

South Coast Women's Competition Committee

Minutes: 14 February 2016 10.00 am Croome Rd Hockey Complex

TYPE OF MEETING	Full Committee Meeting
ATTENDEES	Nichole Harris (Board Member), Lynne Frew (Co-Coordinator), Tracey Kras (Fixtures) and Jan Massie (Registrar), Rhonda McKinley & Brooke Walsh (Railway Greys), Maree Lackenby (Albion Park Women), Alisha Edwards & Michele James (Warilla), Tamara & Wendy Thorburn (Flames), Jenny Peters & Michele Dunn (Oaks), Jen Hampshire (Jamberoo), Amy Flanagan (Kiama), Danielle Ford (Gerringong)
APOLOGIES	Tracey Shephard (Officiating), Susan Downes (Jamberoo), Karen seaman (Albion Park Womens), Brooke Henning (Kiama), Jodie Simms (Berry)
Note taker:	Jan Massie

Meeting opened: 10:00am

Meeting closed: 12:00 pm

1. Welcome

- Lynne welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting on a Sunday.
- Purpose of the meeting: 2016 Competition and finals series structure

2. Team Nominations

- Hoping to run 4 Divisions
- Final team nominations due 1/3/16
- Anticipated teams:

Club	1 st Division	2 nd Division	3 rd Division	4 th Division
Albion Park	1	1		
AP Flames		1	1	
Berry			1	
Gerringong	1	1	1	
Jamberoo	1	1	1	
Kiama		1	1	1
Oaks		1	1	
Railway Greys	1	1	Possibly 2	1
Warilla			1	
Total Teams	4	7	9	2

4th Division

- Based on the above - 4th Division not viable
- Possible solutions:
 - 9-a-side competition
 - Hybrid team – if clubs have 'spare players' or not enough to make a team, they join to make a team eg 'Flaming Oaks'
 - Would need at least 2 more teams

- Clubs would need to organise the teams between them before letting the committee know
- Join 3rd and 4th Divisions – currently 11 teams (this seemed to be the most popular option)
 - A complete round to be played (10 games)
 - Split into 2 divisions (3A/3B)
 - Division 3A (6 teams) – play 2 full rounds (10 games)
 - Division 3B (5 teams) – play 2 full rounds (8 games)

Action Item: Lynne to email Clubs requesting that they discuss the preferences - Clubs to inform Committee of their preference for 4th Division by 1/3/2016

Finals Series 2016

- South Coast 1st Division GF
 - The 4 Division 1 clubs (Albion Park, Gerringong, Jamberoo & Railway Greys) voted no to playing a SC GF
- Committee to put a proposal to the Men's FC and the Illawarra Women's FC Committees that the Women's Division 1 Grand Final be played on Sunday 11/9/2016, immediately prior to the Division 1 Men's Grand Final.
 - This would act as a stepping stone towards competition reform for 2017

Action Item: Committee to draft a proposal and submit to Men's FCC and IWFCC immediately

- Exhibition Day
 - All clubs voted not to have an exhibition day in 2016
 - 2015 exhibition day was an anticlimax for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade Clubs involved

Action Item: Committee to notify IWFCC that SCFCC do not want to proceed with an exhibition day in 2016

- Competition and Finals Series Dates
 - Competition for Divisions 2, 3 and 4 to start on 11-12/3/2016 (a week earlier than the rest of the Association)
 - Final series:
 - Semi- Finals 20-21/8/2016
 - Final 28/8/2016
 - Grand Final 3/9/2016
 - Early start will allow SC clubs to watch the Division 1 Grand Final (if played on Saturday 10/9/2016)

Competition Committee Executive

- Faye Worner (Secretary) and Bev Thompson (Officiating) have both resigned their positions due to work commitments.
- The Committee thanked Faye and Bev for their efforts and dedication while on the Committee.
- Other Committee members are remaining in their current roles
- Tracey Shephard has stepped aside as joint Co-ordinator and accepted the role of Officiating

- Clubs were asked to notify their members that a volunteer is required to fill the role of Secretary; an EOI will need to be sent out if no one volunteers

Action Item: Clubs to ask members for a volunteer to be on SCFCC as Secretary – if no one comes forward by 01/03/2016, EOI's will be sent out.

