

Minutes from the Special General Meeting of the Illawarra District Hockey Incorporated held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Monday 17 February, 2014 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Present: Garry Bull (President), Janet Cowan (Vice President), Wes Johnston (Finance Director, Life Member), David Sharpe (Competition Director), Greg Condon (Rep Team Director), David Rieck (Development Director), John O'Donnell (Masters Director), Warren Gale (Indoor Director), Jason Collett & Keith Maywald (Albion Park seniors), Darryl Elliott (Albion Park Flames), Michael Thomas (Dapto), Anthony Gibson & Michael Hickey (Fairy Meadow), Andrew McGeechan & Peter Garrard (Kiama), Mark Campbell & Tony Dellapina (University), Peter Miotto (Wests Illawarra), Darren Airey & Brendon McDonald (Robertson).

Apology: Craig Nealon (Immediate Past President), Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), Graham Body (Planning Director), Ernie Orth (Coaching Director), Peter Cummins (Life Member), Danny Shipp (Life Member), Jan Massie (Albion Park juniors), Tamara Thorburn (Albion Park Flames), Kiralie Allan (Seacliff), Darren Fowles (Officiating s/c)

In Attendance: John Pemberton (IDHI Administrative Officer).

Garry welcomed the delegates to the first general meeting and outlined the new voting rights i.e. from the recently adopted new constitution.

Minutes from the previous SGM: The minutes from the SGM of 16 July, 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Business Arising: Nil.

Item 3. Amalgamation Progress

Garry reported on the first meeting of the Interim Joint Board (Garry Bull, Janet Cowan, Wes Johnson, Craig Nealon (IDHI) and Elaine Carr, Marlene Matthews, Sue Abba, Marion Grant, Sue Bessell (IWHA)) held on 31 January at the ICU Stadium.

Items included:

- IWHA and IDHI will maintain their own current boards and undertake their own competition and association business as per usual until amalgamation
- amalgamation deadline will be 30 September, 2014 with the relevant AGMs held in November.
- invite SCWHA to the next meeting to be part of the amalgamation process
- establish the following joint sub-committees during 2014 - Game development; Officiating; Marketing and sponsorship; Facilities.
- each association would manage their financial affairs independently for the 2014 season.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24 February at 7 pm at the ICU Stadium.

Action: Garry, Janet, Wes, Craig N and John (minute secretary)

Garry reported on the Association Reform topic from Saturdays HNSW President's meeting. HNSW announced the suggested new Association boundaries with IDHI included in a new Association encompassing IWHA, SCWHA and perhaps Shoalhaven. HNSW will distribute their new association boundaries document this week.

Action: Garry

2014 Budget

Wes distributed copies of the draft 2014 Budget. He outlined the process to produce the draft Budget.

Important decisions in the production of the budget included:

- Hockey NSW increases are significant and the HNSW players fees should be paid online with registration. If players choose not to pay online, HNSW will invoice the players club.
- the new Regional Coaching Co-ordinator position added \$5,000 to Game Development costs
- Removing fixture books as suggested by clubs saves \$2,600
- 46 less players in 2013 (960) compared to 2012 (1008) results in overheads being distributed between less players
- 2.5% increase in turf hire fees at ICU fields

Totals 7 +? 6 6 5 7 9 11 10 + 8 +

Additional U18 teams: Southern Highlands & Shoalhaven (joint team with Kiama).

Seacliff and Unanderra are not sure if they can enter teams this season. They will inform John ASAP.
Action: John

Home Fields: Robertson confirmed they will play home matches at Croom Rd. Kiama will advise ASAP if they will play home matches at CR or possibly at Nowra.

Item 5 **Competition Format**

There will be NO competition Fixtures Book for 2014 – part of the budget cost cutting process. All IDHI paperwork including the draw can be found on the ihockey website under IDHI then resources.

Action: Wes & John

The January Board meeting (in discussions with Dapto HC) suggested that the limitations to interchanges in 1st grade players introduced to assist DHC last year be deleted for 2014.

By-Laws changes – discussion on suggestion to revert to the old First Grade interchange rule by-law 2.02 i.e. Each team shall be entitled to use a maximum of sixteen (16) players per match a maximum of eleven (11) on the field at any one time. All interchanges shall be under the control of the umpires.

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For First Grade matches only - Each team shall be entitled to use a maximum of twelve (12) field players and two (2) goal keepers per match - a maximum of eleven (11) on the field at any one time. **For first grade final series matches** - Each team shall be entitled to use a maximum of sixteen (16) players per match. All interchanges shall be under the control of the match officials.

The meeting agreed to delete the highlighted section and also to change 'umpires' to 'match officials'.

The new 2.02 to read: *Each team shall be entitled to use a maximum of sixteen (16) players per match with a maximum of eleven (11) on the field at any one time. All interchanges shall be under the control of the match officials.*

Item 6 Sub-Committee reports

Facilities:

- A new scoreboard for CR1 will be operational soon. The old CR1 scoreboard will be moved to CR2 at that time.
- A new hybrid field will be installed at Welby sometime in 2014.
- The Croom hockey management committee have met with RMS regarding the Albion Park by-pass. The by-pass will encroach on Croom sporting land but it will have no effect on the hockey fields.
- Both ICU and CR facilities will have online booking capabilities in the future

Finance & Administration:

The new HockeyNet is not yet available. All clubs should get their new logins soon as their contact details/email address were submitted to HNSW today. Wes is organizing a workshop on Tuesday evening at the ICU Stadium for interested club administrators to set up their new club portal.

