

Minutes from the Board of Management meeting of Illawarra District Hockey Inc. held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Monday 16 June, 2014 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Garry Bull (President), Janet Cowan (Vice President), Greg Condon (Rep Team Director), Ernie Orth (Coaching Director), Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), David Sharpe (Competition Director).

Apology: Craig Nealon (Immediate Past President), Wes Johnston (Finance Director), David Rieck (Development Director), Warren Gale (Indoor Director), Graham Body (Planning Director), John O'Donnell (Masters Director).

In attendance: John Pemberton (IMHI Administrative Officer), James Fisher, Matt Davis & Tony Dellapina (University HC)

Item 1. Discussions with University HC

Garry welcomed James, Matt and Tony to the fifth of the club review meetings noting it was an opportunity for the club and the Board to discuss any issues.

Overall University HC is very appreciative of the Board's efforts and the competitions run smoothly. There are a number of matters that Uni HC is concerned about:

Concerns/difficulties:

- The club has to organise teams on some days at three different venues as well as supply umpires for all lower grade teams. Often there is an isolated match away from all other teams but you still have to supply an umpire. They feel that for the latter match University could umpire the match before or after and the before/after club umpire their match.
- The Officiating Committee should have a pool of accredited umpires and appoint for all matches from the pool weekly.
- From next season they suggest that most 1st & 2nd grade matches are played at ICU Field (assist umpire appointments and match promotion) with majority of lower grade matches at other fields like University and Croom Rd. Only occasional full club day at Uni & CR.
- Uni HC is very concerned of the strength of clubs in all grades and feels it must be the Board's priority to assist Fairy Meadow, Kiama and Dapto HC's for a better competition in all grades.
- They requested a return of the IDHI Fixtures Book as very convenient tool for club officials and selectors and produce perhaps 20 per club.
- The First grade team were very disappointed with umpiring in the first round match vs Albion Park and noted with David Gentles in charge of the second round match there were no on-field incidents.
- They noted an incident in the first round U18 Uni Blue vs Wests Red match which they had tried to resolve with Wests HC. Another incident occurred with the same player in the second round match hence the recent letter to the Board.
- What is the process if a club wishes to cite a player for misbehaviour – not clear in the by-laws?
- They are disappointed with the email trails that accompany field sub/committee decisions and feel each s/c member should reply only to the chair rather than all clubs and the requester who can read all of the comments. It would be better if the chair reviews all replies and sends the decision to the Board for clarification and then reply to the club request.
- Also concerned that field s/c decisions are based on individual or club interests rather than the overall benefit of Illawarra Hockey. Garry noted that the future sub-committees will be vital to the effective running of the new joint association and that the s/c's should consult with experienced Board members if unsure of past precedence.
- There needs to be a process whereby a learner umpire can be mentored on the field by an umpires coach rather than just appointed to a match.
- The gradings by-laws are lengthy and most confusing to new clubs officials. Can they be re-written in a simple and concise format?

Wests Illawarra HC officials will be invited to attend the August 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

1 Call To Arms: Dave S has collected all monies donated by the players for the Call To Arms Men's Cancer Awareness day held on Sunday 1 June. He expects the final collection to be close to \$500. In addition, UOW URAC donated the Uni Field hire fees for the day to the appeal (\$600).

Action: David S

Together with \$1274 donated from the recent NSW O45s championships and some additional 2013 CTA donations, it is expected that about \$3000 will be presented to the NSW Cancer Council.

Action: Wes

2 Golf Day: Thursday 14 August at 12.30 pm at Port Kembla Golf Club.

There has been a small increase to the costs for the annual IDHI Golf Day. Club obligations are the same as last year.

Action: John

3 Keys to the ICU Complex: Greg and Ernie noted that access to the complex will be needed for Indoor Hockey rep team trials from October and there needs to be an access key available for the various coaches & managers. Garry noted there were 35 key holders already and he will get a key list to see who can assist with access for the various trials or if new keys were required for the indoor season.

Action: Garry

HNSW Association Reform:

- The next meeting of the joint association executives will be held on Monday 23 June at 7.00 pm at Kiama Leagues Club.
- Agenda items include confirmation by the four associations of a new constitution including Board structure and composition, voting rights etc together with preliminary discussion about new joint association name.
- Stuart Carr (Carix PL Risk Management) will facilitate a Risk Management session for the Association Reform activity.

From the previous meeting (20 May), *'all representatives agreed to proceed with the Association Reform process to work through the amalgamation issues to produce a new Illawarra, South Coast and Shoalhaven entity. In order to meet an end of year completion and be ready prior to the HNSW deadline of February 2015, it was agreed that the proposed organisation detail be in place by the 30 September, 2014.'*

Item 3 Sub-Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

Correspondence:

1 George Moorehouse, one of the inaugural Illawarra Men's Hockey life members, recently passed away. George's daughter Susan Reeves had been in contact regarding donation of a trophy in her father's name. The U18 Premiers trophy is indeed 'The George Moorehouse Trophy' and John will inform Susan of the award and also ask the Life Members to discuss possible provision of other trophies for IDHI awards.

Action: John

2 University HC had written to the Board about a player misbehaviour in several U18 competition matches this season. The meeting asked the Judiciary Committee to investigate.

