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Making Hockey Happen Web Resource Portal Proposal

Proposal: that the board agrees to develop ‘making hockey happen web resources’, starting with a process for establishing local school leagues, and success stories related to the development of dedicated local inline hockey rinks.

Background and Gaps.

In recent discussions with the Christchurch Lions, a member noted the club’s desire to access resources that would help them plan towards growing inline hockey in the South Island. Two critical needs were identified: a process for establishing local school leagues and resources, and success stories, related to the development of a dedicated local inline hockey rink. This concern is not unique to Christchurch, as other clubs have also expressed challenges in securing both a permanent venue and local school leagues. The current situation in Christchurch, where venue access is prohibitively expensive, is a significant barrier to the sport's growth within the region. Addressing these needs is essential for the continued development and expansion of inline hockey in the South Island.

Objectives and Goals:

- Increase the number of inline hockey school leagues by 100% within five years.
- Provide actionable guidance to clubs on how to work towards securing a dedicated inline hockey rink.

Proposed Working Groups.

This project would be coordinated by the Communications Manager, with separate working parties for each topic/ set of resources. All interested clubs should be invited to participate in this project.

Suggested Work Group Targeted Invitations: Establishing Local School Leagues.

- Hamilton Devils
- Mt Mustangs
- New Plymouth Ravens
- Whakatane Avalanche

- IHNZ IT Manager
- IHNZ Communications Manager.

Suggested Work Group Targeted Invitations: Success Stories re: Setting Up a Rink.

- Hamilton Devils
- Mt Mustangs
- Mt Wellington Panthers
- Nelson Whalers
- New Plymouth Ravens
- IHNZ IT Manager
- IHNZ Communications Manager.

The Communications Manager and work group may choose to invite other clubs/ individuals to help work on the project.

Timeline and Milestones:

- Initial research and content gathering by February 2025.
- Draft content for review by April 2025.
- Final resource launch by June 2025.

Measurement of Success:

- Feedback from clubs on the usefulness of the resources.
- Growth in the number of school leagues and successful rink projects.