

Nelson Rugby Football Club (Inc)



151st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes

01st November 2019

6pm

Nelson Rugby Football Clubrooms
5 Trafalgar Park Lane
Trafalgar Park
Nelson

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Obituaries / Minute Silence**
4. **Minutes of previous AGM*** 2018 Tabled
5. **Presidents Report** Tabled
 - Vice Presidents Report** Tabled
6. **Treasurers Report*** Tabled
7. **Senior Rugby Reports**
 - Senior Club Captain** Tabled
 - Division 1** Tabled
 - Division 2** Tabled
8. **Junior Club Captain Report** Tabled
9. **Election of Officers**
10. **Remits** No Remits tabled
11. **Appointment of Coaches** Announced
12. **Honorary Vice President & Life Member Nominations**
13. **General Business**

**Separate attachment*

Apologies:

- John Brydon
- Simon Mardon
- Ray Pawson

A minute silence was observed

Obituaries:

- Bill Marshall
- Terry Phillips – Life member
- Dick Wiechern- Life member
- Harley Nathan

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Kia ora

Welcome to the 151th AGM of the Nelson Rugby Football Club.

Can I acknowledge firstly those that have passed on this year. Haere atu rā haere.. The loss of life and long-time members Dick Wiechern, Terry Phillips Harley Nathan and Bill Marshall is recognised and acknowledged, their families are in our thoughts and deepest sympathies, we also acknowledge those who are ill and battling with health matters.

Congratulations to our Mitre 10 First Division Tasman Mako team on achieving the title in a manner befitting the expectations of the region and people of the Top of the South 12-0 is no small achievement, full of Nelson players and leadership we can feel justifiably proud of the that we have contributed to this success story.



The club rugby programme this year has been challenging with Murray Scott leading the Senior Team and Daniel McDonald leading the Seniors B. It would be fair to say that this year has been a development year and results reflect this as we build for next year's season. I want to thank Murray personally for his efforts where he put his hand up when no one else did. To Senior B side/ Bravo Company, well done and congratulations on building a strong base to move forward.

Our Junior club is in good heart and sees our long serving Jnr Club Captains Quentin and Jo Harwood continuing their sterling work, the John Goodman Sevens continue to grow even if the weather didn't play ball this year it was a testament to John to the number of teams that turned out despite the conditions.

Sponsorship is a key to any club's survival, and we have been pleased by the support of our continuing major club sponsors, Galbraith Group and McCashin Brewery, our focus on local business and local people looks to be bearing fruit as we move forward along with other club sponsors thank you for your ongoing contribution and as we head into our 150 year celebrations at Queens birthday weekend you and other sponsors truly belong.

Our 150th celebrations are underway and Kerry Barton and Kerry Strange are leading the clubs preparations. This celebrations are important to mark our history and place in New Zealand rugby and we have some exciting activities planned.

Wingman' continues to be imbedded in the clubs culture and we look forward to continuing to realise that in difficult times we should be all watching out for each other.

Finally, my thanks to the hard-working committee who have been tremendous in their volunteer contributions to allow us to do what we do. Kerry Strange as Chairman who has taken over the reins for meetings along with Kerry Barton and Sam Burling as quasi Secretaries has helped alleviate what would be an unmanageable situation as President in a high compliance environment.

It has been a challenging year and we need new blood and energy from people willing to step into committee roles to carry the load. It is an age old issue but if we can make it easier for people to come forward please approach any committee member on how to do this, we would welcome your contribution.

Also to all our volunteers, players, management, coaches and families that have contributed to the Club in 2019, thank you, 'you all belong'.

To our Life Members elect this year, congratulations, your awards are well earned and overdue we hope you received this recognition for yourself and families with pride.

Yours in Rugby

Shane Graham

Shane Graham
President
Nelson Rugby Football Club

Vice Presidents Report

It has once again been a pleasure working with the many committed club people that keep the NRFC (taptap) moving in the club forward, it has been such a very busy year and everyone who helped was very much appreciated. There are far too many to mention individually, but without these people that continually spend many hours every week and their own resources, the club would not function anywhere near as smoothly as it does.