Action: Wes

The player registration method is similar to 2013. Individuals can register from the HA site, HNSW site, ihockey site (will be activated on Wednesday morning) or the club site which can be linked to the club website or facebook site. Dual registered players can also register (and pay their primary association fees) online through any of these sites.

Garry reminded all clubs that players must 'tick' the Codes of Conduct box when registering and that IDHI will strictly enforce these codes in 2014.

Garry congratulated a number of Illawarra hockey players on their awards at last Saturdays HNSW Awards Night – Tristan White senior male field player of the year, Kurt Ogilvie senior male indoor player, Lyndal Scerri (nee Ogilvie) senior female indoor player and Kyah Gray junior female indoor player.

Game Development:

HNSW have appointed Ben Senior as the RCC (includes IDHI, IWHA, SCWHA, Shoalhaven HA & Goulburn HA). Ben is one of seven FT RCC's appointed by HNSW. Each association pays \$5000 (\$25,000 total) with HNSW paying the additional \$50,000 for each RCC. Each association will be allocated one day per week of Ben's position. Garry and David met with Ben this afternoon and made suggestions for Ben's initial 90 day plan. IDHI's suggestions were to focus on school participation programs as well as coach and umpire development. Ben will also assist with club coaches and David had provided Ben with a list of club junior co-ordinators. Ben's IDHI contact is David.

Action: David R

When Ben submits his 90 day plan, John will distribute to all clubs.

Action: John

The Junior Development Program for 12 to 14 year old field players and goalkeepers has operated over the last three Mondays with another four weeks remaining.

More information will be distributed soon about the U11 and U13 player development day on Sunday 16 March.

Action: David R

Indoor:

A joint IDHI/IWHA Indoor s/c will be formed in May, 2014.

Junior Field Competition:

Wes is the acting chair of this sub-committee. A chair will be elected at the first meeting. Other s/c members are: John Pemberton, Jan Massie (Albion Park), Paula Jimenez (Flames), Jodie Howard (Dapto), Richard Heffernan (FM), Gil Wishart (Gerringong), Andrew McGeechan (Kiama), Mark Campbell (Uni), David Rieck (West) and hopefully members from Seacliff and Unanderra.

Final team nominations are due on Friday 7 March, the s/c will meet on Wednesday 12 March at 5.30 pm at the ICU Stadium. Some agenda topics will be: separate the junior competition rules from the current combined junior/senior by-laws; what to run during the school holidays breaks i.e. development sessions; U9s & U7s development days during the minkey program.

In addition, Dapto HC highlighted the ongoing clash of uniforms when they play Flames. The meeting confirmed that Flames must play in an alternative strip when the two clubs play. Consequently an item for the s/c meeting will be clarification of team playing uniforms – as a number of clubs now have two teams in each age division.

Anthony Gibson asked that FMHC's initial suggestions for junior hockey competition changes (discussed at the AGM) also be included in the s/c agenda

Action: Wes & John to compile an agenda

Men's Field Competition:

Final team nominations are due on Friday 7 March, the s/c will meet on Thursday 13 March at 6.00 pm at the ICU Stadium to discuss the 2014 competition structure.

s/c members are Dave Sharpe (chair), John Pemberton, Daryl Elliott (Albion Park), Warren Gale (Dapto), Michael Hickey (FM), Andrew McGeechan (Kiama), Mark Bisby (Robertson), Tony Dellapina (Uni), Peter Miotto (West).

Officiating:

The umpire payment voucher system will operate similarly to last season. However there is a new canteen operator at the ICU Complex and confirmation is needed that the vouchers can be cashed at the LM Canteen.

Action: John

Accredited match officials in all first and second grade matches will be paid this season.

The meeting accepted the draft judiciary video guidelines and they will be adopted for the 2014 season.

Action: JOD

Umpires and technical officials who gain their accreditation and officiate regularly during 2014 will have their course costs rebated by IDHI.

Action: Craig K & Wes

Representative Teams:

- Information about the various age division rep team trials and selection dates have been distributed to all clubs.
- Accommodation has been booked for all state championships.
- Scott Govers has been appointed U18 A team coach with Bruce Parsons as assistant coach and manager. It is hoped to announce the U18s Development team coach and manager soon.
- There have been no nominations for U15 team coaches.

Sponsorship and Promotion:

Sponsors: The Illawarra Credit Union is the **major sponsor** of all local Hockey. In addition, Illawarra Master Builders Club and FHE Hockey Supplies were confirmed as ongoing IDHI Juniors & Rep Teams **Sponsors** respectively.

The s/c will hold meetings soon with Peoplecare about extending last year's Umpires sponsorship and with Physical Therapy about a physiotherapy agreement.

The s/c is considering organizing a free online tipping competition for all IDHI members. It would involve tipping the results of the men's and women's first grade matches each week. There would be prizes for the weekly round winners as well as the overall season top tipper.

Action: Wes to provide information ASAP

Item 8 Other Business

Calendar of Events: The HNSW Championships package should be received soon (included all HNSW dates). Once it is received, John will produce the IDHI 2014 Calendar.

Action: John to distribute to clubs and place in the Resource Library

Garry Bull,
President