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Subscriptions

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Thank you to all those Clubs that have responded efficiently to the request for subscription payments to MEANZ. At the present time there are only six clubs outstanding and a reminder note to them will be enclosed with this update as will receipts for the others.

Contact from WPS Regarding ADR Registration

In the September 2008 Update we advised that as a result of WPS attitude all clubs may be called on to register and we gave some advice on how this might take place. Following this various papers have been forwarded to Richard Steel requesting a moratorium on 'unreasonable' clauses that are added to Registrations by the Inspector of Machinery and we were waiting for a further statement from them. This was not received till 22 March 2009 after a 7 month delay.

In the interim it has been possible to brief a local MP and this has led to us receiving this more promising note from Richard Steel of WPS confirming that the department is currently investigating how MEANZ clubs can become "self-regulating" in a way that avoids breaching the ADR.

Colin Burleigh has responded by offering any assistance WPS requires, and in the meantime we are keen to consolidate our safety regime.

Safety Audit Progress

With this new development our Exec. feels that we are at an important stage in our long term effort to get "Self Regulation" and we need to be able to assure DoL that all our member clubs have undergone the safety audit scrutiny process. Together, at Canmod in 2006, we agreed to follow this safety audit route and we need the support of all clubs to complete the coverage urgently, so that our discussion with DoL is not disadvantaged. It is good to see that several clubs already registered under the ADR have also completed an audit. This strengthens our case, and other clubs in this category need to follow.

Those clubs yet to have their first audit are :- Hamilton, Hawkes Bay, Maidstone, Hutt Valley, Picton, Blenheim, Christchurch LS, Ashburton, Southland.

Please make a real commitment to carrying through with one as soon as possible so that we can make the statement that all clubs have been covered.

We have been working towards this point for 14 years and we do not want to jeopardise this opportunity.

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DoL - Department of Labour

ADR - Amusement Device Regulations

WPS - Work Place Services