It seems over time that the ability to adapt our strategy, while keeping true to our core values become more complex, and the success of our players create a lot of pride for the club as they reach higher honours, and create a continual need to develop more quality players, long gone are the days when you get 5 or 10 years out of your top players at club level.

The senior squad concept now in its 3rd year has taken further steps, and other clubs look at its success with some starting to build the same kind of culture. I feel the squad made another step up culminating in winning the Nelson Bays Trophy, that after the disappointment of an extra time loss in the final of the Tasman Trophy mid-season. This is testament to the dedication and skill of the entire senior club As, Bs, Coaches, Management, Committee and supporters.

We continue to work to ensure that quality young players get the benefit of the NRFC program which is producing some great results for these talented young players.

I can't give enough thanks to all the senior management team lead by the coaches, and supported by the managers.

The squad coaches have been appointed, Kade Heke, Chris Pugh and Murray Scott supported by a number of other senior club members and especially Nathan Gargiulo, and Stu Dayman. Grant Crossett will lead the B's, and squad management are working through options to make sure we have the resources and support to ensure they also have a successful year. We have really appreciated the help and support given by a number of committee members especially Tony and Steve Gargiulo. Thanks also to Shane for his leadership.

I am sure we can all appreciate there are always many challenges that we are working through, I am confident the team and culture we have assembled and lead by the dedicated Senior Club Management Team, will continue to enable us to be successful.

Quinton and Jo Harwood have managed the Juniors for more than 10 years, with the end of his tenure we formed a Junior Club Committee, Quinton stayed on the committee to ensure continuity and few other good Nelson rugby people stepped up to share the load which was fantastic, special mention to the team that ran the inaugural intermediate sevens tournament and Jason Petterson and Jonny Claridge.

I look forward to working with everyone in whatever capacity to ensure 2018, our 150th anniversary of formation, is another great year.

Brett Newcombe
Vice President
Nelson Rugby Football Club

Treasurers Report

See separate attachment.

Senior Club Captain

Our focus at the beginning of the season was to field a full Div 2 team without a default throughout the season. I am proud to say due to the dedication of the coaching team Daniel MacDonald & Jonathan Corfe with was achieved. Not only were we able to field a team they worked hard on creating a culture through comradery to start the 2020 season off with a hiss and a roar.

Div 1 has had a year of rebuilding after a coaching change and have shown some real dedication throughout the season. We look forward to the 2020 season. We welcomed David Egelstaff to coach the 7's this year.

We welcomed Jonathan Corfe to the committee and to the team which he has been an asset to Nelson Rugby Football Club.

The year seen some ups and downs in regards to rugby but I believe we were able to get some important work done behind the scenes in preparation for the 2020 season.

We have 2 preseason games locked in

29th February 2020 – Poneke will come and play us here

08th March 2020 – Wellington RFC – we will travel up there with 3 teams including a JAB

I thoroughly enjoyed my second season as co-club captain with Tony Gargiulo.

Kind regards
Samantha Burling

Division 1 - Coach Report

2017 saw the senior club again achieve several goals we had set for ourselves at the start of the year, and have been a glow on from goals that we had set ourselves several years ago. One of our key goals continues to be the development, depth and up skilling of all of our seniors. Player retention and recruitment is and will continue to be a major issue at this time of year, but we are hopeful of gaining a couple of talented individuals from this years batch of school leavers and are hopeful of a core group of players returning next year.

We continue to develop and expand on the foundations that were laid over the previous years and is something we can all be proud of. One of those key foundations is club culture and again this has been another focus point for us, and although it is getting better is still something that again needs to be nurtured moving into next year. I believe this is something that we must continue to encourage and develop.

We are again over represented in the rep honors list this year, with players contributing towards the Tasman 18's, 19's, NZ U20. We have also had Heartland Rugby, ITM Cup, and Super Rugby all claiming current 2017 Nelson Senior club players.

