

Minutes from the Board of Management meeting of Illawarra District Hockey Inc. held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Monday 17 March, 2014 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Garry Bull (President), Craig Nealon (Immediate Past President), Janet Cowan (Vice President), Wes Johnston (Finance Director), David Sharpe (Competition Director), Greg Condon (Rep Team Director), David Rieck (Development Director), Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), Warren Gale (Indoor Director), Graham Body (Planning Director), John O'Donnell (Masters Director).

Apology: Ernie Orth (Coaching Director).

In attendance: John Pemberton (IMHI Administrative Officer), Jason Collett, Darren Coombes, Keith Maywald & Daryl Elliott (Albion Park HC), Darren Fowles (Officiating sub-committee)

Item 1. Discussions with Albion Park HC

Garry welcomed the Albion Park executive to the second of the club review meetings noting it was an opportunity for the club and the Board to discuss any issues.

APHC officials noted that they have discussed the IDHI and their club Code of Conduct with all club members.

They noted that a number of their players will umpire Croom Rd matches but were not interested to travel away to umpire independent matches. They also feel the umpires payments are not high enough for each grade noting they paid their 2013 umpires double the IDHI allocation i.e. their first grade umpires received \$60 per match etc.

They also appoint a Technical Officer to each home match (and pay the TO). They were disappointed that many other matches at the other fields did not have a TO in charge of lower grade (and higher grade) matches.

They asked why bar prices at the centre building bar were so high. Wes explained that the beer price included a 10% 'rental fee' paid to IHI and bar staff were paid to operate the bar on all Sundays from noon to 5.00 pm over the season. Beer price is \$4 per can; however, 10 beer vouchers could be purchased for \$35.

They were disappointed in several gradings decisions over the 2013 season. The meeting asked that they supply a member to the 2014 gradings committee.

They felt there were too many people on the IDI Board and agreed that many decisions could be made at sub-committee level. Garry outlined the 2014 transition board structure and noted the progress with the IWHA (and now SCWHA and Shoalhaven HA) on future amalgamation & governance structure. In addition, various sub-committees were already functioning with additional ones to operate over the new season. Garry encouraged Albion Park officials to be actively involved in all the sub-committees.

Wes noted the new invoicing system will not allow a split player fee invoice for Albion Park junior and senior clubs and would provide a total player invoice. Daryl confirmed that each club would pay IDHI independently.

Jason confirmed that when Albion Park play all six teams at Croom Rd that the playing order should be 5th to 1sts on CR1 starting at 9.00 am with a fourth grade match on CR2 at noon.

Fairy Meadow HC officials will be invited to attend the April meeting with the meeting to start at 6.30 pm.
Action: John

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: The shirts are being framed and will be available soon.

Action: Garry

Summer mixed masters competition: The competition finished last Friday. Garry will sort out finances and bank monies soon.

Action: Garry

Interim Joint Board report: Notes from the joint executives meeting (IDHI, IWHS, SCWHA and Shoalhaven HA) had been distributed to all clubs. The next meeting of the four associations will be Monday 24 March at Croom Rd at 7.00 pm where each association will be represented by four members. IDHI representatives will be Garry, Craig N, Wes and Graham with Janet as the proxy member if required. Communities NSW Keith Wallace will be an additional independent member for the new group.

Action: Garry to distribute an agenda and discussion paper

HNSW advised that their meeting with the new 'Illawarra/South Coast/Shoalhaven' association had been scheduled for Monday 14 April at 7 pm at the Illawarra Credit Union stadium.

Diskray contract: Garry and Wes signed the agreement with Diskray PL to provide 2014 PT administrative services.

Calendar of Events: The meeting confirmed that IDHI Board meetings will remain as the third Monday of each month. IDHI Golf Day is confirmed for Thursday 14 August.

Action: John to distribute the 2014 calendar

Item 3 Sub-Committee Reports

Facilities: Garry reported that a new scoreboard had been installed at CR1 and the old scoreboard had been erected at CR2.

The IHI AGM had been postponed until 7 April so that the audited Croom Rd Hockey Centre financial accounts would be available for approval.

Action: Garry

Finance & Administration

Correspondence:

Garry will represent IDHI at the opening function for the Regional Academy Games on Friday 11 April.

Action: Garry

Finances: Wes presented the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Aged Receivables and Bank Reconciliation statements to 17 March – Total Equity \$91,358.84, Net loss \$6,039.66. The meeting approved the Financial Statements.

