

Minutes from the Board of Management meeting of Illawarra District Hockey Inc. held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Monday 19 May, 2014 at 6.30 pm.

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

Apology: Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), David Sharpe (Competition Director), Peter Garrard (Kiama HC).

In attendance: John Pemberton (IMHI Administrative Officer), Darren Fowles (Officiating Committee), Dave Brookfield & Andrew McGeechan (Kiama HC)

Item 1. Discussions with Kiama HC

Garry welcomed Dave and Andrew to the fourth of the club review meetings noting it was an opportunity for the club and the Board to discuss any issues.

Dave summarised KHC's current position as strong women's teams, struggling for men's players and lacking a source for junior players. They are financially sound with a new major sponsor Kiama Leagues Club and have collected all 2014 players fees and are able to pay all IDHI accounts. They have a comprehensive web site courtesy of treasurer Peter Garrard. Peter also assisted HNSW with the early testing of the HockeyNet implementation with registrations for the Kiama mixed indoor hockey competition. Tom Huetter had taken over as gradings officer which allowed Dave to take a co-president role.

Peter had been in discussions with HNSW officials about the 2015 online HNSW and club payments system. Wes noted that all players must pay their 2015 HNSW fees on line and that it is likely that Illawarra association fees and possibly club fees could be also payable online next year. Peter was keen for a part fees payment option yet it is not known if this will be possible.

Kiama would be keen to form a combination with another club to enter 1st grade in 2015. They discussed this with Robertson for 2014 without success. They asked if the Board would consider discrete clubs sharing players between teams in different grades. Wes noted the upcoming forum regarding the 2015 1st grade competition format would be the time to raise the possibility.

Dave noted one of the Kiama 2nds players was very keen to play 1st grade for Robertson but current by-laws won't allow players to play for different clubs. It was suggested that the matter be raised with the Men's Field Competition s/c.

Action: Kiama HC & Dave S

Andrew was concerned about risk assessment for junior players wishing to play down below their age division as well as 14 year olds being able to play grade hockey. IDHI have policies on these matters regarding sub-committee, parental and club approval; however, the Board is happy for Andrew to provide his thoughts for discussion. Andrew offered to present a draft risk assessment matrix for consideration by the field competition sub-committee's.

Action: Andrew

University HC officials will be invited to attend the June 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

Call To Arms: The O45s championships supported a Call To Arms Men's Cancer Awareness Day last weekend and \$1274 was collected.

The IDHI Call To Arms day will be held on Sunday 1 June and all players will be asked to make a \$2 donation to the appeal. Dave Sharpe will co-ordinate the collection.

Action: Dave S

All donations from the O45 and local CTA days will be presented to the NSW Cancer Council. Wes noted there was some additional 2013 CTA donations to present to the Cancer Council. UOW URAC will donate the Uni Field hire fees for the day to the appeal.

Action: Wes

HNSW Association Reform:

- The next meeting of the joint association executives will be held tomorrow night at 7.00 pm at Kiama Leagues Club.
- Stuart Carr (Carix PL Risk Management) will attend to discuss an association risk management case study based on the Illawarra, South Coast & Shoalhaven amalgamation.
- Shoalhaven HA had received correspondence from HNSW that their proposal to form a separate association had been rejected.
- Garry had heard verbally that IDHI's proposal for an alternate model (which included IDHI, IWHA & SCWHA as a combined association with Shoalhaven HA as a separate association from now on or in the future) had also been rejected by the HNSW Board.

Item 3 Sub-Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

Correspondence:

HNSW advised that they would be issuing associations with invoices from 1st June for all players who have not paid their HNSW fees online. The associations are expected to distribute the invoices to each club for payment to HNSW.

Action: Wes

Finances: Wes presented the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Aged Receivables and Bank Reconciliation statements to 19 May – Total Equity \$201,300.40, Net profit \$103,901.90. The meeting approved the Financial Statements.

Wes advised all clubs are currently financial and that he will be overseas from 24 May to 17 June and is only contactable via email during this time.

Registrations:

1 There are a number of players not registered on the 'Illawarra' HockeyNet site from SHHA U18s, Mittagong and Robertson first grade teams.