Finally it is not without mentioning everyone that was involved with the senior squad again this year, I always worry I will leave someone out so first and foremost if you are not mentioned in the following list I do truly apologise and in no way does it undermine your amazing contribution to this great club, and I thank you, the President and Committee members all for you contributions and support as with the following:

Brett Newcombe, Grant Crossett, Chris Pugh, Stuart Dayman, Nathan Gargiulo, Jo & Quentin Harwood, Steve & Sandra Gargiulo, Tony Gargiulo, Paul Andrews, Gareth Caldwell, Shaun Dayman, Barry Galbraith and last but by no means the least Amanda Day.

Thank you all again for your continued support.

Yours in Rugby, Kade Heke

Senior Division 2 - Coach Report

Curiously, despite not winning a game this year, no-one could describe the NRFC Division 2 season as being anything less than successful.

Certainly if results on the paddock are the only thing that matters then the dry spell looks like part of an on-going drought and there hasn't been any cause for optimism. However, adopting a holistic approach, NRFC Div 2 has taken on several of the challenges facing all rugby clubs at this level and is working well toward overcoming them.

Player retention has been a serious issue at this level with the touchstone of last season showing several defaults and no-shows rife. This season the renamed Bravo Company had a fully stripped 22 in all but a few games. Players who were injured and unable to play turned up to matches and trainings to support their team, the players formed a tight knit off the pitch and the spirit of the team is clear for all to see as the players were regular visitors to the clubrooms of their own volition for both after matches and their own social events. In fact, there is a core of players who have formed a touch rugby team and still do informal training sessions long after the 2019 season finished. I feel that the Goodman Trophy was awarded to the whole squad because without every individual playing their part on and off the field, there is no team.

It appears that the results that will see the team signing the victory song in the changing shed will certainly occur in 2020.

My thanks goes not only to each of the players, but also to Daniel MacDonald for his technical guidance, his intelligence, patience and humour as coach. He has stepped up from being a player and looks to have a promising future in coaching.

Coach: Daniel McDonald
Assistant Coach: Jonathan Corfe

Junior Club Captain

This year saw Nelson RFC enter 12 teams in JAB competition meaning over 200 kids . This is very comparable to the last 5 years with particular strength in the youngest grades having entered 2 teams in each of Under 6 , 7 and 8 .

All coaches from last year returned to coach their teams and we welcomed on board Scott Trusler and Jonny Claridge to coach our U6 teams . Thanks to all our coaches , managers and network of parents who all contribute to the smooth running of the season , its runs so much better with good people in these thankless roles , and we certainly have lots of these in our Junior club , many thanks to you all .

Many a highlight throughout the season . Firstly the season went through without a rained off day , first for quite a few years . The one day it did unfortunately rain was the day of the 3rd John Goodman Memorial 7's . This year we had 29 teams entered , a record , and up from 19 in our 1st year . The rain held off for the most part until the playoff games after the lunch break when it poured , and along with the wind made the exposed Neale Park a most unpleasant place to be . We pushed ahead and congratulations to the winning clubs , WOB U11 , Nelson U12 and Wanderers U13 . A JAB review has been held with some points to work on which we will take on board . I believe this is one of the most important dates on our clubs calendar and many thanks to all who helped on the day .

The TRU 7's and Mikes 7's are always hotly contested tournaments and this year we had particular success at U8 level with Nelson Blue winning both tournaments . Congratulations to coaches Chris Goodman and Mark Cochrane and their team of champions.

The big change this year , and following a nationwide trend , was the end of representative rugby below U15 . Compelling arguments surrounded this decision with something like only 4% of players in an Under 11 rep team had either stopped playing or deemed not good enough to be a representative player at Under 18 level . Therefore the decision to stop picking teams until U15 level was made . The end of an era with Nelson RFC having strong representation for many a year . A decision has yet to be made on U52kg Seddon shield tournament so this may continue next year as it is its 100th year .

Next year , if elected of course , will be my 16th and final year as Junior Club Captain . A big year beckons for the club with our 150th which no doubt others have touched on , so I look forward to being involved and having the juniors involved also.

