ESPERANCE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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| Time: |  6.04pm – 6.55pm |
| Date: | 19th August 2021 |
| Location: | Greater Sports Grounds Pavilion |
| Chair: | Niccole Cooper |
| Attendees: | Rhys Bratten, Emma Button, Ian O’Dea, Tom Edwards, Tania Wright, Emma-Jane Carney, Natasha Woodhouse, Natasha McCarthy, Justine McDonald, Niccole Cooper, Mel Walker, Taryn Thomas, Kylie Ekin |
| Apologies: | Henry Johnston, Rachel McDonald, Jen Williams, Angela Hill, Heath McDonald |
| Minute taker: | Justine McDonald |

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|  | Item | Recommendations | Summary of discussion | Actions |
| 6pm | Minutes from previous meeting | Minutes have been circulated to teamsIs there any business arising | * Are the headsets being used on a weekly basis
* Thank you to teams for shifting the goals every Sat after the 3pm game
* Match cards – present new format for review
 | * Please pass around to all team umpires that the headsets are available for anyone to use. We have purchased some disposable ear buds to use
* To be emailed to teams for their review, injury report section is provided and all injuries must be reported
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|  | President’s Report |  | * Read by Niccole
 | * Attached, no further action required
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|  | Treasurers Report and Kitchen update | Balance of accounts, major payments, and kitchen update | * Chq a/c $53308.93, includes $7156 insurance claim for broken side door.
* Debit Card $343.21
* Reserve $45590.58
 | * Justine to contact Chris Burr to follow up on installation of the new door
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|  | Women’s Report |  | * Only 2 rounds to go
* The top 4 is set and can’t change – Furies, Emus, Condingup and Bacchus
* If there are any new, beginner umpires that would like to be added to the what’s app group please let Tash know
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|  | Men’s Report |  | * Will wasn’t present, no report provided
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|  | Umpire Report | A panel has been formed including the men’s and ladies’ captains. They were going to invite other members | * Anyone is welcome to join
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|  | Registrar Report | Ange is currently away | * Dave Green has been entering details onto the website
* Justine has been collecting waiver forms and casual payments
 | * Teams need to ensure correct names are entered on cards, especially when entering married surname vs maiden name
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|  | Junior Report | Hoodie proposal Season updateMinutes of last meeting | * These will be in adult and children sizes and available for anyone to purchase
* Jen provided minutes from the junior committee which were not read out but are available to members if they wish to see them by emailing the secretary
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|  | Kitchen Report | Attached | * Tania is unable to take on the role by herself next year. The new fresh menu means a lot more work is involved
* Junior parents feel pressured at handover of shifts as there is quite often an influx of customers
* Tania mentioned that Southcoast Foodservices are excellent to work with, very helpful and friendly
* There have been a number of kids asking if they can help out which is great but wondering what we can get them to do
* Tanya likes to use as much fresh food as possible so there are left overs most days but she isn’t sure of a way around this while maintaining freshness. Any thoughts would be appreciated
 | * Healthway grant money may need to be reallocated to other items if we can’t utilize the fresh food preparation options
* Can shift change overs be staggered so it’s not so hectic?
* Tanya is in the process of preparing a handover checklist which will make life easier for all volunteers
* Do we make a list of jobs for juniors eg. Sweep the floor, wash up etc. those that help can be given a small snack as appreciation
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|  | Windup committee | Only 2 members so farIt’s our 50th year anniversary so would be great to have a few more on board | * Niccole Cooper, Tash McCarthy, Rachel Norwood, Caitlin James and Sarah O’Neil are heading the committee
* It would be great to see some male representation
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|  | John Walsh nomination | Nomination of candidates by individuals or teams for the John Walsh trophy to be submitted at the August meeting, stipulating reasons for nomination. This enables each team to vote with an informed choice.  Voting slips with all nominations listed to be handed out in August to all senior teams will be tallied by the secretary and kept confidential until presentation night.  | * Circulate amongst team members
* If anyone has a nomination in mind, email their name and list of achievements to the secretary address – esperance.hockey@gmail.com
 | * To follow up
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|  | Finals Format | To let teams know what to expect  | * Umpires – local or outsource?
* Fixture book is wrong – we will follow Hockey WA where 1st vs 2nd and 3rd vs 4th
* Draw at the end of the match – how much time?
* One on ones or flicks?
 | * The umpiring panel will provide a list of names for teams in finals to look at. The option of out of town umpires will also be discussed with teams
* Can we look at cross umpiring (men umpire women’s games and women umpire men’s games). This will be discussed amongst the umpiring panel and contact made to umpires
* It was voted on that seniors would follow the same format as juniors for finals which also aligns with Hockey WA rules which is:
	+ Semi 1 - 3rd vs 4th
	+ Semi 2 – 1st vs 2nd
	+ Prelim – loser of semi 1 plays winner of semi 2
* If a draw at full time a 5 minute break will be taken followed by 5 minutes each way (golden goal). If still a draw at the end of the 10 minutes one on ones will be played. Votes were 10 for, 3 against
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|  | New bylaws endorsement | To endorse the by laws that were circulated to teams  | * Motion was unanimously carried to adopt the new version 14 votes for, 0 votes against
* Challenge Cup – look at making it 1st vs 2nd after the men’s 2nd round while they only have 4 teams which will align better with the women’s 1st round completion
* Also discussed the change to a Saturday night and becoming a fixtured game, the rule around qualifying players
 | * To provide a copy to all financial members and place a copy on the website and on the noticeboard of the clubrooms
* A new by law has been made stating that any financial member is eligible to play in the Challenge Cup match
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|  | General Business | There was an under 17’s injury last weekend | * A medical incident report is being finalized for insurance purposes
* All coaches, team managers and umpires have been informed that ALL injuries must be reported on the game card
 | * Please let all team members know so when a card is signed by the captain they can check that the injury has been written down
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President’s Report