Action: John O'Donnell

Registrations:

1 Player registrations will cease next Monday 23 June. After this time new players cannot qualify for the Final Series and thus cannot be registered without permission from the Board.

2 There are a number of players still not registered on the 'Illawarra' HockeyNet site from Mittagong first grade team.

Action: John

3 Teams are regularly entering their match result sheets into HockeyNet each week. John checks all match entries on Tuesday morning and there are regularly a number of errors in the club inputs.

Men's Field Competition:

1 Dapto Grading Request: The sub-committee had received a number of club responses on the request and the Board considered all of the responses. The meeting emphasised that they wish to support Dapto HC to fulfil their on-field 2014 commitments and suggest the following gradings exemption for the remainder of the season.

- 1st grade – 9 players only to be graded – there must be a list of players that cannot be graded in 3rd grade i.e. 1st grade only players. Dapto to supply their list to the gradings Committee for approval.
- 3rds & 4ths – 11 players to be graded per team with the remaining players graded in 5ths.
- Extend the number of matches that a player can play down a grade in 3rds & 4ths i.e. the current by-laws allow a player to play down below their grading two times per season – allowance immediately extended to play down four times per season.

The latter was suggested to allow Dapto HC flexibility to fill their 4th & 5th grade teams each week. If DHC find that they would like this extended to 5 or 6 times down, they can apply to the Board for an extension later in the season.

2 Officiating Committee suggestions to delete competition points for unsigned match sheets:

There was no support from the clubs for these suggestions.

3 Last Sunday the 5th grade Fairy Meadow vs Dapto match was abandoned after 13 minutes after a player collision resulted in an ambulance called to GK Field and the match delayed. The match will be continued (start at the 13th minute) this Friday night at 7.00 pm at GK Field.

Action: FMHC & DHC – field booked.

Junior Field Competition:

Deferred match: Rd 1 U15s Dapto vs Fairy Meadow will be played this Friday at 6.00 pm at RR field.

Action: DHC & FMHC – field booked.

2 The JFC sub-committee rejected a request from Southern Highlands to allow Bow Hanrahan (Under 15 SHHA player who fell one round short of qualifying for the U18 finals series) to play in the U18s final series.

3 The Under 18 finals (A & B division) will be played this Wednesday night. The grand final will be played on Wednesday 25 June at 6.10 pm at ICU Fields. Garry will present the premiers trophy and medallions to players and umpires.

Action: Garry

4 Andrew McGeechan and other sub-committee members have drafted several versions of a player risk matrix which should be finalised soon.

Action: JFCs/c

5 Round 1 matches for U13s and U15s competitions finish this Saturday. Round two draws (and the continuation of the U11 draw) will be distributed next Monday.

Action: WJ

Officiating:

1 Craig K advised all clubs last week that (after a directive from Hockey Australia and HNSW) the Two Minute Green Card suspension rule and the Breaking rule from short corners would no longer be played. After clarification from HNSW, the rulings applied only to Australian and NSW championships and as such the rules are allowed in the Illawarra competitions.

Action: Craig to advise all clubs

2 Newly accredited level 1 umpires and TO's should pay the relevant fee to HNSW and present a receipt to Wes for a rebate of the accreditation fee.

Game Development:

The junior development day will be held on 3 July. Ernie and Dave are sourcing coaches from the IAS. These coaches could be assessed for their Level 1 coaching accreditation at the day.

Action: Ernie & Dave R

Rep Teams:

- The Under 15 A team were undefeated at their state championships yet missed the final after scoring one less goal than eventual champions Sydney. The U15 Development team attended the Moorebank carnival.
- The Open A team lost their semi-final to Sydney whilst the Development team won their relegation match in B division.
- Thomas Condon was ranked no. 1 umpire at the U15 championships and will officiate at the Australian U13 titles.
- The U13 A team travel to Grafton for their championships in a few weeks whilst the U13 development team will play in the upcoming Moorebank carnival.
- The U11s won the recent Canberra carnival.

Greg is waiting manager's reports from the U18, U15 and Open teams.

Action: Greg

All rep teams are being surveyed this season. Greg has results for the U18s survey and will present all survey results as seasons end.

Action: Greg

Ernie noted a number of instances where not all of the coach's expenses were covered at the U15 championships. The meeting agreed that if the coaches were able to provide receipts for reasonable additional expenses that the Board would consider the request for extra payment.

Action: Ernie

Masters Hockey:

Australian winners at the recent Master World Cup included O40 men (Glen Stolk), O45 men (Wes Johnston), and O60 women. Losing finalists included O50 & O40 women. Third place getters were O50 & O55 men. All Australian teams won a medal.

Marketing & Promotions:

Garry is currently discussing Physical Therapy sponsorship arrangements with PT representatives.

Action: Garry

Facilities:

The Croom Rd Hockey Centre committee have gained a quote for replacement of the sand based CR2 field and will present the quote to Shellharbour City Council on 15 July as part of future Croom Rd HC plans.

Action: Garry

Indoor:

The Indoor Hockey AGM will be held at the start of the July SGM on Monday 21 July at 7.00 pm at the Master Builders Club.

Action: John to distribute the agenda

Other Business:

The meeting congratulated Kieran Govers on the World Cup triumph. Garry will contact Kieran about his availability to talk at IDHI Presentation Night.

Action: Garry

Garry Bull, President