

Minutes from the Board of Management meeting of Illawarra District Hockey Inc. held at the Illawarra Credit Union 'Bullpen' on Tuesday 9 September, 2013 at 8.00 pm.

Present: Garry Bull (President), Terry Ashby (Vice President), Janet Cowan (Rep Team Director), David Rieck (Development Director), Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), Warren Gale (Indoor Director), Graham Body (Planning Director).

Apology: Craig Nealon (Immediate Past President), Wes Johnston (Finance Director), David Sharpe (Competition Director).

In attendance: John Pemberton (IMHI Administrative Officer).

Item 1. Minutes from the previous Board meeting:

The minutes from the previous meeting were moved and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Item 2. Business Arising

Australian representative shirts framing: Garry will have all shirts signed by Friday and sent for framing. He plans to have the framed shirts on display in the ICU building in the near future.

Action: Garry

Call to Arms Day report: Dave S will contact the HNSW Masters Committee asking that they consider IDHI's suggestion that all NSW masters players pay an annual \$5 levy to be donated by HNSW Masters Hockey to the Call To Arms appeal.

Action: Dave S

Progressing Hockey in the Illawarra working group report: The final working group meeting will be held this coming Friday after which a draft recommendations report will be distributed to both associations and all clubs. A Q&A forum will be held from 6.00 to 7.00 pm before the next Board meeting with invites to all clubs to attend to ask questions about the report. The meeting thanked Graham and all other working group members for their efforts.

Action: Graham

Golf Day report: 82 golfers (the same number as 2012) contested the 14th annual IDHI golf day at Port Kembla golf club. \$1400 was raised on the day and clubs also received \$900 in rebates. The meeting confirmed a similar day will be organised for August, 2014.

Action: John

Mouthguard Waiver form: Wes contacted HNSW asking if IDHI could produce a general player mouthguard waiver form. Hockey Australia replied that the HNSW mouthguard rule must be enforced that all players must wear a mouthguard in their mouth during games unless an exemption letter has been submitted by a dentist or doctor.

HA advised 'if a player is not wearing a mouthguard, the umpire may request the player to put in the mouthguard and issue the player with a warning. If the player removes the mouthguard after being warned, the umpire may send the player from the field with a yellow card. If the player still refuses to wear the mouthguard, the umpire can issue the player with a red card.'

The current list of players with exemption letters from their dentist or doctor includes Terry Ashby, Alan Stewartson, Kyle Craft, John Webb, Warren Gale, Owen Went, David Johnston, Heath Dennelly & Daniel Cooper.

APHC complaint regarding umpiring: Garry had spoken to APHC officials who will raise their officiating issues at the upcoming officials workshop. Garry will reply regarding their request about a specific umpire.

Action: Garry

It was decided to organise an officials workshop to produce a future umpires and technical officials development plan from 7.00 to 8.00 pm before the next Board meeting. Garry will invite Greg Knight as facilitator and invite HNSW umpiring and technical officer officials to provide information about

accreditation processes. Garry & Craig K will produce a discussion paper to distribute before the meeting.

Action: Garry & Craig K

Format for the next Board meeting Tuesday 15 October at the Builders Club Auditorium.

6.00 to 7.00 pm - Q&A session - ask questions about the Working Party report

7.00 to 8.00 pm - Officials workshop

8.00 pm onwards Board meeting

Action: John to book Builders club auditorium

Item 3 Director's Reports:

Correspondence: Garry distributed information about the Over 35s mixed summer competition at ICU fields on Friday nights starting on 8 November. Team nominations close on 31 October and Garry is hopeful that the usual 6 teams will play over the summer.

Action: Garry

Competition: Several submissions had been received with suggestions for the 2014 competition format. Clubs will be asked for further suggestions due by the next Board meeting. The submissions will be compiled and a date in November chosen for a clubs meeting to discuss the 2014 competition format.

Action: John

The meeting thanked Amie Simmons for organising the minkey competition. Amie advised she would be able to run the minkeys in 2014 with a plan to handover the organisation to a new co-ordinator for 2015.

Development: Garry noted that the IHI Board had accepted the proposals that the ICU fields be provided free for a number of junior development sessions for all Illawarra players each year and that each Illawarra representative squad be charged a set training fee for their championship preparations without restrictions on the number of training sessions. David R will organise several development days for early next field season.

Action: David R

Finances:

Wes presented the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Aged Receivables and Bank Reconciliation statements to 10 September – Total Equity \$120,598.41, Net profit \$26,881.03. The meeting approved the Financial Statements.

The meeting confirmed that all players and clubs 31+ days or longer on the Aged Receivables list cannot take part in the grand finals or Indoor competitions until their debt is cleared.

Wes advised and clubs who wish to pre-purchase beer vouchers for the grand finals that vouchers are available at 30 beers for \$100. Orders must be made with Wes by Friday 5:00pm. Bar staff are organised for the grand final day.

Action: Wes

Indoor:

The competitions started tonight with the U13s and C division on Tuesdays; U15s and A & B divisions on Thursdays and U11s on Fridays. There are 30 junior teams (two more than last season) and 24 senior teams (two less teams).

Action: Warren

Representative Teams:

U13 managers reports have been received and David R will produce an U11 report ASAP.

Action: David R

Umpires:

Craig K submitted a list of accredited umpires and umpire coaches and information about the HockeyEd accreditation process. The information will be included in the discussion paper for the officials workshop.

Action: Craig K

Masters:

Illawarra has many representatives in the NSW teams to contest the Australian Masters championships at Homebush from 22 September to 5 October.

Grand Final day format:

- John will open the ICU complex at 9.00 am. John O'Donnell will assist with field watering during the day.
- The draw has been distributed. Craig K will distribute umpire appointments on Wednesday and Graham will finalise TO appointments on Wednesday.
- Medallions for players and umpires & TO as well as premiers trophies will be presented at half time in the following grand final on RR field. Various IDHI life members and ICU officials will be asked to present the trophy and medallions to winners.
- Craig N will act as MC for the presentations.
- Graham will organise a portable PA system for the awards.
- A raffle will be conducted during the day with a stick signed by the Kookaburras as the prize. Terry, Warren and John will sell tickets.

Action: Craig K, Graham, John, Terry, Craig N, Warren

In addition, the Bullpen bar will be open. Licensing laws prohibit any spectators or players bringing alcohol into the ICU complex on the day.

Annual Report:

Reports are required for the IDHI annual report by late October. Reports include President, Finance, Competition, Development, Indoor (last seasons, local & state championships & financials), Planning, Umpiring. The various rep team age reports and Masters championship reports have been received.

Action: Garry, Wes, Dave S, David R, Peter Huk, Graham, Craig K.

Garry Bull,
President