

South Coast Women's Competition Committee Meeting

28th May 2015

Attendees

Lynne Frew	Exec (Rail)
Tracey Shepherd	Exec (Warilla)
Nichole Harris	Exec (Kiama)
Faye Worner	Exec (Kiama)
Jan Massie	Exec (Rail)
Rhonda McKinley	Rail
Michelle Dunn	Oaks
Julie Horn	Oaks
Anne Maree Whitton	Warilla
Alisha Edwards	Warilla
Wendy Thorburn	Flames
Tamara Thorburn	Flames
Michelle Lister	Rail
Susan Downes	Jamberoo

Apologies

Kath Tibbotts	Kiama
Amy Flanagan	Kiama
Brooke Henning	Kiama
Jodie Simms	Berry
Jen Raisan	Jamberoo
Bev Thompson	Oaks
Danielle Ford	Gerringong

1. Minutes of the last meeting presented and passed as an accurate account of the meeting

Moved: Nichole Harris Seconded: Lynne Frew

2. Business Arising from Minutes

- Clarification in relation to having to pay for invoice from ISC Treasurer – doesn't have to be paid in full, part payment must be paid within 30 days of receipt of invoice – no date on invoice?
- In relation to minutes of Combined Competition meeting – there will be a full combined final series as well as South Coast finals.

3. Voting rights clarification

Up to 2 delegates from each club can attend the meeting but only one can vote. Club delegates get 1 vote per team entered into competition ie: Rail – 4 teams = 4 votes

4. Player / Team Gradings

- The main purpose of this meeting is to ensure that all clubs have the same information and that this information is passed on to all teams, players and members of your clubs.
- It is important to remember that we are all volunteers, we are human and that mistakes happen. The Committee are working hard to try to minimise issues, but delegates need to ensure that any information/procedures issued is passed on to their members. Any information for the committee from members should come to them via their delegates.
- Even though the committee is getting questioned about particular players, no rules have been broken therefore there is no issue. Lynne has been able to clarify all issues and cross check with bylaws
- Discussion held about Warilla and Berry being in third grade but all present agreed that it was rightly so. The questions of promotion or relegation don't apply
- There was a question about why we don't have a grading committee. We can develop one if necessary but are managing to this point.
- Teams are graded and managed as per the constitution and grading rules as for all Illawarra / South Coast teams and competitions
- Please see attached Memo from Lynne Frew which clearly addresses all issues presented re: player and team gradings*
- Here is the link to the Field Hockey Competition Rules https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_main&ItemID=69290&OrgID=10976
- Here is the link to the Gradings Quick Reference Guide https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_main&ItemID=71087&OrgID=10976

5. Scorecards

- Things have gone downhill since the first few weeks of the season. Mistakes are happening, or people are not taking responsibility for the task. Eg, players not on the card; shirt no's missing; Captain's not signing; player of the year points not filled in.
- According to the rules it is the Captain's responsibility to ensure scorecard is properly and accurately filled out. If not the captain all clubs must delegate a person responsible to do this ie: a manager
- You Must – Tick when people played or write DNP not an X or crossed out completely. Captain must make sure all is correct before signing as must the umpires, everything needs to be filled in.
- Lynne has created some procedures which will be distributed with these minutes. ACTION – LYNNE FREW
- There will be periodic checks on scorecards for clubs and emails will be sent to individual clubs / teams via the delegates when not correct.

6. Home team responsibilities at Croom Rd

- Lynne Frew has developed a procedure explaining home team responsibilities and this will be distributed with these minutes.
ACTION – LYNNE FREW
- Each team / club must let the Co-ordinator (Lynne Frew) know via email who needs sets of keys for Croom Rd
- ACTION - EACH CLUB DELEGATE
Each team / club must take responsibility for locking up despite if Peter (volunteer caretaker) is there locking up or not. Lights must be turned off, all amenities locked etc.
- There is no lock on the side gate of TURF 1, the turf committee needs to be notified ACTION -LYNNE FREW
- If you notice things that are broken or out of place, notify this committee first who will then inform the Turf Committee.

