

Minutes from the Board of Management meeting of Illawarra District Hockey Inc. held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Monday 18 August, 2014 at 7.00 pm.

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

Apology: Craig Nealon (Immediate Past President).

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

Garry welcomed all delegates to possibly the last meeting of the IDHI Board.

Discussions with Wests Illawarra HC

WIHC officials were not available for the meeting. They will attend the next meeting if scheduled.

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 once the UOW confirm their 2014 field hire donation and David S will finalise paperwork with Cancer Council.

Action: Wes & David S

2 Golf Day. 85 players in 22 groups played in the 15th annual IDHI golf day – now named the Daryl Elliott Memorial golf day. Profit was about \$1500 plus \$1000 rebates to clubs who provided hole sponsors and \$995 profit from the raffle. The meeting agreed to hold another golf day in 2015 as part of the field competition sub-committee charter.

Item 2 Sub-Committee Reports

Association Reform:

The next meeting of the joint executives group will be held at Kiama Leagues club next Monday 25 August at 7.00 pm.

Agenda items include finalisation of the name for the new association; decision on dates for SGMs to accept the draft constitution and elect two new board directors; various timeline for association registration items, finance sub-group recommendations, non cash assets distribution and discussion on the sub-committees structure.

The meeting re-confirmed Hockey Illawarra as the preferred association name with Hockey Illawarra South Coast as a compromise position name. The position of 'Hockey' before or after 'Illawarra' was not considered significant.

Delegates would suggest a 'multi-vote system' be implemented to determine the new name at the meeting i.e. a tiered voting process whereby votes are taken for all proposed names and the least popular name is eliminated in the first voting round. The process continues with voting for the remaining names with again the least popular eliminated until a final name remains.

Action: Garry

IDHI will cease to exist after 30 September with the name association operational on 1st October, 2014.

The meeting recommended that a long serving member of the local Hockey fraternity be made a life member of IDHI at the upcoming SGM. The meeting unanimously accepted the life membership with the nominees name and contribution to be included in the SGM agenda.

Action: John

Finance & Administration

We presented the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Aged Receivables and Bank Reconciliation statements to 18 August – Total Equity \$173,577.01, Net profit \$76,178.51. The meeting approved the Financial Statements.

The meeting confirmed:

- All players in the 31-60 day and 60+ day range are considered unfinancial
- All clubs (excluding Albion Park RSL) in the 31-60 day and 60+ day range are considered unfinancial.
- All clubs and players must clear all of their debts to participate in Final Series from the 28th August.

We had distributed a draft proposal for distribution of the IDHI non cash assets to the new joint Association. The meeting endorsed the proposals.

Action: delegates to joint associations meeting

Registrations:

- Junior finals qualification lists had been finalised and senior lists will be completed after the final round matches.
- Most clubs/teams are inputting match results and team information each week. However commonly there are up to 30% of sheets not entered and there are usually some errors in the data entry.
- Wests 5ths played three 4ths graded players in the rd 17 match vs Dapto. Consequently Wests lost their competition points which were awarded to Dapto 5ths.

Presentation Night – Friday 29 August at 7.00 pm at the Master Builders Club

- Invites have been sent to VIPs, life members, sponsors and the joint association group members & partners.
- Clubs have been reminded of numbers of tickets allocated and lists of winners to invite to accept their trophy.
- The menu and ticket prices have been finalised.
- Perpetual trophies have been recalled and new glasses ordered.
- Craig N is the MC and has produced a hockey highlights presentation.
- NSW President Larry Maher will be guest for a Q & A interview about Association Reform and the future of NSW hockey.

Action: John

Men's Field Competition:

The MFC sub-committee met prior to the Board meeting – at 6.00 pm.

1 The 2015 1st grade competition forum will be held on Monday 3rd November at 7.00 pm at the Builders club. The principal focus will be on review of the first grade competition with discussion on lower grade competitions. All interested person are welcome to attend with first grade coaches, managers and captains attendance mandatory.

Clubs will be asked to provide suggestions to the Board beforehand with Graham compiling the suggestions into a discussion paper to be distributed to all clubs by 20 October.

