyone has identified, but we welcome feedback, so please let us know what you think, even if it is only to reassure us that someone has read it. Of course like any Strategic Plan it is a working document and we may have to update it before the three years is up.
2. Survey on representation, coaches and selectors – hopefully everyone who wants to contribute to this survey has a copy of it and will respond (it is on the website). We have had quite a few responses so far, but still many people who have not replied. *"If you don't contribute you can't complain about the outcome"*.
3. The new Technical Director of Umpiring (TDoU) was announced – We are delighted to welcome Trevor Neilson from Rotorua to the team and I'm sure we will be hearing a lot more from him in the coming months. If you are interested in umpiring please make contact with him, his details are on the website under umpiring.
4. The new Technical Director of Coaching (TDoC) was also announced – Again we are delighted to have Graeme Morris from Masterton on the team. He brings many strengths to the role but will also be drawing on resources out there in our petanque community. Please contact Graeme if you want to be involved.
5. Information to members in the selection process about the inaugural World Singles Championships for both men and women in Nice (France) in January 2015 and information about the Asian Championship in Vientiane, (Laos) in November 2014. If you haven't seen this information it is also on the website.

Financial

Two further grants for \$500 each have been made to Southern and Canterbury regions both for the development of Youth initiatives. Auckland received a similar grant a few months ago. Regions which want to apply for a PNZ grant must state what it is to be used for, give quotes for what the money is to be used for and if granted they must provide receipts and information on how the money was spent at completion of the project.

Tournaments

Arrangements for the men's world team to travel to Tahiti are now complete and Lorraine Brock has kindly offered to organise the uniforms from Auckland, as she has access to the team members, thanks Lorraine. Alexandra is gearing up for the NZ Women's Triples in September and Christchurch have plans well in hand for the Singles in October. I don't know about you, but I feel a bit daunted looking at the event calendar as the months from September to April are pretty busy.

Sarah-Jane has the plans for TransTasman 2015 well underway and this information will come out along with the representation information.

Representation

I am in the process of sorting out the representation process for 2015 and this will be on the website on the 18th August. It's not too late to have your view about this process heard. Contact me any time by email or phone.

Communication

- What has been our nemesis has I believe turned a corner. I hope you are managing to get access to the information being put out from the board as we are trying to keep everyone in the loop as much as possible. However like I said last month, it is a two way process and I do get disappointed when nobody (or very few) respond to our communications. My Thought for the month: - *Communication and innovation will only benefit the organisation if we can overcome apathy and cynicism and create enthusiasm and action.*
- At the AGM we agreed to put a summary of the minutes on the website after each meeting, however the Board has decided to publish a report (such as this) after each meeting instead. It is a duplication of effort and information to have a Board report and a summary of the minutes. The aim is communication of all important information and to keep everyone up to date with decisions made and what we are working on.
- While we are delighted to have Graeme as TDoC this means he will have to pass over being editor of the magazine to someone else as the TDoC is a busy and demanding role. **ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING ON THIS JOB?** Please contact any member of the Board if you are interested.

Membership

As part of a wider review we are looking at re-instigating various service awards, so we will let you know where we get to with that in due course.

Our main push with membership is "*promoting greater participation in petanque at all ages and levels*" (from our strategic plan). To do this we are looking to resource clubs with ideas and information on how to promote petanque. We are in the process of writing up this information and reprinting various brochures and materials for clubs to use.

Do you have an idea on how we can assist your club? We would love to hear it. The Board is very aware of its obligations to all its 1200 members, most of whom are social or club level players and we want to know what we can do for you.

Youth

- Only one response to our Youth Plan put out several weeks ago! Seriously!
Is this apathy or does it mean you are all happy with what we produced? Submissions close on 11 August 2014... all responses to Claire Bradburn ASAP.
- Are any clubs planning to take youth members to Auckland for the Youth Tournament? Let us know if you are and we may be able to get clubs around the country to help fundraise for them.

Promotion

What is your club doing for 21st celebrations??

Kapiti are planning at 21st dinner party at the National Doubles on the 1st November.

Dunedin City is looking at having a fun day with the community where they have a series of prizes laid out in envelopes and if your boules lands on a prize you win it. Probably 21 prizes of varying values. Details are still forming and they will post their ideas once they have firmed up.

We really want to hear from all clubs about how they or their region are going to celebrate.

Umpiring and Coaching

If you have any interest in these areas and want to be involved, now is your opportunity, Trevor and Graeme are keen to hear from you. We should have more to report on these areas in the months to come.

Sponsorship and funding

We are still looking for sponsors for the magazine, a club kit, flags and other promotional material. Out of 1200 members, we must have someone who knows someone, who knows someone who could be interested in sponsoring some aspect of our business. The Board are happy to make the pitch, provide any information required etc, all we need is the introduction and we'll do the rest.

The Southern Region has run a successful paper based quiz over recent years and this has been a great fundraiser. I am proposing to run one nationally on behalf of petanque. Each quiz would consist of 100 questions; cost is \$5 per quiz. Money would be distributed \$1 prizes \$2 to the club that sells it and \$2 to PNZ for sponsorship of 21st celebrations around the country. We usually sell 100-150 locally, so I believe nationally if we all promoted it we could sell at least 1000. That would mean \$1000 in prize money, \$2000 to clubs and \$2000 to PNZ, which would come back to clubs in a different way. It also might be fun to get people talking all around the country. Hope you all get behind it. Full details will be out in the next month.

Next meeting – Wednesday 27th August - agenda items to the Secretary at least 3 days prior to that.

Stay Warm
Stefany Frost for
PNZ Board