



## Minutes of the June 2016 Presidents/Secretary's Meeting

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Taree Hockey Centre Clubhouse

Present: See attached attendance sheet

Apologies: Doug Davidson, Jane McNeill (Forster HC) and Cathy Groth (Forster HC)

Absent: Gloucester HC representatives

Craig welcomed delegates to the meeting and acknowledged that the month of June has been one of the hardest months for many Manning Valley Hockey members and stated that when needed all clubs came together and gave their support. It shows that Manning Valley is one big Hockey Family.

Craig received a thank you letter from the Hamming Family expressing the thanks and appreciation given to them from everyone.

### **Items of business:**

#### **1. Umpires for Masters Half State**

There are 8 umpires required from this association by the associations competing at the championships. Women's Masters Championship – Noted that NSW Hockey as indicated that they still require 8 umpires. They will receive \$30 per game, but must be Community Badged. Noted that if an Association fails to supply an umpire then there is a fine of \$1,000 placed by NSW Hockey and thought that the remuneration of only \$30 was a bit unfair when NSW is getting \$1,000 from each Association. Umpires may be able to negotiate a higher fee.

2. **AAP** – 8 to 10 members have been selected for this if they all take up the opportunity. Craig acknowledged that this was not cheap and if any player was interested but due to financial reasons was not able to take up this opportunity, they could come and see Craig to discuss financial assistance.

#### **3. Presidents Remuneration**

Craig advised that they have several rumours going around that he receives remuneration from Manning Valley Hockey and strongly advised that this is not correct. Any event that Craig attends is fully paid for by himself and would like to Clubs to let their members know this.

#### **4. Level 2 Coaching**

Congratulations to those members who are sitting for their level 2 coaching.

#### **5. Hockey Facilities**

\$750,000 from Federal Government depending on the outcome of the elections, \$600,000 loan from Mid Coast Council at \$4000/mth at 4% interest. Tender process is underway but at yet no signatures for deed for

clubhouse and third field. Time line for the extension to the clubhouse is project starting after Masters Half State and area to be fenced off. Craig is the Project Manager.

#### **6. HNSW CEO**

He has resigned with acting CEO for 6 mths then advertising for the position.

#### **7. Clubs meeting their obligations under the WWC Act (CC)**

MVHA has completed its WWC audit. As part of the audit the association had to list its member clubs with contact details on line. Clubs can expect a phone call requesting details of their personnel and WWC numbers. Clubs must have a spreadsheet with all particulars as per website and keep for five years. Audit on association and clubs will be each year so it is important that clubs update their records when required. Penalties \$15,000 per person if clubs haven't it. This law by NSW government as from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

#### **8. MVHA Under 13 Girls Representative Team**

Craig wished them the best for the championship campaign at Wagga Wagga next weekend.

#### **9. Good Sports Accreditation**

Association has just received its new Level 3 Goodsports club accreditation.

#### **10. RSA Members**

LT informed the meeting that the clubhouse has 34 vacancies in its RSA roster. There are no volunteers for the Women's Masters Championships. There is 5 members who have had their RSA subsidised but not doing bar duty. Clubs are to ask members if they can help. Ray Walters has requested that a copy of members with RSA to be sent to all Club for their information. Noted that some of our younger members have moved out of the area. Craig also noted that approximately 80% of Manning's profits comes from the Sale of Alcohol.

#### **11. Tech officials**

Problems with Tech duties are:

- a. No show by some
- b. Cards not completed properly eg no signatures, no details of injuries received, no names on cards eg a goal scorer's name was not on the cards. Please people lift your game".
- c. The meeting discussed how problems can be solved such as penalties.

#### **12. Draft copy of the "Disciplining Breaches" proposed by Deb Monck.(See attached)**

Clubs were requested to take the proposal to their members to discuss and give feedback to Umpires Director. Points such as should L1 and L2 be incorporated, Should penalties be greater for abuse of a junior umpire. All agreed that clubs need to be very active in presenting abuse or where it takes place be proactive with the member concerned.

#### **13. Access to ice and clubhouse for Division One Junior Girls Competition(TL)**

It was noted that the Ice Machine in the Clubhouse is currently out of action and in the process of purchasing a replacement. There is ice available in the fridge located downstairs in the freezer compartment (Just to the right as you enter downstairs).BOM will also bring one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Aide Kits out from the Storeroom. Noted that on most Tuesday night's meetings have been set down, and the Vets Men's comp is also run on this night. Will discuss at the next BOM meeting re access to the downstairs area being opened by 6.00pm

#### **14. Changes to the Board of Taree Tigers Hockey Club and feedback to clubs (TL)**

Tony Lewis endorsed Craig comments about the support given to the Cubbin family and Tigers and shows what great qualities all the Clubs have. Also could all Club and members please adjust their e-mail address list and remove Di Cubbin from your mailing list, as this causing some angst among the Cubbin family. Tony thanked everyone for their support on behalf of the Peter , Thomas and Tara. Tigers Hockey Club informed the meeting that the club has new contact details .

