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## SHHI Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 14th March 2022

Venue Mittagong RSL Club

Meeting Opened at 6.55 pm

## **Present**

Glenn Fleming President
Melinda Armstrong Vice-President
Catherine Froome Treasurer
David Mackay Secretary
Dan Parker Committee
Amy Hill Committee
Blake Hill Committee

Meegan Jones Coordinator

**Absent** 

Joanne Bowie Committee

The minimum number of Executive Committee members (5) were present to form a quorum under Section 17.4 of the Constitution.

Minutes were prepared by the Secretary.

## Minutes of Last Meeting 1st March 2022

Outstanding items from the minutes of that meeting were-

- Refurbishment of the toilets is now complete with only wall mirrors to be fitted and cleaning. Final accounts for the work will be to hand over the next week and a full summary of costs provided to the next meeting. Photos of the work completed are included with the minutes and thanks were conveyed to Highlands Building for the fantastic result of the work undertaken.
- 2. Umpiring Committee-covered in general business
- 3. Website domain name not pointing to website has been fixed by Ace.

4. Provision of water bottle filling stations at the Hockey Centre was referred to Council and they have responded advising that there is no program in place for providing these to community or sporting groups. It will be looked at with the Turf Committee over the coming months. Approval for installation will need to be sought from Council before proceeding.

Minutes of the meeting 1st March 2022 were accepted

Moved: Melinda Armstrong Seconded: Dan Parker

Voted: All in Favour- Passed

## **Treasurers Report**

Cat presented the Treasurers report, and a copy of her full report is included as an attachment. Current balance of the Association General Account is \$42,464.02 Cr.

Treasurer's report was accepted- Moved-David Mackay Seconded- Melinda Armstrong

Voted- All in Favour- Passed

## Southern Highlands Hockey Centre Committee (Turf Committee) Report

Balance of the Turf Committee bank account has not changed since the last meeting and stands at \$263,413.48 Cr. Balance of the interest free loan to Council for construction of the Mackay/Sharpe field is \$400,919.50 Dr. There is still an amount of \$98,482 to be returned to the SHHCC account from the Association when the second claim on the grant for the mat replacement is paid. This is being followed up with Office of Sport as the claim was submitted on the 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The resurfacing of the Bedson/Isedale field has been completed and Council carried out their inspection last Tuesday and we are waiting for their written confirmation but have been approved to re-open the centre. It was decided to defer Club training until the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> March as the centre needs cleaning up around the former construction area and after the rain the surrounds to the fields are very wet and muddy. An extra week to start training will allow clean-up work to be completed. The competition is starting on schedule with the Women on the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

A detailed report on the finances for this project will be presented at the next meeting. A photo of the completed field is attached.

## **Representative Team Coordinator Report**

Dan provided an update on the organisation of the representative teams and a number of teams are still short on nominations. It was agreed that this will probably change once the competition has started and people are switched back onto hockey.

Training will start this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm and Dan will send out a reminder and details to members. This training will be an informal run for those registered. Selection trials are scheduled to start 27<sup>th</sup> March and again Dan will circulate details to members.

Mindy and Cat have the shop underway and gave a run-down of how the site will work and the benefits it will bring to members ordering representative clothing. Dan is to submit a suggested

stock inventory to the Committee for consideration so we can get the items ordered and hold a supplimentry level of stock at the Hockey Centre. Members will be encouraged to order clothing as soon as they are selected in teams as the lead time is around 6 weeks to receiving the goods if not in stock.

It was also agreed that the Sunday rep training would be a good opportunity for Lee Hemmingway to be in attendance for players to purchase equipment. Glenn pointed out that Rebel Sport had withdrawn all their hockey equipment and clothing from their Mittagong store and a letter is to be sent to their head office for an explanation. This move means that members have no stores locally to purchase hockey equipment so we will look for Lee to attend the Hockey Centre more regularly in the early rounds of the season and advertise those visits on Facebook and the website.

Dan will speak to Lee and organise.

## Correspondence

There was no mail received prior to the meeting.

The only email correspondence requiring attention was a request from Burrawang Revels to play a 15's eligible player in goals in the 13's competition. The Club does not have an 11's side and are already playing 4 x 11's eligible players up in 13's and the player they are proposing is joining Hockey for the first time this year. The player will also be on the field in 15's.

