

KERIKERI FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Kerikeri Football Club .

If I could please just begin by acknowledging and thanking a few people .

Just prior to the beginning of the 2011 season we lost one of the most committed and hard working members of the Committee in Andrew Cassells . Andrew has over the years put in a tremendous amount of work with the Club , particularly as Junior Co-ordinator which takes a huge amount of dedication and work . Thank you Andrew , for helping to put the Club in the position it is today .

Andrews place as Junior Co-ordinator was taken by Conrad Donkin who again , put in a huge amount of work in a very short space of time to make sure the season began smoothly , pitches and fields were designated and worked solidly for 3 to 4 weeks solely on making sure the season kicked off on time for our Junior Teams .

With Conrad then leaving to take over his Business Commitments in the UK , the position of Junior Co-ordinator is taken up by Glen Young , who has done an admirable job throughout the season .

Finally , we are to lose one of the most dedicated and hard working members of the committee...Ann Kearney .

Ann has been Secretary of Kerikeri FC since and has become widely recognised as the "go to" person for anybody requiring help and information on the Football Club .

Health Issues within the family , which has seen Anns husband Stephen battling cancer for the past 18 months have meant that Ann has stepped back from her role within the Club to focus on her family . Despite all this , and having to run a very busy farm , Ann has continued to attend meetings , and help out with any issues which have arisen .

If it wasn't for the help , dedication and support from Ann , I quite possibly would not be in the position I am in today , and nor would a great many people now involved with the Football Club .

Ann's position as Secretary has been taken over by Sheri Banks , who has stepped into an extremely challenging role , very effectively and is to be congratulated also for both her work she has put in this season with the Club , as well as the great weight she has lifted from Ann's shoulders to enable Ann to focus on her Family .

To both these ladies . I thank you very much .

The Club itself continues to grow both on and off the field .

Off the field , countless hours of hard work have been put in by the people who make up this Committee , from sorting kits , mowing and marking fields , general administration , paying the bills and balancing the books , taking the minutes , running the cafe on Saturday afternoons , administering the website , liaising with NFF , attending Meetings . All of this is done by a Team of people who work well together and have achieved a tremendous amount throughout the season . Thank you .

We have finally achieved the on going goal of having the Pavilion supplied with drinkable water in the kitchen.

Through the work of some senior players , we now have up to date , new sponsors signs across the far side of the field .

With the help of Waipapa Rotary and the voluntary help of Tradespeople within the Club , we have new upgraded Toilet facilities within the Pavilion .

We have a fully registered kitchen and liquor license enabling us to utilise the facility on Saturday Afternoons for Prem Home games .

The Club is now also solely responsible for the Hiring out of the Pavilion for Private Functions ,of which details and Bookings Enquiries are available on the Kerikeri FC website .

On the Field...The Club began the season with 431 Playing Members....which equates to 32 Teams taking the Field each Saturday to represent Kerikeri FC. We are by far the biggest Club north of the Harbour Bridge . The dedication and hard work of every person involved with these Teams deserves our thanks and recognition of the hours put in throughout the season to make sure these players get on the field each weekend , Coaches , Managers , parents , supporters . Thank you to you all .

Obviously the growth of the Club also comes with its problems . Playing facilities during the season are extremely difficult to manage , given the amount of Teams that need to practise and play . Finding the volunteers willing to take on Teams and Coach is also a major issue which we are trying to address .

Without the ongoing help and support from our local schools , putting all these Teams out on the field would be an impossible task given the weather we have had during the past season which meant a number of weekends being postponed . It is extremely frustrating for everybody concerned when games are postponed , but the need to manage the resources we have to enable the season to continue long term has to be taken into consideration .

During the Summer , again we had 150 players taking the field for Twilight Soccer , which continues to prove extremely popular . The move to playing Twilight Soccer at the beginning of the season in January through to March is still in its experimental stage but seems to have proved popular with the majority .

The Clubs working relationship with the Northern Football Federation and Baysport Waipapa is extremely healthy and strong . It is recognised by the Committee that far more is achieved by people working together towards a common goal . With the amount of diverse work involved within all aspects of the Club it is always going to be an impossible task to please everybody all of the time , however , a huge amount can be achieved most of the time .

On a personal level , it has been an honour to serve as Club President . It is hard work and takes a huge amount of commitment . It certainly isn't a job designed to win friends , but it is hugely rewarding to know that you have done the best that you can do . I come from a footballing background , and to walk around the fields on a Saturday and see so many kids , coaches and parents involved in the game certainly makes it all worthwhile .