

North Auckland Road Show

Needs from Clubs

September 2011

■ **Facilities (Regional Coordination):**

- Collaboration (i.e. Clubs were looking for GymSports NZ (GSNZ) to bring together Clubs to collaborate on getting a facility or bringing Clubs together into a facility to work together;
- Clubs wanted GSNZ to help create the relationships in the local community (Council, RST, Funders) to help them achieve the outcome of a facility.

■ **Programmes designed for participants:**

- Sports – Clubs asked for a continuation of the developments in the sporting code competitive structures to keep athletes in the sports;
- Participation – Clubs asked for more programmes that suit different groups of participants.

■ **Funding:**

- Clubs suggested that GSNZ could coordinate Clubs buying equipment. I.e. ask Clubs what equipment they want to buy and then negotiate volume prices with suppliers.

■ **Facilitating relationships:**

- Clubs asked for more support and facilitation of relationships to add/start sport programmes in their Clubs;
- Clubs requested more knowledge on the different Agencies in their area and what they do or can offer to Clubs i.e. Regional Sports Trusts, Gaming & Community Funders plus local Councils.

■ **Membership Number increases:**

- Clubs were looking for GSNZ to help with exposure in their local area and tips on how to retain and look after members.

■ **Quality skilled people:**

- Clubs would like to have more skilled people in roles in governance, coaching & administration.

■ **Athlete & Parent education:**

- Clubs asked for athlete and parent education on how the sports work, the number of hours they will take and the competitive structure. Also parent education about how to look after injuries and what to do when athletes get injured.

■ **Volunteer pathways:**

- Clubs were looking for clear advice on looking after Volunteers and also what pathways would be available for Volunteers.

■ **Equipment/Apparatus for competitions:**

- Clubs wanted clear guidance on what equipment is acceptable for events. They discussed if there was any leeway on equipment/apparatus for National or Regional events.

■ **Club Cooperation (Regional Coordination):**

- Clubs asked for GSNZ to encourage Clubs to bring their athletes together for training at each others Clubs on a regular basis.