

Minutes from the Special General Meeting of the Illawarra District Hockey Incorporated held at the Illawarra Master Builders Club on Monday 21 July, 2013 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Garry Bull (President), Janet Cowan (Vice President), Craig Nealon (Immediate Past President), Warren Gale (Indoor Director), Wes Johnston (Finance Director, Life Member), David Sharpe (Competition Director), Greg Condon (Rep Team Director), David Rieck (Development Director), Ernie Orth (Coaching Director), John O'Donnell (Masters Director), Keith Maywald & Darren Coombes (Albion Park seniors), Craig Schofield & Michael Thomas (Dapto), Michael Hickey & Anthony Gibson (Fairy Meadow), David Brookfield & Will Carney (Kiama), Tony Dellapina & James Fisher (University).

Apologies: Craig Klaus (Umpires Director), Graham Body (Planning Director), Tamara Thorburn (Flames), Darren Airey (Robertson), Peter Cummins (Life Member), Wayne Billett (Life Member).

In Attendance: John Pemberton (IMHI Administrative Officer), Tyson Street (Indoor Committee), Peter Huk (Indoor Committee), Darren Fowles (Officiating Committee).

Garry welcomed the delegates to the general meeting and outlined voting rights under the new constitution i.e. one vote for life members, Board directors and clubs plus an additional vote per club for each 20 registered members. Club votes are Albion Park 10, Flames 3, Dapto 6, Fairy Meadow 8, Gerringong 1, Kiama 4, Robertson 1, Seacliff 2, Unanderra 1, University 10 & Wests Illawarra 8 (figures based on 2013 registrations as HNSW have not finalized 2014 registration numbers).

Garry Bull and John O'Donnell spoke about the sad passing of Albion Park HC's Daryl Elliott. Daryl made an outstanding contribution to both his club and Illawarra District Hockey (especially to Masters Hockey) and will be greatly missed by all members of the Illawarra Hockey fraternity. The meeting expressed their condolences to Daryl's family and APMHC.

Minutes from the previous SGM: The minutes from the SGM of 16 February, 2014 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Business Arising: Nil.

Item 1 Indoor Committee AGM

Voting rights for the Indoor elections were outlined:

- Each junior club has one vote per junior team entered in the U13 & U15 Indoor competition (does not include U11 competition)
- Each senior team has one vote for their team in the senior competition. This person will be the team contact or a nominated player registered with a team. A team representative voting for a senior team can only vote for one senior team.
- Each Indoor committee member has one vote

As such eligibility to vote included Albion Park HC 4, Dapto 3, Fairy Meadow 2, University 5, Wests 6 as well as previous indoor committee (PH, WJ, EO, JC, GC, WG, TS) and team representatives (DS, DB, EO, PH, WG, WC, WJ & DR) i.e. total of 34 votes

Election of Office Bearers for the 2014 Indoor Hockey season.

Chairperson – Peter Huk had submitted a written nomination and was duly elected.

Finance Administrator – Wes Johnston was nominated from the floor and was duly elected.

Coaching Development coordinator – Ernie Orth had submitted a written nomination and was duly elected.

Registrar – Janet Cowan and Wendy Condon had submitted written nominations. An election was held and Wendy was elected by 20 votes to 14.

Rep Team Administrator – Greg Condon had submitted a written nomination and was duly elected.

Competition Administrator – Warren Gale had submitted a written nomination and was duly elected.

Umpire coordinator – two written nominations were received – from Tyson Street and Craig Klaus. Both nominations were accepted and the two nominees decided that Tyson would coordinate senior umpires and Craig would coordinate junior umpires.

In the future Indoor Hockey will be organised by the new joint Association Indoor committee. However interim arrangements pending finalisation of the amalgamation allow the 2014 indoor competitions to be organized by IDHI and IWHA indoor committees respectively.

The IDHI Indoor Committee will meet soon to plan for the upcoming season.

Item 2 Reports

Association Reform

Garry provided a broad overview of progress on the amalgamation of Illawarra District Hockey, Illawarra Women's Hockey Association, South Coast Women's Hockey Association and Shoalhaven Hockey Association. The joint executive committee meets monthly to progress the amalgamation process with a reform deadline of 30 September, 2014.

Action: presentation attached

There was lengthy discussion regarding the name of the new Association. The meeting voted by strong majority to propose Hockey Illawarra as the preferred Association name. The meeting also voted to accept Hockey Illawarra South Coast as a potential compromise position name.

Financial Statements:

Wes distributed a copy of IDHI Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet and Aged Receivables statements.

The meeting confirmed that all debtors in the 31 to 60 days & 60 + days columns (except Albion Park Mens Hockey Club) will be declared unfinancial with IDHI on next Monday 28 July.