Thank you all for coming this evening. This season has gone past in the blink of an eye as we find ourselves approaching finals and the end of season celebrations! I have thoroughly enjoyed this season and working with such a proactive and passionate group of committee members. Now is the time to start thinking about how you would like to help our YOUR association for the remainder of this season and if you would like to consider joining the committee for 2022. There is a lot of work done behind the scenes to make the competition run smoothly and to continue to offer this family friendly, fun environment that the Esperance Hockey Association currently provides to it’s members.

There is still time to put your hand up to take on the role of grounds keeper and have the very important job of line marking our finals fields. If you are interested, please don’t be shy, just let me know. There are also positions up for grabs on our Super Fun Windup committee! We are busily planning a black tie event that will be a night to remember. If getting busy with a hot glue gun in one hand and a glass of wine in the other sounds like something you’d be down for – again, let me know. If you have any suggestions, ideas, feedback from your teams about how to make the Windup more appealing to everyone please let Rach, Tash, Caitlin, Sarah or myself know. Numbers for the windup have been down the past couple of years and we’d really like to see all teams attending and celebrating our Association.

Since our last general meeting, we have had Women’s Country Week, Upper Great Southern Junior Carnival and the Men’s Challenge Cup. Thanks to Sam Stubna, Ange Hill and Ange Jeitz preparation and planning – Women’s CountryWeek was an absolute blast, with great accommodation, team bonding on the dancefloor, some great hockey and we celebrated that in fact you CAN make a Wife out of a Hoe. Narrogin Carnival was challenging this year due to Covid and our on again-off again accommodation situation but with a very enthusiastic team of helpers, we were able to take 6 teams (78 players) to the Carnival for a great weekend of hockey. Sometimes adversity can lead to positive change and we have found a possible ongoing alternative to the accommodation we have used for the past few decades, forged new friendships with other like minded sporting clubs and paved the way for next year’s carnival to be even better! Our Junior players get a lot out of Carnivals like these and we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to take them. Again – things like these don’t happen without volunteers, so if you’re keen to be involved next year, please let myself or Jennie know! The Men’s Challenge Cup was played on a Saturday afternoon this year instead of the normal Friday night under lights format. It was also a normal fixtured game that counts toward premiership points. This year was a little rushed and not executed to it’s full capacity, so if you have any feedback for next year’s Challenge Cup, please speak to your Men’s Captain Will or Ladies Captains Tash and Rach. We are very open to feedback and suggestions at all times so please do communicate with us!

I would like to take a minute to thank Rachel McDonald for her efforts with the Canteen renovations this season. It has been a challenge and a lot of work for Rach – so on behalf of the Committee and the entire Association – thank you Rachel. Also to Tania, thank you for the work you have done to implement the new Healthy options in our Canteen. For those who don’t know, EHA were successful in obtaining a Healthway Grant for the canteen and Tania has done a lot of work in making us compliant with the new Healthy options system. A drink fountain is on it’s way which is fantastic! Keep an eye on the menu for other new options coming soon.

I’ve said it many times before, but an Association is only as strong as it’s members and volunteers. EHA is a fantastic family to be a part of and we would love to see more of our members getting on board the committees and bringing positive changes to our association. Please feel free to see me at any time if you want to discuss how you can help out. Thank you.