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SSHI Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 31st Jan 2024

Venue: Moss Vale Services Club

Meeting start: 6:31pm

Present:

President- Pat Cleary (Burrawang Hockey club)

Vice President- Daniel Valentine (Mittagong Hockey Club)

Secretary- Alicia Mah (Robertson Hockey Club)

Treasurer- Whitney Johnson (Mittagong Hockey Club)

Coordinator- Justine Thompson

Umpire Coordinator- Brooke Griggs (Robertson Hockey Club)

Committee members:

Jo Bowie (Mittagong Sports Hockey Club)

Nathan Sherry (Moss Vale Hockey Club)

Paul Dawes (Bowral Hockey Club)

Brooke Munro (Burrawang Revels Club)

Invited Club members

Damian Gair (Robertson Hockey Club)

Graham Isedale (Mittagong Hockey Club)

Tim Coyle (Moss Vale Hockey Club)

Rep coordinator -Natasha Blenkinsopp (Robertson Hockey Club)

Apologies:

Acceptance of minutes from meeting held 10.1.24

Moved: J. Bowie

Seconded: Paul Dawes

Approved

Finance Report

Treasurer's update to report- Whitney presented hard copy update report. Note the increase in funds from sponsorship approx. \$20K. These funds will support the Rep teams

General Business:

Motion to change the Winter Competition Rules.

Motion 1

That Teams Lists of eighteen (18) players are permitted

Background

In 2023 the change to clause 4 B winter playing competition rules that limit teams to only nominating 16 players (changed 8/2/23 from 18 reduced to 16). This rule change in the 2023 competition ultimately led to less people playing Hockey. The change made it unfair to teams with shift workers and first responders who are regularly on call, as teams with those players are left playing short and some of those shift workers and first responders aren't playing hockey as a result.

This motion is to revise the competition rule 4 B to:

- b) Each Team should include at least eleven (11), but not more than eighteen (18) Players. Where matches are conducted under Nines format the team list should include at least nine (9) players but not more than sixteen (16) players.

Moved: P. Cleary

Seconded: A. Mah

Approved

Motion 2

That matches are played in quarters in line with FIH rule 5.1

Background

This motion is to change format of games from Halves to Quarters in line with FIH rule and HNSW protocols with 2 min breaks between quarters.

For reference: FIH rule 5.1 – A Match consists of four quarters of 15 minutes, an interval of 2 minutes between quarter 1 and 2 and between quarter 3 and 4 and a half-time interval of 5 minutes between quarter 2 and 3.

Moved: W. Johnston

Seconded: N. Sherry

Approved

Motion 3

That finals which result in a draw are determined by 1:1 shoot-out competition in line with Appendix 9 FIH Tournament Regulations Outdoor Competitions

This motion is to change the last paragraph of Section 18 Clause E of the Winter Competition Rules to:

In the event that the match remains drawn after the completion of extra time to match will be decided by one-on-one shoot out. For the shoot-out competition five players from each team take a one-on-one alternatively against a defender from the other team. Each attempt will be limited to 8 seconds, timed on the scoreboard.

Moved: P. Dawes

Seconded: N. Sherry

Approved

Junior goal score tally

- Tim Coyle from Moss Vale Hockey Club - review the need to maintain goal score once reach certain number (mercy rule) Eg: stop recording when max margin score reaches 7 or 10. Purpose is to focus on the playing game and not to use as opportunity to demoralise the losing team

Motion: To cease recording score at 7 goals with a margin of 7

Moved: T. Coyle

Seconded: B. Munro

All the above motions for rule changes for Winter comp 2024 will now go to Clubs to be voted on with a return of vote by COB 7.2.24

Burrawang Club Letter

- Refer to letter re change Under 12s competition from Sat to Wed evening. Consideration to this letter but declined for the 2024 competition as too late to make this work. The request can be considered for the 2025 competition

Noted above letter

Season prep

Competition timetable and priorities for the draw

- Season start date taking into consideration where the holidays (Easter etc) land this year proposed start date
-Seniors is 21st March 2024 to 21st September 2024 (Men and Women start same week)
-Juniors is 18th March 2024 to 10th September 2024
- Draw update: Justine has been working on this big job- update from Justine
- Discussed the possibility of Goulburn coming on board to participate with Mens 1st grade. This could make draw complicated with players involved needing to be dual registered, increases costs and implications for sustainability if players traveling week nights- In discussions with Goulburn, more info to follow.