Action: John

2 Most teams are entering their match result sheets into HockeyNet each week.

3 All Board and other minutes, IDHI financial statements, 2014 information such as draws, contact details etc and IDHI forms have been updated on the Illawarra Hockey web site. Log on to the site and click on IDHI at the top. There is a drop down box 'Resources'.

John will add IDHI Annual Reports in an archive section.

Action: John

Men's Field Competition:

1 Deferred matches:

Rd 2 1st grade Dapto vs Robertson and Mittagong vs Wests – played.

Rd 4 2nd grade Uni Blue vs Uni Red – played

Rd 6 2nd grade Wests vs Uni Red – to be played this Friday 23 May at 6.00 pm at ICU fields

Rd 15 1st grade Dapto vs University – to be played this Friday 23 May at 7.30 pm at ICU fields

Action: John

2 The Nathan Burgers GK clinic on Sunday 6 July clashed with the 5th grade Fairy Meadow vs Wests match. The latter will be transferred to University Field at 3.00 pm on 6 July.

Action: John

Junior Field Competition:

Deferred matches:

Rd 1 U15s Dapto vs Fairy Meadow – to be played on Friday 20 June at 6.00 pm at ICU field.

This Wednesday's U18s match Fairy Meadow vs Uni Blue is deferred to next Monday 26 May at 7.00 pm at Uni Field.

Action: John

2 The JFC sub-committee rejected a request from University HC to allow a 10 year old to play in the U9s competition.

Officiating:

From the Officiating sub-committee minutes from 15 May:

Match result sheets – umpires and captains are not signing the sheet – recommendation - *As of next designated round clubs will lose match points for unsigned sheets by winning team captains for that round and any subsequent winning round for the losing team.*

Action: to the Men's Field Competition s/c for discussion

Umpires payments – confusion on tracking of umpire payments – recommendation – *an additional tick box be included on the match sheet for the umpires to sign off on payment.*

Team captains – not clearly identified – recommendation - *Notify all clubs, commencing next round failure to have a clearly identified captain will result in loss of points for winning team or fine for losing team. Tech bench to note on match card if captains not identified. All clubs to ensure that captain has a captain band with the word CAPTAIN clearly written on the band, on arm or leg, which can be purchased from hockey shop. Tape will not be accepted.*

Action: to the Men's Field Competition s/c for discussion

Abuse towards officials - Red cards must be issued to players/club members who abuse umpires and umpires need to not hesitate in using the red card in these matters – recommendation - *For penalty corners which occur in final minutes of each half if less than 15 seconds remaining on clock then umpires advised to let clock run down and after siren sounds the penalty corner to be set.*

Goal netting – concerns over the state of goal nets at Croom Rd and University - *request made to appropriate body to have nets fixed.*

Ice for 1st aid - A number of matches in which injuries have occurred resulted in no ice being available in dugout areas - *Reminder to all clubs their obligation to have ice and a first aid kit for each team match.*

Croome Road tech bench - *table to be provided for Tech Bench*

Uni Field concrete surrounds - Currently clubs are using the concrete apron on western side of field for seating and teams are congregating outside of dugout area - *All players taking part in Uni Field matches need to be inside dugout area and all spectators need to be outside concrete apron area*

Darren noted the Officiating s/c would send a Directions to all Clubs and Umpires about the issues above and plan to send directives fortnightly.

Action: Darren & Craig K

Graham will investigate weekly umpire appointments available on the web site rather than sending emails.

Action: Graham

Newly accredited Technical Officers are Vanessa Darby and Ian Counsell. TOs are appointed to all 1st and 2nd grade matches. The home team must provide a TO for lower grade matches.

Action: Darren

Judiciary:

1 Alex Hile (University 2nd Blue) was issued a red card in rd 7 for umpire abuse. The Judiciary Committee suspended Alex for one round.

2 Jack Hayes (Albion Park) has accumulated 10 penalty points from yellow cards and is suspended for a competition round. Jack is suspended for rd 9 matches.

3 John OD tabled a 5th grade rd 8 match sheet in which the umpire had issued a player with a green card and the TO had advised of a 4 point penalty for the player throwing his stick at the ground fence. The meeting confirmed that the 4 point penalty did not stand as the umpire would need to change the decision to a yellow card for penalty points to count.

