

ESPERANCE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2020

Meeting opened: 6.00pm

Present: Angela Jeitz, Angela Hill (via phone), Jon Paul Adams, Tash McCarthy, Rachel Hoey, Fraser O'Brien, Stew McKenzie, Justine McDonald, Jennie Williams (via phone), Ian O'Dea, Rachel McDonald

Junior Report

Junior committee have met and looked at options for 2020. Numbers are down from 2019. There is a lack of enthusiasm for juniors to start training. Possible reconfiguration of junior grades from 2019 due to some groups having low numbers. After much discussion there was a unanimous decision to open registrations for junior grades, with a view to training this term and looking at commencing a season in term 3. Players must register before they start training. There is the option to train in groups rather than teams while committee are determining numbers in each grade. There was a discussion regarding junior fees to 2020. The Hockey Australia fee for each year 4 – Year 12 player is set at \$31.50. In 2019 these players paid a total of \$90 including EHA and HA component. There is an identified need to minimize costs this year to retain and attract players.

A motion was moved to set Year 4 – Year 12 player registration fees at \$60.

Adopted: Angela Jeitz

Seconded: Justine McDonald

Rachel McDonald left the meeting.

Other junior competitions including minkey, Year 2/3s will look at recommencing once we have greater information regarding the lifting of COVID restrictions.

Strategies to support the continued development of Under 17 players throughout the shortened season were discussed, as many of the representative opportunities for these players are not available this season – Highschool countryweek, Bunbury Junior Carnival, UGSHA junior carnival are all cancelled. One strategy could be to encourage Year 11 and 12 students to participate in Senior Countryweek. Junior committee and talent development committee to investigate.

Jennie Williams left the meeting.

Senior competition

The committee looked at senior fees for 2020. In 2019 players paid a total of \$113, \$43.50 going to Hockey Australia.

A motion was moved to set senior registration fees for 2020 to \$80, with \$43.50 going to Hockey Australia.

Motion was moved unanimously.

The committee discussed several options for the 2020 season. It was decided to commence training as soon as possible, with a view to commencing the season in term 3 and running for 10 weeks. Finals will be decided upon once we have a greater idea of numbers and team configurations. The 35 beginner players that registered with Rachel Hoey for the beginner sessions. These sessions could run concurrently with group trainings on week nights, players may flow between both sessions. Support of these beginner players is a high priority for the committee for this season.

Team fees will be looked at later in the season.

Fees for casual players will remain the same as 2019 at \$10 per week.

Both junior and senior registrations are to be opened ASAP. The Registrar will email the executive committee next Friday 5 June with numbers of players that have registered. This will enable planning for training to commence, with the option of training over several nights a week in groups rather than teams.

Matt Ryan will be marking the fields this weekend.

Secretary to write to Hockey WA and Esperance Shire seeking fee relief, and to book the grounds for training.

JP to prepare COVID plan for EHA to commence trainings and matches.

Meeting closed at 7.15PM.