The meeting confirmed that all players and clubs on the 31+ days Accounts Receivable listing be declared unfinancial.

Action: Wes

A list of unfinancial members has been sent to HNSW and these players are not able to play any hockey in NSW until their debt is paid to their 2013 IDHI club.

HockeyNet: Weekly updates from HNSW on the OST system have been distributed to all clubs. There are still a number of problems with the registration portal and clubs are asked to encourage all players to register before they play in round 1 this weekend. This is particularly required for all players new to hockey as 2013 registered players are covered by insurance until 31 March 2014. As such all 2014 players must be registered by 31 March at the latest.

Registrations: The following requests had been submitted for 14 year old players (i.e. each turns 15 in 2014) to play grade hockey. Each club request was accompanied by a permission letter by a parent/guardian.

Hayden Welsh (West) – the meeting approved the request.
Josh Wright-Smith (West) - the meeting approved the request.
Daine Richards (Fairy Meadow) - the meeting approved the request.

Game Development:

1 The junior development program was successfully completed last night.

2 U11 and U13 development days were held on Sundays 2 and 16 March with 40 boys and girls from a variety of clubs attending. There were many parents in attendance but few volunteer coaches to assist. Further U11 and U13 development days will be held over the Easter school holiday period.

3 Garry and Elaine Carr met with RCC Ben Senior to review his Key Activities and KPI document.

Action: attached with minutes

4 Graham noted that 130 school children (7 to 12 year olds) from Coniston primary school have enjoyed the hockey development days at JJ Kelly Park over the past 4 Fridays (with thanks for helpers John OD, Ian Govers and Garry Bull). Next Friday 28 March about 60 of the children will travel to ICU complex for their final day. Graham has given interested children a list of all clubs if they wish to register for 2014.

Action: Graham

Junior Field Competition: Brief notes from the first junior field competition sub-committee:

- Team nominations were finalised and a draw for round 1 distributed.
- Richard Heffernan is the chair with John as registrar and Wes as IDHI Board member.
- A full two round draw will be played for the U11 competition (8 teams hence two rounds of seven matches); however, after one round of matches (12 weeks), the U13s and U15s will be split to a A & B Division for a second round of matches.
- The meeting accepted a change to the competition rules regarding playing across between teams - *Where a club has two (2) or more teams in the one (1) age division and that age division has been split during the competition, players must be graded into individual teams. For competition rounds played after the split, a player may only play in their nominated team. Written application seeking exemption for this By-Law must be made to the Board.*
- A draft junior competition rules was adopted – basically taking any rules relating to junior competition matches from the competition by-laws. The junior competition rules were adopted for 2014 with plans to review some of the wording during the season.

The Board accepted and endorsed the actions of the junior field competition sub-committee.

Under 18 competition: Five rounds of the U18s have been completed – results and pointscores appear on the Illawarra Hockey website; however, player information cannot be included as yet as the HockeyNet Sportsdesq is not operational.

Umpires have issued numerous yellow cards so far (with one playing accumulating 8 penalty points) and all clubs are reminded that umpires penalty points accrued from junior matches count for both juniors and seniors competitions.

Marketing & Promotion:

1 Peoplecare have agreed to continue their sponsorship for 2014 and Garry is discussing a possible expansion of the sponsorship.

Action: Garry

2 Physical Therapy (Wollongong physiotherapy company) have agreed to sponsor IDHI as Game Development sponsor for 2014. Information about the agreement will be distributed to all IDHI members ASAP.

Action: Garry, Craig N & John

3 A free weekly online first grade men's and women's competition matches tipping competition has been developed with weekly and overall winner prizes.

Action: Wes to send to all players

Masters Hockey:

The meeting ratified the following teams for the O55 championships in Grafton this coming weekend. No. 1 team – Greg Johnson (c), Peter Hammond, Garry Bull, Russell Herringe, Allan Went, Dennis Cranston, Terry Ashby, Warren Gale, Roger Franklin, Ken Walker, Phil Brown, Mark Jennings, Peter Ovington, Andrew Terrey, John Williams.

No 2 team – Phil Younger (c), Nick Tambakis, Owen Went, John Thompson, Chris Holstein, Norm Cormack, Mark Raftery, Ray Cashmere, Mark Wilson, Jon Laurenson, Bob Lloyd, Rick Smith, Tom Karp, Bruce Scurr, John O'Donnell

Notes from the HNSW Masters AGM:

- Peter Cummins and Keith Coombes received 10 year membership awards.
- Illawarra will host the 2015 O40 championships.
- The Masters committee are reviewing life membership criteria as Illawarra plan to nominate Brian Eastham for life membership.

