



2018 April Minutes of the Presidents and Secretaries Meeting 10/4/2018 held Taree Hockey Centre Clubhouse

Open Meeting: 6.35 pm

Attendance Sheet: See Attached

Apologies: Jane McNeill

March Meeting Minutes:

Motion: That the minutes of the March Meeting

Proposed:

Seconded:

Carried: Unanimous

Business arising:

- RCC Position – still not filled
- Turf for third field

Completed and waiting for final inspection from .Polytan

- Unfinancial players List sent to HNSW
- St Clares High School request for MVHA to run the canteen and hire the PA system for their Athletics Carnival on Friday 13th April.

General Business

1. The President read a prepared review on the 2018 hockey season so far. The junior and senior canteen roster, playing times and bar roster were also distributed to all clubs. Please see attachment

2. 2018 MVHA Winter Competition

After a great deal of robust discussion on the merits of different draw structures that would cater for individual clubs as well as optimising the efforts of our volunteers the following was put to the meeting as a compromise to the directive to the Senior Match Committee

“Senior Match Committee be requested to condense the 2018 Competition Draw from Round of 6 the best way that they can to allow for matches to be played on Friday and Saturdays with the draw providing for a full Saturday of matches at least 1 Saturday per month.”

3. Notice of Motion

Proposer Tony Lewis on behalf of the MVHA Representative Team Committee

Seconded Dylan Turner

With the following changes highlighted as suggested by Town Hockey Club

**Manning Valley Hockey Association
Representative Team
Selection Procedures**

“Player”

All Manning Valley Hockey Association Representative Players (excluding Master’s players) must confirm their selection in a Manning Valley Representative team by paying a deposit of \$60.00 to MVHA within 7 days of receiving your individual selection letter. These funds will be deducted from the players overall Representative Player costs.

This deposit will be lodged with the Representative Coordinator who will forward to the Manning Valley Hockey Association Treasurer and will form a 50% deposit of the **Representative Player Levy of \$120.**

*If a player does not pay the \$60.00 deposit within 7 days then the Selection Committee for that Representative Team will meet and consider removing the player from the selected squad and replacing the player with a nominated player selected as a *Shadow Player*.

* A player who is unable to undertake their Representative Team commitments due to injury withdrawal may make an application to the Representative Committee for consideration to have the above deposit refunded. Clear medical information from a treating professional must be lodged to support this request and must include the injury sustained, period of incapacity, expected recovery period, and treatment being undertaken.

*If a player is forced to withdraw from a Representative Team and can be replaced by a *Shadow Player* then the Representative Deposit and any other funds paid can be refunded upon application and the selected *Shadow Player* becoming a fully financial member of the Representative Team.

Moneys received from players will be recorded in a receipt book held by the Chairperson Representative Team Committee

Account Details

BSB _____

Account Number: _____

Reference must be either

HNSW Membership number: _____

Player’s Surname: _____

4. Motion Number 2

After discussion with meeting members Tony withdrew the motion and will resubmit it with changes to the next Presidents and Secretary’s Meeting

5. New Field

Fence off laneway between TLF and New Field to prevent people being struck with hockey balls.

6. Training Draw

Shane Green distributed the training schedule to all clubs, incorporating the third turf into the rotation.

New Shoe Cleaners – needed due to state of surrounds. Temporary fencing will be needed to keep people off disturbed areas.

Being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2030hrs.

Signed _____

John Surtees
Secretary

Signed Debbie Monck _____

Deb Monck
President

To all Club Executives:

Due to complaints last year about there being no organisation to the beginning of the season the Board took on board the clubs request and promoted a calendar from the middle of last year. To add in to the mix, we have had a disruptive build of the third turf which has made planning difficult.

I agree the start of this year has been very disruptive, which is unfortunate. But before anyone, and it has already started, start blaming the Board take a look at yourselves, your clubs and your clubs planning.

The Board have had a plan in place since the middle of last season regarding meetings, preseason activities to promote hockey, team registration and player list nominations as well as a start date. We have informed clubs from the end of 2017 and from the beginning of the 2018 season of any obstacles and changes that will be occurring. Still we get to a week before the beginning of the season and clubs are still not organised.

The Board are open and transparent, and yes sometimes must make decisions that you, as a player, club executive, or member may not think are right or fair. Believe it or not we are human and every time we represent hockey at the Board we take off our club hats and put Manning Valley Hockey hats on our heads. We look at the big picture, we look at what is best for Manning Valley Hockey.

As it has been pointed out to me by various members, the MVHA Board seem to be the only sport dictated to by our members instead of feeding directions down from the Board. As you may have noticed this has changed this year and although we want the SMC and JMC to do the draws the Board also have to look at how it works holistically. As such there are changes, no more apparent than in timetabling. This is the first year we have had the ability to use a third turf which enables us to play most of the senior games on Saturdays and allow juniors to play during the week under lights. This is also the first year that we have had to share the fields, through necessity, with other sports, both after the season and during our season. Changes have had to be made to utilise the fields appropriately and minimise volunteer use and demands on clubs.

