

**Minutes from the Board of Management meeting of Illawarra District Hockey Inc. held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Tuesday 15 October, 2013 at 8.00 pm.**

**Present:** Garry Bull (President), Craig Nealon (Immediate Past President), Terry Ashby (Vice President), Wes Johnston (Finance Director), David Sharpe (Competition Director), David Rieck (Development Director), Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), Warren Gale (Indoor Director), Graham Body (Planning Director).

**Apology:** Janet Cowan (Rep Team 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 has all of the shirts signed and is finalising wording for the captions. He plans to have the framed shirts on display in the ICU building in the near future.

**Action: Garry**

In addition, he has another shirt signed by Kieran Govers which will be framed for the Croom Rd building.

**Action: Garry**

**Summer mixed masters competition:** It is likely than 4 teams will contest the summer comp at ICU fields which starts on Friday 8 November.

**Action: Garry**

**Item 3 Director's Reports:**

**Correspondence:**

1 University HC submitted a letter asking IDHI to investigate numerous allegations of serious breaches of the IDHI's club, player and spectator Codes of Conduct during the first grade grand final. In addition, they asked IDHI to review its policies regarding sale and provision of alcohol as well as crowd security at finals matches.

The meeting held a lengthy discussion on the matter as several additional letters had been received by other clubs and individuals regarding the alleged incidents. In addition, a serious breach of the licensing laws was alleged.

The Board emphasised they are taking the allegations very seriously with regards the actions potentially bringing the game into disrepute. The Board is very disappointed that such matters may tarnish what was one of the great grand finals; however, will thoroughly investigate the matters of spectator misbehaviour, player misbehaviour and alcohol related matters while undertaking a review of its policies regarding sale and provision of alcohol as well as crowd security at finals matches. All letters from individuals will be treated in strict confidence.

Garry will provide a copy of the letter to the Albion Park HC and respond to University HC and the other letters received.

**Action: Garry**

2 University HC submitted a letter alleging one of their players was struck by an opponent after the first Grand Final concluded. The meeting decided to forward the letter to the Judiciary Committee to investigate the allegation.

**Action: John to send letter to the JC chair.**

3 Premiership trophies are now presented to the winning club on Grand Final day. Terry noted that several have been returned to the IDHI without the premiers name engraved on the trophy. The meeting decided that IDHI will make an arrangement with a local engraver who would engrave the premiership trophies and invoice the association. All clubs would be required to use the engraver nominated by IDHI.

4 In the past the Indoor Committee has dealt with any judiciary matters arising from Indoor competition matches. The meeting resolves that the IDHI Judiciary Committee should deal with any judiciary matters for both field and indoor matches. It also decided that umpires penalty points for field matches should not carry forward to Indoor matches (and vice versa) and that any field suspensions should not carry forward to Indoor competitions unless the field match penalty involved suspension for a particular time period rather than a specific number of field competition rounds.

**Action: John to forward decisions to JC chair**

**Competition:** Additional suggestions for the 2014 competition format were received from Fairy Meadow and Wests Illawarra HCs. These along with previous suggestions from FMHC, Unanderra and Albion Park juniors will be distributed to clubs and the format of the 2014 competitions will be discussed under general business of the AGM on Tuesday 19 November.

**Action: John**

**Finances:** Wes presented a copy of the unaudited IDHI 2013 financial statements for the year ending 30 September 2013. The financial records will be given to the Auditors on Friday with approximately 10 days required to complete the audit. He noted Field hockey made a profit of \$4,160 for the year, Indoor a profit of \$2,191 and Masters a loss of \$1,299.

Wes also presented the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Aged Receivables and Bank Reconciliation statements to 15 October – Total Equity \$120,075.11, Net profit \$21,306.16. The meeting approved the Financial Statements.

He noted:

- Invoices for indoor teams have been issued and are due by 31 October 2013.
- Indoor rep team invoices will be issued this week to individual players.
- Most clubs have received a credit note on last years fees as game adjustments for juniors and discounts for Uni and Croom Rd for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the competition were not included in the July invoice.
- Dapto and Seacliff HCs have additional charges as they were not invoiced for the correct number of teams for umpire levies.

The meeting confirmed that players showing in the 90 day column of the Accounts Receivable are unfinancial and their names will be forwarded to Hockey NSW.

**Indoor:** Warren noted:

- Greg Condon is the new rep team co-ordinator (as Donna Rieck resigned).
- Illawarra won the U18 boys A & B division titles at last weekend's NSW championships. The B division winners were the U15 rep team and Illawarra will have three teams in next years U18 A division.
- NSW will host the Australian Mens and U21s championships at ICU stadium from 2 to 10 January 2014.

**Planning:** The planned Officials workshop had been postponed to allow more time for the 'Future of Hockey in the Illawarra' steering group recommendations Q&A session before the Board meeting. The workshop will be held before the December Board meeting on Tuesday 10 December at 6.00 pm. Graham and Craig K will prepare a discussion paper and distribute to all clubs a fortnight before the workshop.

**Action: Graham & Craig K**

**Masters:** Brian Eastham submitted a report on the Australian Masters championships held in Sydney. The meeting congratulated Glenn Stolk (O40s), Peter Huk and Graham Body (O50s), Greg Johnson and Peter Hammond (O55s) and Dennis Cranston and Rick McConnell (O60s) on their selection for Australia for the 2014 world masters in the Netherlands.

The meeting also congratulated Flynn Ogilvie on his selection for the Australian U21s team for the Junior World Cup.

**Hockey Illawarra:** Garry noted IHI have:

- applied for a grant to replace the 'alsynite' sections of the ICU stadium roof.
- sold another 700 sq m of the old turf and he will send an email offering sale of all remaining turf to any interested persons.

**Hockey NSW:**

1 HNSW announced the new Regional Coaching Co-ordinators network which will be implemented in 2014. Illawarra are part of Southern Zone (Illawarra, Goulburn, Sth Highlands, Crookwell, Sth Coast, Wagga & Bega) for the RCC project. It was decided that IDHI would support the project and provide the \$5000 necessary for individual Association entry in 2014. HNSW are organising a RCC teleconference next Tuesday 22 October at 1 pm and Garry & Dave R will represent IDHI.

**Action: Garry & Dave R**

2 The HNSW AGM will be held on Saturday 23 November at 10 am at Lidcombe Catholic Club. Garry will be IDHI delegate.

**Action: Garry & John to complete the delegate form**

3 The NSW Coaching Conference will be held on 16 & 17 November in Sydney. It is open to Level 2 coaches and John will send the information to Wes, Dave S, Ern Orth and Barry Reid as the only local Level 2 coaches.

**Action: John**

4 HNSW U18 development camps will be held at Macarthur association in November.

**Action: John to send a reminder email to all clubs**

**Annual Report:** Reports are required for the IDHI annual report by late October.

**Action: Garry (President), Wes (audited financial statements) and Graham (Planning)**

**Other Business:**

John distributed his report for 2013 part time administrative services.

Garry Bull,  
President