Kind Regards
Quentin Harwood
Nelson RFC
Junior Club Captain

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2019

Patron:	Don Fowler
President:	Shane Graham
Past President:	Murray West
Chairman:	Kerry Strange
Vice President:	Brett Newcombe
Treasurer:	John Brydon
Senior Club Captain:	James Fairbrass
Junior Club Captain:	Quentin Harwood
Secretary:	Smantha Burling = TBC
Tasman Union Delegate:	Kerry Strange
Management Committee:	Gerry Quaid, Graeme De Garnham, Jo Harwood
Hon Solicitor:	Jonathan Corte
Historian:	TBC
Welfare Officer:	Steve Gargiulo
Custodian:	Judy Wadsworth

*Note: Merrin Hodgson was nominated for the role of historian and committee member jointly, Steve Gargiulo to clarify which role he is wanting to do as he was not at the AGM.

Mike Brady and Christina Brady volunteered to be on the 150th Committee.

REMITTS

- N/A

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Life Member(s):

Nomination for Life Membership received from Graeme De Garnham

Josephine Harwood and Stephen Gargiulo

Moved: Graham De Garnham

Seconded: Shane Graham

Unanimous

Honorary Vice- President(s):

N/A

APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

Senior A Head Coach;	Kade Heke
Assistant;	TBC
Manager;	Chris Pugh
Assistant Manager;	TBC

Senior B Head Coaches;	Daniel McDonald
Assistant;	Jonathan Corte
Manager;	

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Awards and Representative List – attached at end of AGM Agenda**

CLOSING REMARKS

President thanked attendees and invited people to attend the Xmas function the 20 December 2019, 6.00pm

2017 Player Awards and Representatives

Club Trophies

Fowler Trophy:	Navarre Harbour
Tennant Trophy:	John Brydon
Most Valuable Person:	Samantha Burling & Jonathan Corfe
Presidents Cup:	Quentin Harwood
John Goodman Family:	Jonathan Corfe

Seniors

A's Most Improved:	Paddy Miller-Leef & Cody Dellaca
A's Under 21 Player of the Year:	Saul Lewis
A's Best Tackler (tied): (Maurie Pugh Memorial)	Connor Higgins
A's Sportsman of the Year: (Gargiulo Shield)	David Egelstaff
B's Most Improved:	Jessie Nepia
B's Sportsman of the Year:	Tommy Goodman
B's Player of the Year:	Dion Ward

Junior Awards 2017

	Attitude	Most Improved	Sportsman	Player of the year
Under 6 White	Cory Trusler	Liam Angus	Alex Shefford	Blake Oostingh
Under 6 Blue	Emily Claridge	Zacaia Lunai & FinleyHogan	Charlie McNeill	Jago Doherty
Under 7 Blue	Robbie Freeman	Kayden Trusler	Ashton Harris-Russell	Hezekiel Tupuola
Under 7 White	Ruby Anderson	Oliver Shattock & Jake Crosbie	Keira Anderson & Naveah Pluck	Jett Leslie
Under 8 White	Kru Smith	Harry Flewellen	Jaylin Jefford	Emmett Crockett
Under 8 Blue	Edwin Acland	Emmett Cochrane	E J Schwenke	Welfare Schwenke
Under 9	Quinn MacDonald	Theo Kemplen	Jack Hall	Leo Saunders
Under 10	Vinn Smith	Alex Walzl	George Lewis	Awatea Rahui
Under 11	Matthias Campbell	Zavier Stewart	Finn Dallas	Joseph Schwenke
Under 12 White	Campbell Folly	Sirrus Hoeksma-Baker & Reed Deuxberry	Zac Irving	Norman Williams
Under 12 Blue	Dylan Browning	Archie Geddes & Miles McCarthy	Ania Morgan & Ruby Thomas	Tom Perkins
Under 13	Vito Esposito	Oliver Cowther	Cullen Miller	Kobi Moser
U7 – 7's Player of the Year				
		Jett Leslie		
U12 – 7's Player of the Year				
		Will Daniel		
MacDonalds Cup (Attitude)				
		Emily Claridge		
Female Player of the Year				
		Lucy Mahukia		
Rochelle Walker Cup				
		Ash Millar		