Men's Field Competition: Brief notes from the first senior field competition sub-committee:

- Final nominations were received and a six-team draw format for all 5 grades formulated. Subsequently Wests nominated a 5th grade team and a round 1 draw distributed.
- David Sharpe is the chair with John as registrar and Wes to produce the draw.
- first grade matches will start at 3.15 pm to allow umpires to travel between venues. However the umpires appointments group want some matches at 1.30 pm at University field to assist the first and second grade appointments process.
- It is suggested that Albion Park, Robertson & Kiama teams collect the Croom Rd match result sheets and mail them to John each Monday morning.
- SHHA will advise what times Welby Field is available for Mittagong firsts home games.

The Board accepted and endorsed the actions of the senior field competition sub-committee.

Officiating: Brief notes from the first officiating sub-committee:

- Ordered new Umpires shirts as well as new Technical Officers shirts (accredited TOs only)
- All captains to wear an arm band during the match.
- Umpires rules night to be organised on 8 April for all captains, coaches and umpires – mandatory for clubs to send members.
- Copy of the IDHI by-laws, Codes of Conduct as well as new Red Card and TO report forms to be provided in the dugouts.
- Judiciary Committee will use the HNSW penalty guidelines for decisions on player yellow and red card penalties.
- all clubs will be informed there will be a zero tolerance policy on abuse of players, match officials and umpires.

The Board accepted and endorsed the actions of the officiating sub-committee.

Darren asked if double header matches could be held at ICU complex as it would greatly assist umpire appointments for first and second grade matches. These are not feasible as two first grade clubs use Croom Rd as their home field, two clubs use ICU fields, University plays at home and Mittagong play at Welby. Although the timing is tight, it was felt the change to 3.15 pm starts for first grade would allow enough time to travel between venues for umpires.

Judiciary Committee members: John O'Donnell (chair), Albion Park member (TBA), Dapto warren Gale, Fairy Meadow Anthony Gibson, Kiama Dave Brookfield, University Mike Ogilvie, Wests Jonathan Castle.

Rep Teams:

The meeting ratified selection of the U18 teams to play at Newcastle from 2 to 4 May. Selectors Scott Govers, Bruce Parsons, David Sharpe.

A team: Brady Anderson, Rhys Castle, Peter Cowan, Jack Donovan, Mitch Galea, Max Hughes (GK), Daniel Jolliffe (GK), Callum Mackay, Josh Mayo, Callum Mayo, Thomas Miotto, Cameron Parsons, Daine Richards, Kieren Richards, Connor Scard. Scott Govers coach, Bruce Parsons manager.

Development team: Josh Adams, Luke Adams, Josh Blackburn, Oliver Dunn, Patrick Everett, Ash Lacey (GK), Jarrod Lillie, Phil McGeechan, Zac Nyrihnen, Will Orth, Josh Stewart (GK), Josh Wright-Smith + several other players to add. Ernie Orth coach. Andrew McGeechan manager

The meeting accepted the following motion:

Only players who are registered with an Illawarra Association affiliated club and who register with Illawarra as their home association are eligible for selection in Illawarra junior representative teams. If trialists do not fill the criteria above, players can only be available for Illawarra selection when insufficient numbers of eligible players trial for that team within the age group.

SHHA player Max Hanrahan has been realised by SHHA to play for Illawarra U18s at the state championships. Under the criteria above, Max is not eligible for Illawarra selection.

Action: Greg to contact Max and parents about eligibility

The meeting ratified the following coaches etc:

U11s coach – Mark Campbell

U13 A coach – Steve Tuddenham

U15 A coach – Nick Jennings, assistant coach Joe Plumb with selector Chris Richards

Trials/training sessions have been organised for all age groups. The meeting confirmed if a selector has a relative trailing, they will not be involved in the relevant selection process.

Other Business:

1 The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 April i.e. Easter Monday. It will be changed to Monday 28 April at 7.00 pm at the Builders Club. Fairy Meadow HC will be invited to the Club Review discussion.

Action: John

2 Some club officials had contacted John about production of a hard copy 2014 Fixtures book. Consequently John had obtained a quote from Kwikkopy for 200 handbooks – at \$3.40 per book. There was no interest from the meeting to produce a hard copy handbook. Instead all information will be available on the Illawarra Hockey web site.

Garry Bull,
President