FROM THE GM’s DESK – NOVEMBER 2012

REMINDER: STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS
A reminder that we are in the process of developing a new strategic plan for the period 2013-16. A ‘planning process’ document is on the NZOF website (www.nzorienteering.com) and has also been sent to club secretaries. The intent is to have a draft plan completed in early 2013, with a final plan being endorsed at the 2013 AGM, to be held at Easter. Participation in the process is invited from as many orienteers and stakeholders as possible; feedback and comments can be sent to the General Manager.

As part of the process the document poses a series of questions for consideration:
- What are the key challenges facing orienteering?
- What would your vision for the sport be for 2016?
- Where are our greatest opportunities to develop the sport?
- What are our strengths? Weaknesses?
- What should the role of NZOF be? Versus clubs?
- What should we stop/start/continue doing?
- What got you into orienteering, and what keeps you in orienteering?

REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS
During November, quite a few orienteers have been finalists for various regional sports awards. Matt Ogden was a finalist for the Unitec Sport Waitakere Sportsman of the Year (where the winner was Mahe Drysdale). Similarly Chris Forne was a finalist for the third year running for the Marriotts Canterbury Sportsman of the Year (where the winner was Richie McCaw). Other award nominees in Canterbury were Ed Cory-Wright (junior sportsman) and Selena Metherell (junior sportswoman).

In Counties Manukau, the Counties Manukau club was a finalist for the club award with other finalists including James Bradshaw (coach of the year) and John Robinson (administrator of the year). Well done all.

NZOF AGM 2013
The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the NZOF will be held on Friday 29 March, in Christchurch in conjunction with the NZ Championships. Any policy remits must therefore be lodged with the General Manager no later than Friday 4 January.

WORLD ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS GO ANNUAL
This year’s World Rogaining Champs in Czech Republic were the last on a biennial rotation. From 2013, the championships will be held every year, with the 2013 host to be Russia.
NZOF VOLUNTEER OFFICERS: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Most of NZOF’s national volunteer roles are one-year appointments and are therefore required to be advertised annually.

Accordingly, applications or expressions of interest may be lodged with the General Manager for any of the following, (incumbents may or may not be seeking re-appointment).

- Fixtures Officer
- Selection Panel (applicants must be nominated by their club; appointment is for three years)
- Schools Co-ordinator
- Mountain Bike Committee
- Rogaine Committee
- Statistician
- National Squad Manager
- National Squad Coaching Co-ordinator.

Job descriptions are available from the General Manager.
Applications close Friday 14 December.

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