7. Complaints / Suggestions / Procedures

- ACTION – COMMITTEE: when the committee sends out an ALL member email or test email make sure to make it clear that all communication must go through delegates and not to reply to that email;
- ACTION – ALL CLUBS: when there is a complaint or an issue, please troubleshoot as a club for a solution before going to the committee directly. The Committee will let clubs know if there are people addressing them directly;
- ISSUE: there was a discussion about frustrations with umpires and inconsistent or incorrect calls ACTION: Clubs to email Bev Thompson directly
- QUERY about grading at double headers – graded as two separate rounds ACTION: Put round number on the double header date
- QUERY about deferments – clubs need to contact club directly and email committee as well to negotiate a deferment within the bylaws.
- SOCKS – away team must change their socks. Question / Query about Albion Park having White socks now? Not sure when this was passed by South Coast? All teams encouraged to purchase an “away” pair of socks

8. Competition Ladders

- The up to date competition ladders for all grades were handed out to delegates. These can be accessed at any time on the ISCH website under Competitions. The ladder will only be up to date when all clubs have entered their scorecards.

9. Survey

- ACTION – talk to all players to get survey completed asap as we need information for meeting with Illawarra Women. 31st MAY of the last date for surveys.
- NOTE: Joint Illawarra Meeting (Exec only) is 29th JUNE 2015

10. Club Delegates

- ACTION: all clubs to send through Club delegates to Faye for our records. Two delegates and two alternates.

DELEGATE LIST TO DATE

1. Railway Greys (Michelle Lister, Cheryl Cohen, Rhonda McKinley, Lynne Frew, Donna Kellam)
2. Jamberoo (Susan Downes, Jen Raison)
3. Oaks (Megan Jeffrey, Julie Horn)
4. Kiama (Amy Flanagan, Brooke Henning, Kath Tibbotts, Faye Worner, Nichole Harris)
5. Flames (Tamara and Wendy Thorburn, Linda Wilson, Sarah Elliott)
6. Albion Park (Maree Lackenby, ?)
7. Warilla (Michelle James, Anne Maree Whitton, Alisha Edwards)
8. Berry (Jodie Simms, ?)
9. Gerringong (Dannielle Ford, ?)

11. Junior UPDATE

- Croome Rd Development Day – 30th June (10-15 yr olds), Ben from Hockey NSW AAP will be facilitating the day. Register at 9am. Day from 9am – 12pm boys and girls. Flyer will be sent out to all clubs.
- If you want to get into the local schools contact Ben through Tracy. Ben will need all of the club contacts ACTION: TRACY
- Ben also doing a coaching course – Level 1 to Level 2. We need to get him to do Community Level coaching course as well. Tracy will contact Ben about this.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

See Below for attachments

*Memo – Player / Team Gradings

There has been quite a bit of talk about certain players playing in certain grades, and certain teams playing in 3rd grade.

I would like to clarify a few points

1. A player is allowed to join whichever Club they wish to join. We have got no control over this. What we do have control over is where these players are graded. If they are a quality player then we can ensure that they are graded in the highest grade available to them within that Club.

ISCH Rule 4.2.3 Current National or State players in Opens or Under 21 teams can only be graded in the clubs highest grade.

At this time the committee is unaware of any player playing in a lower grade than they should be **within their Club**.

2. The following are the current ISCH Rules

2.2 Clubs shall be invited to nominate teams in each grade/age division by a published due date that allows sufficient time to negotiate placement of teams in grades/age divisions.

2.5 The Competition Committee will advise the nominating Clubs of their recommendations for team placement 72 hours prior to commencing construction of the draw to allow feedback from clubs. Where an amicable compromise with all clubs cannot be reached to place teams the Competition Committee will place the teams taking into consideration prior year performance, current playing personnel and development plans of the club and/or association.

For this year's competition we followed Rule 2.2. At the start of the season, because of all the other things that came up with Illawarra wanting to combine 2nd grade, and the fact that the rules only came out in the week competition started, Rule 2.5 was not followed. If we had been able to follow this rule, then maybe we would have been able to sort this at the start of the season.

However, the clubs that are at the centre of the 3rd grade concerns are teams who knew that they had lost players and were unsure of exactly what personnel they would have when they put in their team nominations. These clubs made a decision to drop a team and only put a team into 3rd grade in order to rebuild their strength to enable them to possibly go back to 2nd grade the following season, and hopefully have 2 teams again.

At the moment these clubs are currently 3rd & 4th in the competition respectively. We should be celebrating the fact that these 2 clubs are still with us and making our 3rd division even stronger and more competitive.

Regards

Lynne Frew

Co-ordinator

South Coast Competition Committee