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**Minutes of the 2008 NZFDA Inc. AGM held Saturday 10 February 2008 at 8.55 pm  
At Fernz Restaurant, Birkdale**

**Chaired by NZFDA Inc. Chair Bob Gentil.**

**In Attendance:**

Bob Gentil, Sheree Gentil, Toby Gentil, Alice Joynt, Josh Smith, Fiona Menzies, Andrew Taylor, Mark Hamilton, Martin de Haas, Nigel Hailstone, Barry Keene, David Keene, Simon Feasey, Robyn Joynt, Pete Boyle, Blair Joines, Nigel Barnwell, Jack Turner, Mike Corbett, Dave Hartley, Jenny Joynt, Mario Cerniar, Dylan Cooper, Justin Ellis, Brett Hailstone, Damian Peters, Michael Proctor, Michael Bhur, Joe Seebeck, Gene Tutaki, Des Cooper, Bruno Whale, Jim Gabbitas.

**Apologies:**

Nil

**Minutes of the 2007 AGM correct:**

Moved: Simon Feasey

Second: Des Cooper

**Financial Report:** [attached]

Read by Sheree Gentil (Acting Treasurer)

NZDG Account balance needs adding to financial statement  
\$49.50 to be deducted from balance (as appose to added) and credited to NZDG.

Moved as correct after amendments: Simon Feasey

Seconded: Nigel Barnwell

**Disc Golf Report**

(as per NZDG meeting)

**NZU Report to NZFDA** – Ian Stewart – read by Joe Seebeck

New Zealand Ultimate is happy to report another successful year in 2007. The board's focus in 2007 has been in 3 areas:

1. Separation of Governance and Management
2. Worlds
3. Tournament structure

In terms of the separation of governance and management, NZU has continued previous efforts to separate the Board from day-to-day decision making to allow it to focus on the strategic direction of the sport. This has been fairly successful this year, especially when compared with the campaign to send teams to Perth in 2006.

Jacob Tapiata was appointed as the NZU World's Manager, and has done a great job looking after the process of setting up teams, selections and management groups. In 2006, the Board concentrated a lot on these types of tasks, but this year, Jacob effectively removed the Board from having any significant role in the management of the Worlds teams, which has been great. In addition, we have several other volunteer 'staff' who are helping in a similar fashion. Dave Campbell has looked after tournament management, Gary Jarvis has looked after the website and Tanya Waisbrod was appointed in the middle of the year as the membership secretary. This has meant that the only management task that has been undertaken by a board member in 2007 was the treasurer, which is a great improvement on years past. NZU will continue to work on this area in 2008, but will hopefully use the time that has been freed up to start some strategic planning for the direction of the sport in the future.

The worlds campaign has begun smoothly, with 2 teams selected to attend Worlds in Vancouver in 2008. One further team (Masters) is expected to announce their squad immediately after the National Championships in April. Further work will be done by NZU this year to find funding to alleviate the amount of money each athlete has to pay to attend the tournament, and the squad will work on processes to help organise themselves in terms of training, flights, accommodation etc. While NZU does not have enough resources to put a lot of money into this campaign, we hope to provide some assistance, perhaps in helping non-playing coaches attend the tournament.

Our last area of focus was out tournament structure. Out of the 2007 AGM, many regions suggested they were struggling to set up smaller development-style tournament, due to the large number of National level tournament available. In response to this, NZU reduced the number of National tournament it holds to two – one Mixed Nationals and one Women's/Men's nationals. It is hoped that this will encourage regions to setup more regional tournaments, and encourage players to attend these tournaments. One obvious downside to this strategy is the loss of income from the other National tournaments. NZU hopes to make this up with a sanctioning programme for the development tournaments. This will ask for less money from players who play in these tournaments, but with more tournaments each year, it is hoped that the financial side of things will even out.

NZU's relationship with the NZFDA has stabilized this year, after some tough times previously. We believe the current split of tasks between NZU and the NZFDA is working well, with the NZFDA looking after SPARC, insurance and the relationship with WFDF, while NZU concentrates on Ultimate-related activities. We hope this relationship continues going forward.

NZU will publish a further report to the NZFDA after the AGM to be held on April 5, and at this time will also sent to the NZFDA to the 2007 financial report (once it is ratified by members).

Good luck in 2008.

Regards,

The Board of New Zealand Ultimate

Prepared by Iain Stewart, Chairman.

Further report expected after 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Note: membership list required by 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**NZFDA Inc Exec members:**

From NZDG – Simon Feasey & Bob Gentil

From NZU – Currently Ian Stewart & Eric Gross .. could change after NZU's AGM.

**NZFDA General Business:**

**Accounts & membership numbers / list:**

NZFDA Inc. need to contact NZU. The NFDA Inc.

**No publication of AGM to NZU:**

This information was passed on to Gary Jarvis for uploading to the website.

Suggested contacting members directly, but with no membership list from NZU this currently cannot be achieved.

Thanks were passed to all those that organise and grow discs ports in New Zealand.

NZFDA AGM closed at 9.20 pm.