Timeline

- Email Clubs for training requests – all back, no changes requested
- 8st Feb Welcome Pack to be sent out
- 15th Feb -Team nominations in by which is 5 wks before the start of the winter comp
- 21st Feb- Team lists back three weeks before comp starts,
- 6th Feb Grading meeting, 2 weeks prior to season start
- 1st March -Draw to be completed and checked, publish first 4 weeks, then final full draw

Junior drawer age groups- to confirm:

- Minkies and Under 8- ¼ field. Under 10- ½ field under 12- full field and all remain on Saturday
- Under 14,16 remain same as 2023

Paid Umpire Program

- Brooke Griggs accepted position offer and is appointed as the Umpire Coordinator
- Aim is to grow pool of umpires and provide mentoring
- Brooke organising umpiring events-aim 2 sessions before start season- more info to follow
- Aim to have two named umpires per team
- Purchase umpire shirts and whistles from Rep sponsorship funds

Future Leaders Liason role

- As per the SHHA constitution section 19.1 the executive committee move to create a Subcommittee Named -Future Leaders Liaison
- This subcommittee will prioritise sponsorship and Junior Representatives fund raising and will assist in the implementation of the winter Junior and senior competitions. Members of this subcommittee are invited by the executive to attend executive meetings and will have the ability to move motions. They will not have the ability to vote or second motions. Involvement in this subcommittee is to give experience and knowledge of the roles and processes of the executive committee and to encourage members in this subcommittee to nominate for roles in the future as executive office bearers.
- The subcommittee will provide a report at each meeting

Motion: Subcommittee- Future Leaders Liason be formed with D. Gair, G. Isedale, T. Coyle

Moved: P. Cleary

Seconded: A. Mah

Approved

Rep team sponsorship

- Update – Pat provided list of sponsors. DG Firewood, Excel Earthworks, Wyzowl Cleaning Service, Rofe transport, Maugers Meats, Kubota, Ratemoney
- Will apply to RSL Mittagong for grant that allows a cash sponsorship- applications open April/ May
- Social media for sponsorship and advertising
- Website update to reflect new sponsors

Dugout shelter and gate access

- Top field dugout shelter is very exposed on sides, can this be covered up- Pat has approached turf committee, consider clear Perspex- more info to follow
- Gate access- confirmed request that gate on non dugout side be reinstalled- indications from Turf committee is may need to go to Council for approval- more info to follow

Business without notice

Jo Bowie requested review and adjustment to Winter Comp rules that fere to girls age group clarification with change to HNSW age group changes.

Comp rule 8- Comp grades/ age groups

‘Junior comp will follow the age groups nominated by HNSW for State Rep... In respect to Under 15’s Clubs will be allowed to enter female players to participate in this competition up to and including the year the female player turns 16 years of age.’

With HNSW age group changes this year, The reference to 15 year should change to 16 and the reference to 16 should change to 17

This needs to be updated in the Winter Comp rules.

Motion: To change the wording in the Winter Comp rules to reflect changes in age groups from HNSW

Moved: J. Bowie

Seconded: A. Mah

Approved

Rep Coordinator- Natasha advised update

- Just received venue and dates for Rep Comp. Started booking accommodation
- U14's G&B Sun 3rd March
- U18's G&B Sun 3rd March
- U16 G&B Sun 7th April
- Open M&W Sun 7th April
- Tash advising Clubs

Next meeting:

21st Feb 2024 6:30pm MV Services