The request was approved unanimously by the Committee subject to review of the player after the first few rounds of competition.

#### **General Business**

## **Umpire Committee and Paid Umpire Program**

Mindy gave a detailed outline of proposals for the training and development of both Junior and Senior umpires and will put together a full outline for consideration at the next meeting. Zak Payne has been spoken to by Mindy about conducting umpire classes and assessment and this will be rolled out over the early rounds of the season. It was proposed that umpire development would occur on Sundays in-conjunction with Rep training.

As at the meeting Meegan confirmed there had only been 18 nominations received to umpire and the list was reviewed. This was a long way short of what we needed especially for the Senior competition and it was decided that an email would be sent to those who umpired last year but hadn't nominated for this season.

Nominations will continue to be followed over the next few weeks but umpires have been appointed for the first round of Women's games.

In respect of the Umpire Sub-Committee it was decided that this body would not be re-formed in 2022 and umpire appointments would be managed through the Executive Committee. Mindy and Dan will continue to review these appointments weekly and through the season consideration will be given to putting together guidelines for the operation of this sub-committee in 2023.

Meegan will continue to manage umpires stats for the purpose of payment.

As a development related conversation Mindy and Glenn spoke about the shortage of Junior goalies and those players progressing through the Seniors as goalies. It was agreed that the Committee would explore the opportunity to hold a goalie clinic halfway through the season. This timing was proposed as many Clubs are rotating their Juniors through the goalie position and by that time all players would have had a taste of whether they'd be keen to be trained in that position.

## **Junior Duty Roster**

Cat presented a proposal to allocate Junior Duty on a prorate basis against the number of junior teams a Club was fielding. This would result in a reduction in the duty that smaller Clubs such as Moss Vale, Burrawang and Robertson were fielding as against the Clubs with the highest number of Junior teams which are Mittagong and Bowral. There was a lot of discussion around the proposal and it was placed to a vote whether the proposal to change was supported.

A change to the Junior Duty Roster was defeated on vote with Bowral, Mittagong, Robertson against and Moss Vale, Burrawang Revels and Burrawang Men for the proposal.

As the Chairman has no casting vote in the event of a tied vote the motion was to change was lost.

#### **Season Draws**

Meegan has completed the season draws for all competitions and these have been reviewed by the Committee and following some changes were accepted. The draws will be updated to include all Tech Official teams for the season which Meegan will complete and update over the next week.

This will mean that only the umpires will need to be updated weekly on the website and will be uploaded under the Umpires/TO's tab on the website under the 2022 Winter Season tab.

Consideration was given to starting the Senior games at 12.30 pm on a Saturday rather that 12.00 pm but it was generally considered that having all games finished by 5.00 pm on a Saturday was a significant lifestyle benefit to members and the draw times will remain the same.

If there are no changes to accommodate the draw will be issued at Round 4 but until then will be released on a week to week basis.

## **Bedson/Isedale Field Opening and Presentation Day**

Following the postponement of the opening day due the wet weather and condition of the Hockey Centre it was decided to re-schedule the event on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. It will start at 10.30 am and conclude at 1.30 pm in time for Rep Training to commence at 2.30 pm. Glenn will again do an interview on local radio and provide information to the Southern Highlands Express newspaper.

Invitations to dignatories will be organised, David will contact Glen and Steve to confirm they are available and the social game between the Bedson and Isedale invitational eleven will be held to celebrate the event and the day will also see the presentation of Association awards for the COVID interrupted 2021 season.

The next meeting will be 4<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 pm at Mittagong RSL Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm

## Treasurers report meeting 14/03/2022

## 1. Accounts

## **Opening balance S5 account**

28/02/2022 \$46,898.32

Payments out \$17,498.15 (Co ordinator fees, JRR, Lawn maintenance, Cherry Apparel - Indoor rep shirts & Amenities refurb)

Payments received \$13,063.85 (Umpire payments, SHCC contribution to Amenities refurb & contribution for removal of turf)

Closing balance

14/01/2022 \$42,464.02

## **Opening balance S90 Sports grant**

28/02/2022 \$0.76

Payments out Nil

Payment Nil

Closing balance

14/01/2022. \$0.76









