

Date: 17 May 2024

REMIT 1: Changes to the Hockey Northland Constitution in Line with the New Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Resolution for AGM:

Background: Hockey Northland needs to update its constitution to comply with the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022, as all associations and clubs that choose to remain as incorporated societies must do so by April 2026.

If Hockey Northland decide not to reregister and continue to operate after April 2026 then Hockey Northland will become an unincorporated entity which will have limitations and risks:

- An unincorporated society has no legal standing to own or lease property or to borrow in its own name;
- The members of an unincorporated society (especially its Officers) are likely to be personally liable for the society's debts;
- It does not continue to exist after its Members have gone.

The first step is to pass the following resolution to confirm that Hockey Northland will re-register as an incorporated society and enable the updating of the Hockey Northland Constitution. This remit does not propose changes to the constitution at this time but seeks a resolution to allow Hockey Northland to begin this work. The proposed amendments resulting from this work will be consulted on throughout the year, and the updated constitution will be presented for approval at a future Special General Meeting (SGM) or Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Proposed Resolution:

1 - In accordance with Clauses 2(2)(b) and (c) of Schedule 1 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, it is resolved that Hockey Northland Incorporated will re-register as an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

2 - It is further resolved that to facilitate the re-registration, Hockey Northland Incorporated will prepare the necessary documentation to ensure compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, enabling a successful application for re-registration.

RESOLUTION: TRF Withdrawal Request

Background: Approval is sought from the members to pre-approve the withdrawal of \$267,000 from the Turf Replacement Fund (TRF) as a **backup** measure to cover auxiliary expenses for the upgrade of the turf facility to meet Federation of International Hockey (FIH) compliance standards. This withdrawal is **intended only as a temporary solution** while awaiting funds from various funding trusts with which Hockey Northland is currently collaborating. The withdrawal will ensure the project's timely commencement and completion, bridging the gap between funding applications. The project must commence by the end of this year to ensure completion before the New Zealand Masters tournament.

Details:**1. Upgrade of Turf Facility:**

- Turf replacement, including carpet and underlay on Educare Turf.
- Project timeline: Start around November to January, aiming for completion before the February Masters tournament.
- Post-Maori tournament start date.

2. Lighting Upgrade:

- Installation of modern lighting to achieve 500 lux, necessary for hosting masters and future national-level events.
- Current lighting on Educare Turf is approximately 200 lux and is no longer manufactured.
- Expected energy savings of 52.2% using new lights, with current usage saving up to two-thirds.

3. Project Financials:

- Estimated cost: \$267,000.
- Funding sources:
 - Foundation Northland: Expected funding within 4 months.
 - Lotteries: Funding approximately 3 months before the start date.