

Notes from President's and Secretaries Meeting held Monday, 16th May , 2016 at 6.00pm

Present: Craig Colvin, Doug Davidson, Lynne Turner, Tim Le Strange, Shane Green, Katrina Green, Michelle Collier, Phil Collier, Jane McNeill, Cathy Groth, Bronwyn Pensini, Deb Monck, Jaylee Muldoon, Dylan Turner, Tony Lewis, Gabe Poole, Emma Greenaway,

Apologies: John Surtees, Bronny Fuller, Ray Walters

Matters Discussed:

- **Level 1 Coaching Course** being held on this Tuesday, 17th May all Coaches encouraged to attend.
- **Draws:** Concerns expressed with the draws:
 - Clubs having teams playing at the same time – Noted that this only happen a couple of times and it was discussed when the draws were being completed and both delegates advised that this would not be a problem as they had enough players in their teams and shouldn't affect them.
 - **Club Sponsorship Days** – Tony advised that it was agreed that all Clubs should have an opportunity to have a Club Day. Noted that Jane and Lynne went through both draws one Saturday afternoon and check that all Clubs had teams playing on the Saturday where they could have a Sponsors Day. It was not possible to have all teams playing on the same day. Tony said that he would go back and check the draw.
 - **Appointing of umpires** – noted that not enough notices being given. Noted that Ray has been doing an excellent job in allocating of umpires with no complaints coming in concerning the standards of umpires. Craig had spoken to Ray and he has indicated that he will be appointing umpires hopefully for rest of draw or at least for a full round in future.
 - Tony Lewis suggested that umpires only be nominated for D1 Games and that Clubs be put on for the D2 and D3 games. Deb advised that as Ray now has more names submitted for umpiring should be able to allocated umpires to all games as this format was working well at the moment with the quality of the umpires being checked also as the currently playing rules states that if a umpire does not turn up then he is automatically suspended for one round. Therefore if we go with Teams Nominated would not have any penalty for not fulfilling their umpiring commitment.
 - **Tech Officials** – Noted that these are not being covered and will check with Ray to see if he would like the Men's Match Committee to go through and allocate teams to cover this for the full season. Noted that at the moment no penalty for not supply a Tech Official but this will be looked at when the playing rules are revised with a monetary penalty to be put in place.
 - **Umpire Seminar** – This was well attended and Simon Thresher was thanked for coming down.

- Craig thanked the Junior Match Committee for the work that they have done especially as this Committee members are all new to the role. Special thanks to Leanne Hills for her role as Secretary.
- **RCA (Greg Doolan)** – Concern re getting money for value as we are paying \$8.25 per player for this and parents are only seeing him training 2 players for 2 hrs. Noted that we have Greg for 8hrs per week but with travel time this reduces it 3.5 hrs real time. Also was Greg was to promote hockey within our schools. Craig advised that Greg could only go into Primary Schools and would need the assistance of a representative from Clubs for this to happen. Also Greg was going to go around to Club Training days but this hasn't happened to date. Craig to take these concerns back to Greg. Noted that Ros Drury was going to the local schools but this a Federal Hockey School promotion. Ros hands out flyers with all the Clubs training and contact information. Craig has raised the issue of the amount of travel time that RCA's have to do and is trying to get it passed that they have an assistant to help.
- Greg has been appointed as Coach for the NSW U18 Girls and would be taking some leave in 2017 in relation to the above.
- **Role and Responsibilities of the Match Committee** - Board of Management have all but finished this and will be ready for distribution soon.
- Discussion held re whether there should be another avenue for members to have any matters raised. At the moment we only have BOM and Match Committee but there are issues that don't involve the match committee i.e. incorrect completion of cards, points scores, and other matters that have to be voted on.
- Tony reminded that at the moment Match Committees do not have voting rights, so everything should be voted on at a Board Level. Craig advised that this is being rectified in the Roles and Responsibilities of the Match Committee. Tony also advised that it is not the responsibility of the match committee delegate to report back to their Club and minutes should be sent to all the Club Secretaries.
- Noted that the President's and Secretaries meeting should have been held monthly and a lot of these problems wouldn't have occurred. Agreed that from now on there would be monthly meeting held and would be on a set night as follows:
 - Men's Match Committee – 1st Tuesday of the Month
 - Women Match Committee – 2nd Tuesday of the Month
 - Board of Management – 3rd Tuesday of the Month
 - President's and Secretaries Meeting – 4th Tuesday of the Month
- **Point Scores** - Concern re being no forum for points to be given out. Noted that Leanne Yarnold happy upload onto website, Registrars just have to e-mail Leanne copy of point score.

- **Rep Teams** – Craig is handling all rep team nominations and organising Doug to pay for same. Some concerning re the process of selecting on players. Agreed that would need to look at having a Rep Team Committee for 2017 but all must be signed off by Craig due to legal aspect of this. Under 13's Girls and Under 15's Boy accommodation has been booked. Also Nomination Fees have been paid for the Open Men's and Women's teams just waiting on the teams to be announced.
- **Match Committees** - Noted that Match Committees should only be doing the draws.
- **Dave Gilesby** – will be visiting and we have a 3 in 1 chance of being granted funding for the 3rd Turf and completion of the Club House. Craig has been putting on pressure to have the 3rd field and this will alleviate the use of the TLF. Craig advised that Hockey NSW has 2,000,000 in their slush fund but none of this will be sent out to any regional areas, being used solely for the Blacktown new Hockey complex, which will be use instead the Homebush Centre as won't have to pay any rent on the fields as Blacktown will be owned by Hockey NSW.
- **D1 Boys Competition** – This is being held over till the next meeting as Ray Walters was not in attendance.
- **School Visits** - Club's are allowed to visit Schools as long as that person holds a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation.
- **Junior Competition Structured as a Non Denominated Teams** – Lengthy discussion concerning this, look good in theory but practicability of this not feasible due:
 - To who would coach and manage teams
 - Association would be up for the cost of Uniforms
 - Children want to play with their friends
- Bronwyn advised that Lithgow Hockey Association went down this track and this destroyed their Junior Competition, as they no longer have any Juniors.
- Noted that Hockey has to compete against other sports in our area. It used to only be Football and Netball, but now with the addition of Soccer lowering their start age, footstool, Rugby Union and AFL, along with the cost of Hockey being one of the most expensive to play.
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