Game Development:

- International GK Nathan Burgers is organising a goal keepers clinic on Sunday 6 & Monday 7 July at ICU fields. A brochure has been send to all clubs.
- Dave will distribute a flyer soon notifying all clubs about the upcoming U12s development day in early July.

Action: Dave R

- Warren noted that RCC Ben Senior had attended a Dapto HC junior training session and made recommendations (via a thorough report) for improvement of junior training methods. Ben plans to return in a month and hold a coach the coaches clinic for DHC.
- Ben has also been in contact with Fairy Meadow HC and will contact Kiama HC soon.
- Ben has also attended some Illawarra rep teams training sessions.

Rep Teams:

1 Greg reported the U18 A team is NSW champions and the development team performed well.

Action: Greg to gain managers reports for both teams

2 Two teams have been entered for the Open championships at Newcastle over the long weekend.

A team: Nathan Ackroyd, Brady Anderson, Paul Counsell, Blake Govers, Jack Hayes, Mitch Hurry, Nick Jennings, Alex Mackay, Brock McCracken, Alex Montgomery, Joe Plumb, Flynn Ogilvie, Heath Ogilvie, Cameron Parsons, Josh Walters, Chris Whitehall. Coach Bruce Parsons.

Development team: Rhys Castle, Peter Cowan, Zac Duncan, Ben Francis, Mitch Galea, Max Hughes, Callum Mayo, Thomas Miotto, David Reid, Jack Rowe, Connor Scard, Ross Sharpe, Steve Tuddenham, Abe Unicomb. Coach Steve Tuddenham, manager Janet Cowan

Greg thanked Ernie, Wes and coach Parsons for contacting all open players about their availability.

A number of senior past Illawarra players were not able to commit themselves to this year's team due to the uncertainty of their eligibility to play with their Sydney clubs after the Sydney Hockey Association by-law changes. Garry had made a formal approach to HNSW about releasing the Sydney based players to play for Illawarra under the HNSW Country origin directive; however, the players would not risk de-registration from their Sydney club if they played for Illawarra.

3 The U15 development team will play in the Moorebank Carnival this coming Sunday and the A team will contest the NSW championships in Wagga Wagga the following weekend.

4 Rep team coaches have struggled to gain access to the ICU complex for rep team training sessions. In addition, junior managers have not been able to open the complex for Saturday morning matches.

Action: Greg and others to produce a list of who needs access keys to the ICU complex and Garry to follow up with IHI

Masters Hockey:

1 John OD provided a detailed report from last weekend's O45s championships hosted at the ICU complex. The Illawarra A team were runners up whilst the B team finished last in B division. John

thanked all of the helpers over the weekend including Janet who organised TOs, Dapto HC who ran the bbq and Wes and helpers with the bar.

Wayne Billett, Lionel Billett and Wes Johnston were selected for the NSW O45 no. 1 team for the Australian championships.

2 Paul Schofield has been selected as captain of the Illawarra O40s team. O40s training has started and teams will be selected soon for the 27 – 29 June championships at Newcastle.

3 The meeting wished good luck for the Illawarra players at the Masters World Cup in Le Hague in June - Dennis Cranston and John Williams (O60s), Greg Johnson and Peter Hammond (O55s), Peter Huk and Graham Body (O50s), Wes Johnston (O45s) and Glen Stolk (O40s).

4 The Illawarra Masters committee asked to nominate Brain Eastham for an IDHI Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding contribution to Masters Hockey in the Illawarra and at NSW level. The meeting accepted the award and will make a presentation at the IDHI Presentation Night.

Marketing & Promotions:

Garry is currently discussing both the PeopleCare Eyes and Teeth and Physical Therapy sponsorship arrangements with company representatives.

Action: Garry

Facilities:

Garry advised that Croom Rd fields will be 'groomed' over the next few weeks. For CR2 field, this involves removal of substantial amounts of sand from the surface.

Greg noted he had a number of HNSW championship plaques to display. A number of other members noted that also had numerous plaques to contribute to a display. Garry will discuss display of these plaques with the IHI Board.

Action: Garry

Other Business:

The meeting confirmed that IDHI Presentation Night will be held on Friday 29 August (Friday before the semi-finals) at 7.00 pm at the Builders Club.

Action: John to book

Garry Bull,
President