Action: clubs & Graham

2 There were a number of washed out matches from last Sunday. The meeting decided that all round 20 matches must be completed before this coming Sunday i.e. the last comp round.

1st grade

Albion Park vs Mittagong – abandoned at half time with Park leading 4 – 1. Match awarded win to AP.
University vs Dapto – match originally transferred from Uni Field then abandoned at GK field – match can be replayed if either side wishes to play. However Dapto play Mittagong at Welby field on Friday night.

2nd grade

West's vs Kiama – abandoned from RR field – too wet to start. Match to be played Friday night at RR field at 8.00 pm.

Uni Blue vs Uni Red - match originally transferred from Uni Field then abandoned at GK field. Match to be played this Friday at Uni field at 7.00 pm.

3rd grade

Dapto vs Uni – abandoned at halftime with Uni leading 3 – 1. Second half to be played this Thursday night at RR field at 8.00 pm (Dapto HC normal training time).

5th grade

West's vs Kiama - abandoned from RR field – too wet to start. Match to be played Friday night at RR field at 6.30 pm.

Albion Park vs Fairy Meadow - abandoned from CR field – too wet to start. Match to be played Friday night at GK field at 6.30 pm.

Final Series Organisation

- Final pointscores and player qualifications will be finalised after Sunday's final round matches.
- The standard semi-final draw will be distributed on Monday.
- Tyson Street will distribute umpire appointments and Darren Fowles Technical Officer appointments.

Action: Tyson & Darren

- John will be match day controller for the semi-finals (match sheets, open & close ICU complex, check qualifiers and inform the media, sponsors banners). Garry & Dave S will do likewise for the Final and Grand Final.

Action: John, Garry & Dave S

- The Bar Committee will organise bar opening.
- Wes will pay umpires and TOs.

Action: Wes

The eastern side gate will not be open during the senior final series matches. However the eastern gate area must be accessible for ambulance entry.

Action: Garry to provide signage

Entry will be the southern gate from the carpark. Clubs are reminded that the ICU complex is licensed and players and supporters are not allowed to bring alcoholic beverages into the complex.

Grand Final organisation

- Presentations of medallions and trophies to each premier team will be made after each GF. Garry will organise the various grade presenters and portable PA system.

Action: Garry

- Craig N will take video highlights for each match.

Action: Craig N

- Any clubs wishing to run a GF BBQ must contact the IHI Board.
- The executive will organise security guards for the day.

Action: Garry, Wes & Craig N

There are two signed Kookaburra sticks to raffle over the final series. Tickets will be sold during the finals matches with a stick drawn at juniors GF and the other at seniors GF.

Action: John OD and helpers

Junior Field Competition:

1 Fairy Meadow HC requested that their 17 qualified Under 13 players be able to play in the B division final series (IDHI by-laws allow only 16 players per match). The FFC s/c supported the request.

2 The semi-finals draw will be distributed to clubs tomorrow.

A Division Semi Finals

8:00am U11 Major Semi - West's Illawarra v Dapto (LM RR)

8:00am U11 Minor Semi - University v Gerringong (LM GK)

9:10am U13 Major Semi - Wests Illawarra Red v University (LM RR)
9:10am U13 Minor Semi - Gerringong v Albion Park RSL Green (LM GK)

10:20am U15 Major Semi - Wests Illawarra Red v Fairy Meadow (LM RR)
10:20am U15 Minor Semi - University Gold v Wests Illawarra Blue (LM GK)

B Division Semi Finals

8:00am U15 Albion Park White v Albion Park Green (CR1)
9:10am U13 Fairy Meadow v Albion Park White (CR1)
10.20 am U13 Kiama v Flames (CR1)
10:20am U15 Dapto v University Blue (CR2)

The minkeys will play U7 & U9 carnivals in the ICU stadium this Saturday morning – U7s 8.00 am to 10.00 am then presentation; U9s 9.30 am to 11.30 am then presentation.

Grand Final organisation

John has the winners, runners-up and umpires medallions and perpetual trophies. Garry will contact Richard Heffernan about presentations after each GF.

