

**Minutes from the Board of Management meeting of Illawarra District Hockey Inc. held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Monday 21 July, 2014 at 6.00 pm.**

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

**Apology:** Ernie Orth (Coaching Director), Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), David Rieck (Development Director), Graham Body (Planning Director).

**In attendance:** John Pemberton (IMHI Administrative Officer), Darren Fowles (Officiating Committee).

**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**

**1 Call To Arms:** Final monies donated to the NSW Cancer Council for the 2014 Call To Arms days included \$1274 NSW O45s championships, \$500 clubs donations, \$562 URAC fields hire donation & \$562 2013 URAC fields hire donation. Wes will transfer the money to NSW Cancer Council and David S will finalise paperwork with Cancer Council.

**Action: Wes & David S**

**Item 2 Sub-Committee Reports**

The majority of the usual Board Directors reports were presented to the SGM held immediately after the meeting.

**Finance & Administration**

**Correspondence:**

1 Several requests for reimbursement were made for umpiring expenses for Thomas Condon. Wes displayed the formula for payment of representative team officials at state championships noting umpires normally receive a half room accommodation allowance. In the case of Thomas (as Illawarra umpire at the U15 championships), the meeting decided to pay Thomas at full room rate.

**Action: Wes**

The second request regarded payment for attendance at a HNSW umpires development clinic. The IDHI Officiating Committee 2014 budget allowed re-imbusement for umpires accreditation fees only and not payment for courses leading to that accreditation. As such Thomas (and the other Illawarra umpire who attended the clinic) did not receive the clinic payment.

The 2015 senior and junior competition sub-committees will need to discuss funding of all association representative teams to review the allowances for rep team officials.

2 Illawarra Academy of Sport applications for 2015 scholarships had been distributed to all clubs. Although it is not stated on the application form it is understood that IAS plan to lower the relevant player age by 12 months to avoid clashes with the HNSW AAP program players. Illawarra applicants are advised to apply for the normal IAS scholarship program ages.

3 HNSW have called for Eofl to host 2015 field championships – due by 15 August.

**Action: for the joint association executives meeting agenda**

4 The IAS partner appreciation afternoon will be held at Wollongong Golf Club on Friday 8 August.

**Action: Craig N & Garry to attend**

5 URAC advised that the UOW Open Day will be held on Saturday 16 August and that limited parking will be available on campus from 10 am. IDHI have scheduled an U13s match and minkey hockey on University field that morning. URAC are keen to include the hockey matches as part of Open Day promotion but the meeting was concerned of the effect of parking on the U9 player families (the U13s and U7s should find parking in the URAC Hub carpark before 10 am). Garry will ask URAC if parking in

the hockey field car park can be guaranteed for the U9 families. If not, the minkeys will be rescheduled to ICU stadium.

**Action: Garry**

### **Registrations:**

1 Player registrations closed on 30 June. However, with the availability of club player 'credits' for IDHI only registered players, it is possible for senior players to commence playing after 30 June and still qualify for Final Series. Such is the case for Michael Kelly (Dapto) and Mitchell Wright (Robertson).

Both players were allowed by the Board to register after the deadline— Michael (long term injury) for rd 15 (3 credits and 7 rounds remaining) and Mitchell (extended OS holiday) for rd 16 (3 credits but Robertson have a deferred match vs Dapto to play i.e. 7 rds available).

2 Most clubs regularly input their team match sheet data on Hockey.net. Commonly there are a few errors in the players included.

**Action: John to remind clubs to input their sheets on Mondays.**

3 Gradings Drop Offs are continuing i.e. when players cannot qualify for the senior final series, they cannot be included on club weekly gradings (i.e. they cannot play further matches) unless club credits are allocated. This does not apply to junior players who can continue playing matches although they can't qualify for the finals.

**Action: John**

4 All player grading change requests are formally approved by the gradings committee for all further competition rounds.

### **Men's Field Competition:**

1 The deferred rd 13 1<sup>st</sup> grade match Dapto vs Robertson will be played soon.

**Action: Dapto & Robertson HC**

2 Mittagong HC have contacted the relevant 1<sup>st</sup> grade teams asking if they wished to change the scheduled Sunday 6.30 pm matches to Thursday evenings at Welby Field. University accepted for the rd 17 match and Dapto and Robertson are considering their suggested changes.

3 It was suggested the MFC sub-committee should meet soon to organise Final Series arrangements i.e. draws, umpire appointments, match day co-ordination, grand final day arrangements etc.

**Action: David S**

### **Junior Field Competition:**

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

**Action: JFCs/c**

2 It was suggested the JFC sub-committee should meet soon to organise Final series arrangements i.e. draws, umpire appointments, match day co-ordination, grand final day arrangements etc.

**Action: Richard Heffernan**

### **Judiciary:**

1 Jamie Banfield (Dapto HC) received a red card for team mate abuse whilst in the dugout in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade rd 13 match. The Judiciary Committee suspended Jamie for one competition round.

2 Jon Miller (Albion Park HC) received a red card for umpire dissent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade rd 14 match. Jon requested a judiciary meeting and the JC decided on a one round suspension (with a 1 rd suspended sentence).

3 Blake Govers (Albion Park HC) received a red card for umpire dissent in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade rd 15 match. The Judiciary Committee suspended Blake for two competition rounds.

4 JOD had an enquiry whether IDHI suspensions apply to other hockey associations. The Board felt that IDHI suspensions involving a number of rounds suspension were local only penalties and only if the penalty involved a particular suspension date (i.e. a severe penalty) would they inform HNSW and other associations of a serious suspension.

**Other Business:**

1 The next meeting will be on Monday 18 August with Wests Illawarra HC invited to the club discussion program.

**Action: John**

2 John advised the meeting he is overseas from 4 September until 6 October.

Garry Bull,  
President