

Hikurangi Sports Collective

Date: Monday 31st August, 7pm

Venue: Hikurangi Bowling Club

Attendance: Alan Goodhue (Golf, Rugby, Bowls), Don Cameron (Bowls), Evania Arani (Hockey) Rika Currie (Hockey), Lynette Wharfe (Rugby), Missy Urlich (Softball), Blue Mauchline (Golf), Donna C (Community Member), Alex Smits (Friendship House), Kirsta-Lee (Netball), James (Netball), Kasey Hindrup (Junior Rugby, Netball), John Godfrey (Tennis).

Opened with brief introductions

Discussion: Ryan Maraki (Sport Northland) introduction to Sports Partnership Models (documents attached).

Question: What type of model are we looking to adopt?

Feedback from clubs on concerns and successes:

Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Struggling to get the community to pay to utilise the facility• Very limited bookings and usage by Tennis Players• Netball and Hockey is using it for trainings• Can't attract volunteers
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operating for 4 years and has significant growth over that time• COVID has impacted participation significantly this year• Can't attract volunteers
Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aging membership that is slowly diminishing• Can't attract new younger members
Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Sport/Club with 3 teams Snr Men's, Snr Women's, and Jnr (11-13)• Major issue is access to facilities on Kensington and at home for practice
Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$ to maintain facility operations• Inability to attract senior members for the right reasons
Junior Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 teams, good participation• Drop off at IMB age – When youth start attending High School• Struggling to attract volunteer Support
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good interest in the sport• Parent support lacking for Junior teams - \$\$\$ issues? Transport issues?• Interest in using the Tennis courts for trainings to reduce costs (turf bookings at Hockey Northland Turfs)•
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attracting members – look at ways to change the profile of bowls to make it more attractive to new members• Support with Funding applications

Question: What type of model are we looking to adopt? Agreeance that clubs are interested in trying to work as a collective across common problem areas and are happy to continue to meet as a working group. Suggestion to align calendars as a starting point. Some discussion around a Sportsville Facility – probably something to re-visit.

Discussion: Ryan Maraki (Sport Northland) introduced and discussed the Tu Manawa fund. Indicated that clubs working together could utilise the fund to deliver sports to young people via a taster day or series. (<https://www.sportnorthland.co.nz/Helping-Sport-Happen/Tu-Manawa-Active-Aotearoa-Fund-1>)

Next Meeting: 7pm, Monday 28th September, 2020

Venue: TBC