I would like to address some issues regarding responsibility. As part of the governance and planning, the board outlined committee charters that set out functions and responsibilities of all MVHA committees. Each committee was given a copy of the Charters, they are also on the noticeboards. These were decided as a priority so that the committees within MVHA had purpose and direction, the charters were discussed, agreed and published last year in March.

As there still appear to be some confusion I wish to bring to the attention to the Presidents and Secretaries that point one of the MC objectives is "The Match Committees organise and circulate the competition draws as DIRECTED by MVHA BOM."

Originally the SMC have done an amazing job with constructing the draw, from the Board directive to fill Saturdays first and use the Friday night for the overflow 2 games when required. This was decided as the way to play this season as we now had the third turf. A normal Board meeting was held on 20th March to discuss the clubs change of heart from originally asking about the playing days. The directive was decided to fill Saturdays and use Friday for the overflow if any. This was passed onto the SMC the next night when they met for the first time

The SMC still has done a great job, under difficult circumstances but the new draw must encompass the majority of games on Saturday. If clubs have insufficient volunteers or umpires to fulfil commitments, then clubs need to look at upskilling their members. Of course, this is an ongoing process and the BOM will help by facilitating umpiring and coaching courses during the season for our members.

The JMC as well have done a fantastic job with the junior draw and have already been flexible in utilising some weekday games – through necessity due to the third turf construction.

I ask you all, if you wish to have more say in how the Manning Valley competition is run there are currently two ordinary board positions vacant and I and the other Board members would welcome any new people to step up, bring their ideas and come on board.

Now to set a few ground rules from here on in, at meetings we will have constructive and at times robust discussion, but never again will I accept swearing or contrary behaviour as we had at last meeting. There is a code of conduct for officials and it must be followed. There will be a time limit on discussion for and against on an issue raised. Then either a motion will be raised and voted on, or it will be recorded as a discussion with no outcome. This may mean that clubs go back and discuss this further at their meetings to be raised at a later meeting.

This is an association run by volunteers who are giving willingly of their time for the betterment of the sport that they love – hockey! I agree it has been a disruptive start to the season but to blame the Board is not fair. The negativity and complaints from members and clubs are unfair as the sheer workload that members of the Board do is phenomenal, and I am very thankful for all their hard work and support behind the scenes. We have built our hockey community an amazing complex that we should be proud of and use.

Please go back to your clubs and relay the importance of Codes of Conduct, not just for players but for everyone to help support the proper process required to support players and officials and make 2018 a great season where we get to enjoy our lovely new facilities.

Thank you

Deb Monck

President MVHA

Manning Valley Hockey Association
PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARY'S MEETING



Date: Tuesday
Venue: Taree Hockey Centre Club House
Time: 6.30 pm

Attendance Record

Number	Attendee	Name	Signature
1.	Association President	Deb Monck	
2.	Association Secretary	John Surtees	
3.	Association Treasurer	Doug Davidson	
4.	Association Vic President	Michelle Collier	
5.	Chatham HC — Prerepresident/Delegate	Dylan Forster	
6.	Chatham HC - Secretary/Delegate	Kate Nicholson	
7.	Cougars HC -President/Delegate	Shane Green	
8.	Cougars HC - Secretary/Delegate	Katrina Green	
9.	Great lakes HC -President/Delegate		
10.	Great Lakes HC -Secretary/Delegate		
11.	Gloucester HC -President/Delegate		
12.	Gloucester HC -Secretary/Delegate		
13.	Sharks HC -President/Delegate	NIGEL HAWES	
14.	Sharks HC -Secretary/Delegate	SANDY TRAN	
15.	Taree West HC -President/Delegate	Michelle Collier	
16.	Taree West HC -Secretary/Delegate	Ruth Sheather	
17.	Tigers HC -President/Delegate	TONY LEWIS	
18.	Tigers HC -Secretary/Delegate	NICOLE CLARK	
19.	Town HC -President/Delegate	BRON PENSINI	
20.	Town HC -Secretary/Delegate	LYN SECRETARY	
21.	Wingham HC -President/Delegate	Sharon Fuller	
22.	Wingham HC -Secretary/Delegate		
23.	Port Thunder President		
24.	Port Thunder		
25.	Chairperson Junior Match Committee		
26.	Chairperson Men's Match Committee	NARELLE SALMON	
27.	Chairperson Women's Match Committee		
28.	Association Men's Registrar	Frank Birkefeld	
29.	Association Women's Registrar		
30.	Association Junior's Registrar	Timothy Lestrage	
31.	Board Member		
32.	Board Member		
33.	Board Member		
34.	Mens masters	Phil Collier	
35.	Womens Masters		
36.	Apology		
37.	Apology		