The clubs Treasurer is Vicki Taylor

Tony Lewis and Karly Williams will be sharing the Secretarys position. The clubs Email Address is [tony.tanya.lewis@bigpond.com](mailto:tony.tanya.lewis@bigpond.com)

#### **15. Changes to Junior playing rules for Div One Girls**

NSW is allowing these skills to be played at U15 Championships and our players should be given the opportunity to uses these skill during their local competition The meeting agreed that for the remainder of the 2016 season, the Division One Junior Girls competition will allow the Tomahawk and playing the ball above the shoulder rules to be adopted in the Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc. playing rules in line with current Hockey New South Wales competition playing rules.

#### **16. Changes to full field Junior playing rules for Div Two**

After discussion the meeting agreed to defer the decision regarding the Tomahawk and playing the ball above the shoulder rules to see what Hockey NSWs attitude will be regarding the rules. If it is implemented the meeting recognised that both players and umpires will need to be educated about how it is to be played, safety issues to be addressed and correct umpire interpretation. Recommended that Greg Doolan hold a training session where he can teach the Coaches on the correct techniques required to use these skills and also how to defend them. Noted that Greg to be contact concerning this

#### **17. Proposal regarding the draw for the Men's and Women's Finals series in 2016**

The meeting discussed at length the merits of the proposal. The delegates agreed that changes to the finals draw lies with this meeting and not the Match Committee. It was agreed that the proposed Draw for the finals as proposed by Tigers HC de circulated amongst clubs and a vote be taken electronically from clubs to the Secretary on Tuesday of next week by 5pm.If the vote is for the affirmative the MVHA Match Committees will be requested to implement and manage the finals series including the allocation of umpires and technical officials.

#### **18. Meeting Procedure/outcomes**

Adam Birkefeld raised an issue concerning the Presidents and Secretaries Meeting and what benefit there is in having them, as for tonight have been here for 2 hours and nothing really decided upon just keeps going around and around. Tony raised the issue concerning the Match Committee wanting clarifications if they have any voting rights and Craig advised that no.

Noted that minutes of all Match Committee must be sent to the association secretary within one week within one week of the meeting being held. Lynne Turner advised that this is occurring with the Men's Match Committee minutes. All minutes along with notice of motions for the next Secretary and President meeting be sent out two week prior to the meeting and agenda items to be sent to Secretary one week prior to the meeting so that he can send out to everyone.

#### **19. Format of Junior competition for 2017 (Sharks)**

D1 Boys – Craig noted that he has already included this in his strategic plan.

Junior number are a state wide problem not only a Manning Valley problem.

Craig informed the meeting of HNSW decision to insist on Age Waivers from of junior player's guardians if they wish to play in a senior competition. This is to cover clubs in the event of any injury or legal action taken against clubs. Tony commented that this only consider the Metropolitan areas and didn't take into account of any of the rural associations. Craig noted that signing this waiver would have an impact on insurance cover, but also stated that the current cover that NSW has in place is worth anything, to have adequate cover the cost of this insurance would sky rocket

Viability of junior competitions was discussed delegates expressed alarm in the lack of growth in junior player numbers

Suggestions offered

- a. Association to go into schools to promote hockey. Craig informed the meeting that he was investigating obtaining funding to employ a person 2 – 3 days per week to perform that role. Noted that you must have a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation to be able to do this.
- b. Suggestions from members as to ways to get growth in numbers such as change in days for competitions such as Thursday Nights for boys.
- c. Hold more Gala days like Wingham HC. A question was asked how would players know which club to play for. Advised that a flyer would be handed out at the days with all contact names for all clubs.

#### **20. Representative Team Committee and Match Committee Proposals.**

Issues raised by the secretary concerning Representative organisation. Noted that there is no real defined roll concerning this, no one co-ordinating all rep issues, i.e. selecting of coaches and managers, putting in the appropriate paperwork, booking accommodation, selecting of players, setting selection dates and notifying players of selection dates. He believes that there should be a Rep Team Committee to do all of these duties. Noted that nomination for all Coaches and Managers should advertised in August and finalised by the end of August. Query raised as to if Junior Coaches are aware that they are the Coaches for the Indoor Rep Sides as well. One suggestion was one delegate from each club, but Tony Lewis advised that this should be formed with person who want to be on this committee and it shouldn't matter if there are 3 Sharks and 1 Chatham person on the Committee. Clubs to give feedback at next Secretaries and Presidents Meeting

Clubs requested to take back proposals to members to discuss. There was an agreement that there is a need for roles and responsibilities to be defined. .

The Rep Team Manual needs to be reviewed for 2017. This would be a function on the Rep Team Committee.

**State Indoor Competitions-** The Secretary to email current coaches and managers of our rep teams to see if they will be involved with the MVHA Indoor Rep Teams. If so they are to be requested notify the association about their plans for the team ie trial dates and times. They will be requested to look at the Rep Team Manual for the Indoor Team Selection Policy.

**21. Association Combine Playing Rules Review Committee.**

Question was raised as to where the association is at in regard to the review of the Association Playing Rules. At the present time the association has nominations from 2 people to be on the committee.

**22. Level One/Community Umpire Accreditation**

Ray Walters questioned the process of Level One Umpire Accreditation testing. L1 should be done at a state championship.

**23. Match Committee Meeting Minutes**

It was agreed that minutes from the Match Committees be circulated to the Club Presidents and Secretaries at least one week before this meeting for discussion and at the Presidents/Secretaries meeting would than endorse the decisions made by the committees.

Presidents and Secretaries Meeting will be on each 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Taree Hockey Centre Clubhouse.

Regards John Surtees  
Secretary