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SSHI Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 10th Jan 2024

Venue: Moss Vale Services Club

Meeting start: 6:35pm

Present:

President- Pat Cleary (Burrawang Hockey club)
Secretary- Alicia Mah (Robertson Hockey Club)
Treasurer- Whitney Johnson (Mittagong Hockey Club)
Coordinator- Justine Thompson
Jo Bowie (Mittagong Sports Hockey Club)
Nathan Sherry (Moss Vale Hockey Club)
Paul Dawes (Bowral Hockey Club)
Damian Gair (Robertson Hockey Club)
Brooke Munro (Burrawang Revels Club)

Apologies:

Vice President- Daniel Valentine (Mittagong Hockey Club)

Acceptance of minutes from meeting held 21st December 2023

Motion: Minutes of meeting be accepted

Moved: J. Bowie

Seconded: D. Gair

Approved

Finance Report

- Turf committee not raising levy 2024

Treasurer's 2024 budget forecast presented

Motion: Approve financial 2024 budget and financial report

Moved: B. Munro

Seconded: P. Dawes

Approved

General Business:

Pre season prep

Competition timetable and priorities for the draw

To consider:

- Proposal to hold a Club Day- one day per club per year (Saturday teams only). Purpose to promote clubs and social aspect
- Draw- aim to alternate early/ late games to keep fair distribution to avoid 'late' game every week scenario- depends on draw logistics
- Allocated junior time gap of 15mins allows for under 9's to get to the under 11's game when playing up. This gap will potentially go if under 12's go to full size field. Increase to field cost for Under 12's as using full field (Increase from \$25 to \$50 ea)
- Consider any Club requests- keep in mind the Clubs haven't had their meetings yet (start of season)
- Format- day/ night and divisions: could be change with 1st Mens as only 3 teams- does this move to Saturdays from Fri nights. Recognise that will lose a few players whichever way it is moved. Friday nights difficult and could be worse with extra byes particularly if only 3 teams
- Season start date discussed and taking into consideration where the holidays (Easter etc) land this year and Women's Masters comp weekend (end July) proposed start date for Seniors is 21st March 2024 to 21st September 2024 (Men's start week later) and Juniors is 18th March 2024 to 10th September 2024

Timeline

- Team nominations in by 15th Feb which is 5 wks before the start of the winter comp (date adjusted post meeting to reflect 5wk rule- email from President to Executive to keep Clubs up to date)
- Grading meeting 6th March
- Draw done and checked 20th March full draw published or just first 4 weeks- TBC

Rule updates and proposed changes

- Review the rule Change 4 B playing rules that limits teams to only nominating 16 players (changed 8/2/23 from 18 reduced to 16)- The trial of this rule change in the 2023 competition was unsuccessful and ultimately led to less people playing hockey.
- Discussion on rule changes to competition rules section 18 - to look at changing the penalty strokes to 1 on 1, 8 seconds to bring in line with HNSW and Hockey Australia?
- Discuss the format of games from halves to quarters in line with HNSW protocols
- Rule changes as above were considered, next step to check process (as per Constitution) for change, for example via General meeting or via email for club vote- to confirm process

Paid umpires program

- Two EOI put forward, to be interviewed, Mitch Linoli and Brooke Griggs.
- Job description to be sent to both candidates
- Agreed to interview both candidates. Interview panel to include Dan Valentine, Jo Bowie, Brooke Munro and Pat Cleary via Zoom. Interview to be set up for 22nd January 2024

Future Leaders Liason role

- Role development discussed, need to review Constitution rules re process for including this into Executive.
- Graham Isedale for possible FLL particularly interested in supporting junior development

Indoor Competition

- Team nominations submitted Friday 5.1.24 and comp starts 24th January 2024 up to start 2024 winter season

Rep team sponsorship

- Update on possible sponsorship to support Rep teams. Aim to have a lock in for 3yrs, for example: \$10k would be \$3300 p.a
- Not able to put sponsors logos on game shirts but can on jacket, hoody top. Social media and Revolutionise posts as standard to promote sponsors
- Damian has advised update of possible sponsorship from a few different parties
- Confirm sponsorship that will support Umpire coordinators position
- Can have signs made for grounds at Welby but significant cost and most benefit goes to Turf committee- discuss, agree to consider in the future but unlikely to proceed at this stage

Dugout shelter and gate access

- Top field dugout shelter is very exposed on sides, can this be covered up- Pat to approach turf committee
- Gate access- confirmed request that gate on non dugout side be reinstalled- Pat to follow up with turf committee

Hookin 2 Hockey update

- Justine attended webinar and presented feedback that HNSW are offering sponsorship to assist Associations to run a junior comp 5yrs and up, aimed to increase engagement and growth of new players from young age
- HNSW will be doing school engagement days at start school term. Gala day for primary schools 22nd Feb
- Down side is that our comp would have less income as less playing our comp (10 wks instead of 16wks), despite support from HNSW
- Discussed that in principle this is supported but is very short notice to add another comp for 2024. SHHA already supports a junior comp but will consider future this additional comp in 2025

Equipment

- Junior goal upgrade and bumpers - Boards and bumpers need some repair - J. Dawes to assist with repair- confirmed that Jason Dawes is attending this.

Business without notice

- Brooke offered to assist with social media posts on FB etc
- Day on the Green – available again for Club to support as provides good sponsorship funding opportunity and Club collaboration. Approach Clubs to seek EOI
- RSL Mittagong grant for meeting room access- Alicia to explore funding stream

Meeting closed 8:17pm

Next meeting:

31st Jan 2024 6:30pm MV Services