

MVHA WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE 21 MARCH 2016

MEETING OPENED: 6.05PM

ATTENDANCE

Bronwen Pensini (Town), Katrina Green (Cougars), Nic Clarke (Tigers), Jane McNeill (GLS), Teagan Lynch (Wingham) Sandy Tran (Sharks), Jaylee Muldoon (Chatham), Rachel Birkefeld (Chatham) Rod Collier (Taree West)
Apologies: Linda Ferguson, Michelle Collier

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 15 MARCH 2016

Moved as true and correct by Jane McNeill, seconded Bron Pensini

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

Email from President of Chatham expressing concerns over format of draw

Email from Chatham requesting re-grading of Jill Allen from Div 2 to Div 4 due to extenuating circumstances

Email from Chairperson of Tigers expressing concerns over combination of divisions for draw purposes

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Approval granted for Jill Allen to be re-graded Division 4

Concerns from Chatham and Tigers noted and discussed

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chatham and Sharks withdrew teams from Div 3 since previous meeting necessitating review of competition structure and draw. Jane outlined that it was decided that nominations received each year will determine the combination of divisions for the purposes of the draw (March MC meeting 2015). Lengthy discussion on viability of two team Div 3 competition. It was discussed that now there are only 18 teams nominated if there should only be three divisions in 2016.

The following motion was moved by Jane McNeill (seconded Bronwen Pensini): " For the 2016 season Division 3 and Division 4 will be combined for 3 rounds. The Division 3 teams will play a final series in a format to be decided. Division 4 final series will follow usual format. " Motion carried 7-1

The following motion was moved by Jane McNeill (seconded Katrina Green): " When Division 3 Tigers and Division 3 Town teams play a Division

4 team they cannot use unfrozen players from Division 2 ". Motion carried 7-1

Wingham requested late timeslots Sat 2 April OR Friday 1 April for Div 1 and Div 2 due to work commitments

Jane to organise for draws for Div 1, Div 2 and Div3/4 to be distributed to MC delegates to be checked prior to release. Only first five weeks to be done until teams take the field!

Suggestion from Linda Ferguson that clubs may like to re-examine the composition of their teams regarding frozen and non-frozen players.

ALL CLUBS ARE TO ENSURE TEAM LISTS, NOTING FROZEN/NON-FROZEN STATUS, ARE SUBMITTED TO MICHELLE COLLIER (REGISTRAR) BY 9.00PM THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2016

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY 12 APRIL @ 6.30
MEETING CLOSED: 7.55pm**

From: **Chatham Wolves** chathamwolves@hotmail.com 
Subject: Re: Change in Chatham Team Nominations
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Hi Women's Match Committee,

At present I am finding it very hard to understand some decisions and comments being made by clubs and the association. It is very disheartening and I believe it is a major factor for the decline in numbers being felt across the association. This is not a trend we can continue to follow for our great game to survive.

Once again the burden and pressure is being placed onto Chatham Hockey Club to fill a void left in the competition even though it will ultimately affect our own club and result in us losing more numbers.

Can I remind people 3 years ago we put a side into D1 so that there was 4 sides to create a "Competition" and are yet to win a game.

This season already we have been asked if we could nominate a 2nd D1 men's side to fill a void left by another club.

The suggestion that Chatham should be "urged" to move our D4 Side to D3 because we played there last year has zero merit. To those who observed any of our ladies sides play last year whilst we went out there every week and enjoyed ourselves, we in fact didn't win a game in any grade for the entire season and to be brutally honest we were not even competitive in 2nd or 3rd division. In one game in D3 last year we were beaten 15 nil.

A more logical decision would be that either of the top 2 sides from D4 should be urged to move up a grade. (Saying that I have no idea who the top 2 sides in that division were and how that would affect their clubs if it were to have 2 teams in one division). Still this has more merit than asking a side who didn't win a game to stay there again.

As for the issues with the draw can I ask if any thought has been put into rather than the remaining 3 sides merge into either D3 or D4 why could that not be split and 1 side go up and 2 down or vice-versa. The winner of that division last year could move up and other 2 down. Just a thought.

As for the other concerns around player gradings we would be dropping from D3 to D4 which for those players is within playing rules and only going down by one division per season.

The issue with 1 D2 player is a separate concern in which as a club we have addressed following the correct procedure with a letter to the match committee for this to be discussed and voted on at a suitable time.

Whilst we regret having to pull our D3 side we held lengthy discussion as a club and felt that we were at least 6 players too short to pull off 4 sides this year and rather than losing more players and forcing them to play a division where they are not competitive would rather nominate where they can enjoy hockey like we all want to be able to do!

Regards,

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On 19 Mar 2016, at 9:07 AM, Rod McNeill <rodjanemcneill@hotmail.com> wrote:


Hi All,

Wow it has happened again.

Sorry for Chatham to have to withdraw their Division 3 team from that Division.

However it now leaves us in a bit of a dilemma as now Division 3 has only 3 teams and therefore cannot form a

competition.

From: Chatham Wolves chathamwolves@hotmail.com 

Subject: Re Grading - Jill Allan

Date: 18 March 2016 at 7:40 PM

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To Members of the Womens Match Committee

We wish to request re-grading of Jill Allan for the 2016 hockey season.

Last year Jill was graded as a unfrozen division 2 player due to our club structure.

We wish to request Jill to be graded as a Division 4 player for the 2016 season due to Chatham no longer being unable to field a division 3 team in the 2016 season.

We thank you for your consideration in the above matter.

Thank you

Jaylea Muldoon

Secretary



Women's Competition

It has been raised at the meeting about how the various grades will be aligned in the draw for 2016. In 2015 and previously as I understand it, the grades have sensibly and practically been aligned with Division One & Division Three together and Division Two and Division Four together.

I cannot see any sensible reason to move from this direction and feel that this should remain in place. I am sure that some clubs have based their team nominations on the opportunity to be able to utilise players from a lower division as required and having the gradings as outlined above is a sensible and practical outcome for all clubs.

This also is a positive outcome in relation to the allocation of umpires.

I feel that any attempt to move this should have been raised prior to team nominations being placed as it may have affected some clubs decisions.

Junior Competition Draw

The Junior Match Committee last week agreed to have the junior draw indicate the playing divisions as follows. Commencing at 8.30 Division Two, then Under 11's followed by Under 's and Under 7's.

I think that the Junior Match Committee made a practical and the correct decision to move in this direction. As I mentioned above this enables clubs to be able to utilise players from a lower division for junior games if required without having parents inconvenienced by having to wait a long time if the division were altered. I feel it just makes sense to have the Divisions played in this way and it allows the matches to be all controlled by the central time keeper which is important.

It need to be noted that several parents involved in junior hockey who have taken the time to consider this matter feel that canteen sales will be much more positive if the divisions are played as have been agreed by the Junior Match Committee.

As this has already been agreed by the clubs any consideration to alter from this format could delay the delivery of the junior draw is being urgently sought by all clubs now.

General

I am sure I raise an issue shared by all clubs and that is that a competition draw across senior and juniors is urgently required this week for at least first four rounds. We all have many members who have to consider altering work roster or requesting time off in order to meet playing times.

Again, I would like to thank the Match Committees for considering positively considering the matters raised in our letter and thank you for the work and time you will undertake on our behalf in season 2016.

Regards

Tony Lewis – Chairperson

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