General Business

Officiating

- Tracey sent an email (Nichole read)
 - All clubs to provide an umpire coordinator – details to be sent to womensscfc@ihockey.com.au
 - Clubs to also forward a list of Division 1 umpires
 - Clubs to provide a list of umpires for 2nd, 3rd and 4th Divisions

Combined Competition Update

- Lynne provided a summary of the result of meetings with the IW FCC during 2015.
 - The two committees had agreed in principal to combine 2nd Grade, however the South Coast clubs had a condition that the games played on Croome turf 2 would be evenly distributed among 2nd, 3rd and 4th Divisions.
 - Illawarra Women's teams would not agree to play any games on Turf 2
 - A stalemate resulted
 - Both committees agreed that until the turf at Croome Rd was upgraded any combining of competitions would be put on hold and that the 2016 competition would remain the same as 2015
 - The decision was ratified by the Board (15/12/2015)
- There has been a recent push by a member of the IW FCC to push the combined 2nd Division through
 - A survey was sent to the Illawarra clubs (as their scheduled meeting was postponed)
 - Results were mixed
- Maree Lackenby (Board Member) explained that the decision had been voted upon at the Board meeting and the decision to leave 2016 the same as 2015 had been passed. There has not been a motion to rescind that decision.
- The current Association Forum did not highlight the urgent need to combine both women's competitions. The decision to remain unchanged was validated.
- Plans for competition reform should be finalised and sent to the Board for the August 2016 meeting.

Other Business

- A Croom Hockey Turf Renewal Committee is to be formed
 - To date, only 1 person has volunteered (Ian Frew).
 - The meeting was disappointed, as the lack of number of people volunteering to be on this Committee, considering the large number of members who criticise the turfs at Croome Rd

- Clubs need to encourage members with skills to volunteer to go on to the Turf Renewal Committee
- Turf Fundraising/Cost savings
 - Need to utilise members who have expertise in writing grant submissions
 - Apply for Community Grants through local licensed clubs
 - Use half lights for training – clubs felt that this would be dangerous as some of the lights have not been replaced
 - Use local business' signs on Croome Rd turf fences - \$1000/sponsor
- Sponsorship – Representative Players
 - Gerringong HC approached the committee re: funding for Grace Stewart
 - Most of Grace's expenses will be covered by HA if she plays in Rio
 - Advised to approach SCWHA, however they were informed that funding has not been done in the past eg Casey Eastham
- Representative Teams Committee are seeking EOI for selectors, coaches and managers
 - Need younger people to step up
- Association uniforms and colours
 - An email was sent out seeking feedback from members
 - Overall feedback at the meeting was not positive.

Fees

- To be adjusted to take out
 - Trophies
 - Umpire incentive payments
 - TO payments
- Adjusted to reflect that current team nominations
- Notify clubs of 'new cost'

Draw

- We will try and get the draw out as soon as we can after team nominations have been submitted
- Clubs can submit playing preferences, but no guarantees will be given
 - Preferences make it difficult to give an even spread of Friday/Saturday games to clubs
- The draw will try to accommodate clubs with multiple teams
 - This will hopefully improve the morale and atmosphere in 2016
 - Attract spectators and other club members to stay

2017

- Review all trophies/medals for all competitions
- Player of the Year (POY) points, who allocates them, what grades
 - Felt that this was an added impost on lower grade umpires
 - Should all grades be allocated points or just Div 1

Team Sheets

- Clubs to take more responsibility for team details to be input into IMG

- Clubs need to nominate people in their teams to do this
- Take photo of team sheet and input player details
- Clubs requested details to be input by Sunday (even though not technically due until Monday)
- Support will be given to clubs who experience difficulties

Deferments

- Deferments will be granted for Representative duties (as per the game rules)
- All other deferments are to be worked out by the clubs involved prior to approaching the Committee
- Clubs with lower grades should utilise these players before seeking a deferment

Request from Garry Bull

- Garry contacted Lynne and requested that the Committee put in writing our commitment to pushing forward with the combined competition to get something in place by the start of the 2017 season.
- As competition reform had previously been discussed, Maree Lackenby put forward the following:
- ***'A complete competition review of the 2016 competitions and formats including Juniors, Men's and Women's competitions held at Illawarra, South Coast and Shoalhaven (all grades, all genders, all venues) be undertaken and submitted to the ISCH Board at the August 2016 meeting. Complete competition reform to be implemented for the commencement of the 2017 field competition.'***
- Members agreed to this proposal.

Action Item: Proposal to be sent to the Board

Meeting closed: 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: TBA