Action: WJ

Wes reminded all clubs that NO club or player with an outstanding invoice will be permitted to take part in the junior or senior Final Series.

The meeting accepted the Financial Statements.

Competition:

A date after the final series will be organised for a forum to discuss the 2015 1st grade competition format. Club presidents, 1st grade (or highest team) captains and coaches will be invited to attend.

Action: David S

Development: David R reported on RCC Ben Senior's program

- 50 players attended the U12 development day.
- 20 players attended the U9 development day.
- Ben is coaching the AAP program on Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- Ben has assisted the club coaching program for several junior & senior clubs.
- Interested clubs can contact Ben at the ICU office.

Officiating – Darren noted matters from their recent meeting:

Accreditation - there are 9 new HockeyEd coaching accreditations who have completed their field component. HNSW have advised that they will not be accredited until they have completed their online module and paid the fee. In the future, all candidates must complete their online module before their practical component.

Level 1 TO Course - proposed date to be 06/08/2014 at 7:30pm. Venue TBA.

Club Structure - Lower grade umpires are club allocated and then appointed by their club umpire co-coordinator or men's convener. The OC need a list of club umpire co-ordinators.

Deferred Games – clubs must use the deferred match protocol for both junior and senior matches.

2015 - it is recommended that TO's be appointed for all grades.

Rules Refresher Night – planning a rules refresher prior to semi-finals.

Appointments - In regards to full appointments, if clubs could nominate grade specific umpires this may be possible. Officiating committee will commence spending days at different grounds to look at lower grade umpires commencing 27 July.

2014 comments – aim was to retain all current umpires with small growth in the number of new grade umpires – slow progress with a 5 year growth plans. There are a number of very good junior umpires who must be assisted to the transition to seniors. A serious issue is the three different venues and reluctance of umpires to travel between venues. A major concern is the lack of support from clubs to develop new umpires and the off-field comments from the sideline/supporters as well as on field disputing decisions – there needs to be a cultural change.

Rep Teams: Greg reported:

- The U13s finished 6th in the NSW championships last weekend. The U13 development team performed well in the Moorebank carnival and will contest the upcoming Goulburn carnival.
- The U11s will complete in the Macarthur carnival. They decided not to play in the annual Fibbens carnival.
- Reports have been received from both Open teams with reports from U18s, U15s and U13s expected soon.
- The majority of players had completed surveys for the U18s and U15s state titles. Feedback is very encouraging and Greg will present all survey information at season's end.

Sponsors:

Copies of a joining offer from Peoplecare and information about new sponsor Physical Therapy were distributed. E copies of the sponsorship information will be sent to all IDHI players via HockeyNet and on the Illawarra hockey website.

Action: John

Facilities: Garry reported on the following IHI and CR facilities matters.

- The ICU have water pump issues which cannot be repaired before the off season.
- Resurfacing of the ICU stadium floor is high priority.
- There are still future plans to develop a synthetic grass hit-up area just south of RR field.
- The Croom Rd committee have met with RMS authorities about the Albion Park by-pass and its effect on the Croom Complex. The proposal will be finalized this year and although much of the Croom complex will be affected by the by-pass road, at this stage it appears the hockey fields will remain untouched.
- The Croom committee have made a presentation to SCC to replace the CR2 surface. SCC will assist with possible grant funding information.

Golf Day – Thursday 14 August at Port Kembla Golf Club

The cost for a sponsored hole and golf groups had risen a small amount. Club obligations are similar to last year. Information had been sent to each club and letters had been sent to previous sponsors and donators. All clubs are asked to inform John of their teams ASAP.

Action: John

The meeting decided to name the annual IDHI golf day – The Daryl Elliott Memorial Golf Day.

Action: John to engrave the champions trophy.

Presentation Night Friday 29th August i.e. Friday before the semi-finals – at 7.00 pm at the Master Builders Club.

IDHI will invite the IWHA to a joint Illawarra Hockey presentation night. All Illawarra Masters awards will also be made on the night. Garry will invite Tristan White as guest speaker. Crain N will again be MC and organize the audio/visual presentation.

Action: John, Garry & Craig N

Meritorious Service Awards:

Illawarra Masters have nominated Brian Eastham for his outstanding service as a player and official. The Board have accepted the nomination.

Action: John to organize the presentation for the IDHI presentation night.

Other Business:

1 Dapto HC noted the on-going problem of clashes of uniform in matches against Flames and Mittagong. These matters must be discussed by the junior and senior competition committees.

It was stressed that in the future (i.e. amalgamated association in 2015) the various sub-committee's will deal with most matters and report to the Board with recommendations. Each of the sub-committee's will be self-governing i.e. there will be no future support from Diskray PL (via John Pemberton).

Garry Bull,
President