Action: Garry

Officiating:

1 David Gentles provided an excellent presentation at the recent umpires revision night. However attendance was poor and events communications must be improved greatly to ensure all interested people know about the rules night and other events.

2 The Officiating Committee have appointed umpires and TOs for all grades from round 19 onwards.

Action: Tyson & Darren

3 Four new TOs attended the recent Level 1 TOs course. They will receive their practical assessment during rd 21 and finals matches. Another TO course will be organised at the start of indoor competitions.

Action: Darren

Judiciary:

1 Jason Kast (Albion Park HC) received a red card for umpire dissent in the 2nd grade rd 17 match. Jason requested a judiciary meeting and the JC decided on a one round suspension.

2 Jake Haddon (Fairy Meadow HC) received a red card for umpire dissent in the 3rd grade rd 17 match. The JC decided on a one round suspension.

3 Jack Hayes (Albion Park HC) received a 2 point yellow card in the rd 17 1st grade match. He has now accumulated 12 umpires penalty points for yellow cards and is suspended for rd 18 matches.

4 Reece Anderson (Albion Park HC) received a yellow card and a red card in the 3rd grade Rd 18 match. The Judiciary Committee met and decided to impose a two round suspension for the red card and to allocate a 5 point penalty for the red card. Reece also received a 4 point penalty for the yellow card.

Reece had previously accumulated 7 penalty points for yellow cards for the season. Addition of the 9 points allocated for the rd 18 match provided a total of 16 penalty points and a further 4 round suspension. The six total rounds suspension impacts on the final series. The JC advised Albion Park HC if Albion Park 3rd grade play all three games in the final series, Reece's suspension finishes at the end of the Grand Final. If they play only two games in the final series, Reece's last round suspension will occur in the first round of the 2015 field season.

Albion Park HC asked the Board for clarification on the penalty as they felt that Reece had been doubly penalised for the red card.

The meeting discussed the matter in detail and found that the Judiciary Committee had correctly followed the IDHI by-laws and confirmed the Judiciary Committee's decisions.

5 The JC investigated a complaint from University HC about alleged player misbehaviour in several U18 competition matches this season. Their investigation concluded that the player had no case to answer and rejected the complaint.

Rep Teams:

- Greg had received manager's reports from the Illawarra U15 As, U13As and U11s. He is waiting for reports from the U15 and U13 development teams.
- Player responses from the U13 rep team survey are slowly arriving and Greg plans to distribute survey results for the U15 and U13 surveys soon.
- Application requests for coaches and managers for the various indoor representative teams will be distributed after this Thursdays Indoor committee meeting.

Action: Greg

Masters:

1 The winners of the various Masters Best and Fairest awards will be presented with engraved glasses at the IDHI Presentation night.

Over 40 A Best & Fairest – Paul Munro

Over 40 B – Brian Dobson

Over 45 A – Lionel Billett

Over 45 B – Paul Haddon

Over 50 A – Paul Van Eimeren

Over 50 B – Peter Ovington

Over 55 A – Peter Hammond

Over 55 B – John Thompson

2 The Australian Masters championships will be held in Perth starting on 27 September. There is a large contingent of Illawarra players in the various NSW teams.

Promotions and Marketing:

Promotional information for Peoplecare, Physical Therapy and the Illawarra Credit Union will be distributed to all Illawarra hockey players ASAP. E copies of the sponsorship information will be sent via HockeyNet and on the Illawarra hockey website.

Action: Wes

Facilities:

- Illawarra Hockey Inc have applied to host the 2015 NSW Under 13 girls or boys championships and the Open Women's or Men's championships.
- HNSW have approached IHI to host the 2015 Australian Country championships.
- IHI have distributed the new stadium hire charges with a CPI increase only.
- The ICU complex field water pumps need urgent replacement. This cannot be completed before the final series and work should commence in October.
- The Croom rd committee have met with the company managers of the Albion Park by-pass project. The latter will present the final plans in September; however; it is very unlikely that either of the CR fields will be affected by the by-pass other than a new entry road from the south.

Indoor:

The deadline for junior and senior team nominations for the new competitions is 31 August.

Action: Warren

Garry Bull,
President