

Minutes of the Joint Match Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 6.00pm

Present: Chris Dennes, Bridie Wiley, Michelle Collier, Rod Collier, Deb Monck, Jane McNeill, Dave Moscatt, Shane Green, Katrina Green, Dylan Turner, Gabrielle ??? Tim Le Strange, Scott Armstrong, Leanne Hills, Bronwyn Pensini, Nicole Clark, Jaylee Muldoon and Lynne Turner.

Noted that the Junior Competition will commence on the 2nd April 2016 with the D1 Boys and D1 Girls being the last game of the round commencing on the 5th April, 2016.

Deb Monck advised that to date had only received umpire nominations from 4 Club only and once again reiterated that if we don't have umpires then won't be any games.

Advised that the Umpires Committee would be appointing umpires to all Matches for Senior Men's and Senior Women's games but due to the draws not being completed yet, for the first 8 weeks of the comp the Match Committees were to appoint Clubs to umpire games.

Bridie Riley asked if they were going to appoint the Junior Umpires as well as in the past the Junior Match Committee appointed umpires (Bridie has done this the past two years), Deb advised that she was happy for this to continue. Bridie advised that she would not be this and that the Junior Match Committee would need to elect someone to take over for 2016.

Questioned raised concerning appointment umpires and if they were not able to fulfil their commitment who would they contact to replace them. Deb advised that they would need to contact her give at least 72hrs notice to give her time to find a replacement. Nicole Clark asked if she was unable to umpire but had arranged for a replacement herself and contacted Deb with who she got to replace her would this be acceptable and Deb advised that this would be alright as long as the replacement umpire was a suitable replacement for the game. Stated that the idea of appointing umpires was to ensure that the right calibre umpires were appointed to matches.

Noted that the Junior would have the following start times:

D2 Boys and D2 Girls 8.30am

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U11's 10.45 (Have allowed extra time between games for the set up goals, noting that 2 games will be held on the ATF and 1 game will be held on the lower end of the TLF.

Minkey 10.45am (will held on the top half of the TLF.

U7's & U'9s 11.45am

Juniors will finish at 12.30pm (This will allow for the occasional catch up game to be played if necessary from 12.30pm to 1.25pm)

Lengthy discussion held re D1 Men's team only have three teams nominated. Tony Lewis had advised that he was open to any suggestion from the Joint Match Committee to assist Tigers in being able to nominate a D1 side. As at the moment are requiring 5 players to play up each week.

Jane McNeill suggested that they could combine D1 and D2 and then split back at the end of the comp with either the first two playing grand final or first 3 and playing a 3 way final. Gab from Wingham suggested that this may work for Wingham Hockey but it would mean that they would have to drop a team as well, as the players that they have travelling up from Newcastle would not travel to play in the Taree comp for a D2 Competition. This would also effect the other Clubs as then the D2 players would not be able to fill in for D1 teams as they would be playing in the same comp thus causing less teams again Other Chatham and Sharks also voiced that this was discussed between clubs last year and players indicated that they did not want to play in a combined comp.

Lynne Turner put an option up approval " As the current rules states that a Cub and call upon players of another Club to fill in for them as long as they don't have and team playing in the division" . As Cougars and Gloucester are both in Division 3 and it would be a big ask for a Division 3 player to constantly play in the D1 comp, request put forward that, if Tigers were to promote more of their D2 players to D1, would they be able to call upon the players from Cougars and Gloucester to fill in for them in the D2 side as it wouldn't be as big a step from D3 to D2 than from D3 to D1. Rod Collier advised that no that this could not be an option as we already have a D2 side and should only use players from our D3 sides. Lynne Turner replied that the majority of the players in Tigers D3 sides were at the end of the playing career and not capable of playing in D2 let alone playing up constantly to fill the D2 side.

Other suggestions were that Tigers only nominate a D1, D2 and D3 or nominate a D1 and 2 x D3 teams, but it was noted that it was really up to Tigers how they nominate their teams, as we can't force them to do anything.

Gab brought up the question asking if Manning Valley actually having enough D1 players to have 4 teams and with the teams numbers decreasing each year is it even viable to have a 3rd Turf and the completion of the Club House.

Another option was to consider a 9 a side comp, once again this was considered last year and Club were not in favour of this.

Joint Match Committee have granted Tigers till Monday to see what way them will nominate.

Will need to consult the BOM on the ruling concerning a 3 team comp, because as state prior the they must be at least 4 teams in a comp to make it viable. BOM to be contacted and meeting organised to discuss outcome. It was also noted that the D1 Boys are in the same situation what is to happen concerning their comp.

Men's Match Committee to meet again on Monday 21st March 2016 at 7pm to complete the draws once the outcome of D1 Mens comp is decided.

Wingham Hockey Club put in a request that if possible both Mens' and Women's consider allowing a Club Day within the draw. i.e. Men D1 and D1 Women playing Saturday afternoon, so that they can invite their sponsors. It was agreed that it would be good if could be done for all Clubs.

Noted that there will be no training on the following weeks:

Week off 20th June 2015 (U15 Championships) Women have been allocated the Monday night and Men on the Wednesday night

Week of 25th July 2016 (Women's Masters) Only have the Monday night available so will be shared between the Men and Women.

Noted that there will be no Junior Hockey on the 16th April 2016 and 9th July 2016 being the middle week of the School Holidays.

Catch Sunday are:

Sunday 20th May 2016 – Juniors (Juniors also have the spare timeslot off a Saturday morning)

Sunday 7th August 2016 – Women /Mens (Women ATF and Men TLF) (Included in Liquor Licence)

Sunday 14th August 2016 – Women and Mens (Women TLF and Men AFT) (Included in Liquor Licence)

Sunday 28th August 2016 – Women and Mens (Women ATF and Men TLF)

As the men will only need 6 or 7 timeslots agreed that the Women be able to use vacant timeslots not used by the men on Saturdays. A request made that it would not always be the late timeslot, i.e. would like to use the 1.30pm start sometimes.

Advised the Committee that the BOM were looking at holding a Presentation Night instead of the Luncheon on the Grand Final day were all perpetual trophies, Best and Fairest, and Representative Cheques this would then mean that would only need to present the winning and runner cheques to teams playing on Grand Final day. Suggested date for this would be Saturday Night of the Finals weekend with a venue yet to be decided.

Reminder to Match Committee to carefully look at when Finals are set down for Division so that we don't have the same problem as last year.

Chairperson and Secretary Election:

Men's Chairperson - Dylan Turner Secretary - Lynne Turner

Juniors Chairperson Tim Le Strange Secretary - Leanne Davey

Women's Chairperson /Secretary - Linda Ferguson

Meeting closed at 7.00pm