



## 2015 Feb NEWSLETTER

An update from our Feb 2015 Annual General Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January and other information of interest.

### 1. **Change of date for Board of Management Meetings**

The Secretary cannot attend meetings that are held on Monday Nights and requested a change in date for BOM Meetings. It was agreed by the meeting to change the dates of Board of Management Meeting times to be the 1st Tuesday in the Month beginning 7/4/15

### 2. **Coffee Machine**

Robert Crossingham has measured up sink, tap and coffee machine for the clubhouse.

### 3. **Ground Marshals**

Hockey NSW have mandated that each association appoint Ground Marshals for such times when matches are being played. I have been informed that Newcastle Hockey have this already in place. A list of duties performed by Ground Marshal will be developed and the wearing of vest with "Duty Officer" printed on them. The job of Ground Marshall will be shared by rostered members and information will be circulated on how incidences that may occur should be handled and an "Incident Report Form" will be made available for the Ground Marshal..

### 4. **IHF Rules**

Simon Thresher from Port Macquarie has been invited to come down and address the members on the new rules.

### 5. **Training in Goal Circles**

Goals now have wheels to allow for them to be moved at trainings to reduce wear. It is suggested they be moved to blue circles for training. Some associations do not even allow for match warmups in circles eg Lithgow.

### 6. **Gate on Alan Taylor Fence**

A gate on the fence at the Alan Taylor Field has been completed.

### 7. **Competition Draws**

One good outcome of the IMG "Sports Desk" is it can be used to develop competition draws as well as recording and displaying results online. The system can be linked to our Web Page and is accessible from smart phones, tablets and computers. This will be circulated within our committee to gauge the members enthusiasm for it.

**8. Junior Division Information ( Summarised from minutes courtesy of Stephanie Johnson)**

**a. Three Important Dates for your calendar**

Junior Grand final date: **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Junior Season start date: **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Junior Match committee- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm** at the Hockey Centre

**b. Junior Representative Side Coaches and Managers have been announced.**

U18s girls Terry Bourke (coach) and Karl Williams (manager) for. Nominated with no objections; moved

U18s boys = Dylan Turner & Shawn Fuller

U15s girls = Leanne Yarnold & Fiona Coleman

U15s boys = Steve and Marion Parvin

U13s girls = TBA Applications for both Coach and Manager have been called for

U13s boys = Ray Walters (coach)

**c. Junior Committee**

Nominations are called for Chairperson, assistant Secretary for our Junior Committee

After the last Junior Meeting it was very pleasing to see that we have great support for our Juniors and people who would take on these position would receive this support.

**d. Junior Representative Team Selection Process**

Where possible, children are selected from regular MVHA competition matches rather than triasl. Families are then approached in writing and have seven days to respond. All children are considered, there are no EOI from families. Noted that selection this year will need to start from the beginning of the season.

**e. Team Nominations**

**The Junior Sub Committee have received the following Team Nominations:**

<b>Division 1 Boys</b>	<b>Division 1 Girls</b>
Sharks	Sharks
Sharks	Tigers
Wingham/Chatham	Wingham
Tigers	Wingham
	Chatham

Division 2 Boys	Division 2 Girls
Sharks Chatham Wingham Tigers	Sharks Sharks Tigers Tigers

U7s	U9s	U11s
Chatham Chatham Sharks Tigers Tigers Taree West Cougars Wingham	Chatham Sharks Tigers Tigers Tigers Cougars (?) Wingham (?)	Chatham Chatham Sharks Sharks Tigers Tigers Taree West Cougars (?) Wingham

**f. Nine a Side for Division 1 and 2**

For the 2015 season, teams in junior divisions one and two for both boys and girls will be played nine a side.

**g. Goal Keepers**

Teams must include a **fully attired goal keeper on the field at all times**

**h. New Playing Rules**

New Junior Playing rules have now be ratified. They will be circulated soon

**i. Under 13 State Tournament**

The Association would like to nominate two teams for this Tournament which will be held in Taree. HNSW will be contacted to see if this will be permitted.

**j. Information from Greg Doolan our RCC**

- Centre of Development U9s & U11s: starts next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9s 4-5pm; 11s 5-6.30pm. Low registrations so far but these have been extended until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (clubs to encourage families to register their children).
- Greg encouraged U9s coaches at least to come along to CoD as a 'coach the coach' opportunity as well as players. There may be opportunities for level 1 coaching to be signed off.

- Goal keepers: Friday mornings 6.30-8am (15-18 year olds)- please speak to Greg about attendance to ensure not too many arrive for each session

John

Friday, 23 January 2015