

MANNING VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



2015 July NEWSLETTER

An update from our July 2015 Board of Management Meeting held on the 25th June 2015 and other information of interest.

a. **Turf Sweeper**

Larry and Pete have replaced brushes and chain.

b. **RSA**

. Course was conducted on Sunday with 14 attending (2 of these being non hockey members).

c. **Under 13 Boys State Tournament to be held in Taree**

A great weekend with the weather treating us well and all our volunteers who did an incredible job. Approximately \$13,000 was raised. I would like to single out Gabby and Georgia Tran who worked all day on the Friday.

d. **The ‘Toyota Drive my Club’ Raffle**

All our members should each have a bundle of tickets to sell. It must be stressed that all money raised will be spent on members of our association.

e. **Selling of alcohol in our clubhouse**

An application has been submitted for Special Event Licence from the 29th August to 12th September 2015. Until the licence is approved as from the 1st August, no alcohol will be allowed to be sold and members will be able to BYO during this time. But remember there will still be the “no glass rule” outside of the Club House

f. **2015 Grand finals organisation**

i. Catering the Taree Lions Club will be invited to help cater for both the junior and senior grand finals as per last year.

ii. Adam Birkefeld has organised for five umpires to visit and umpire our senior grand finals. This will take pressure off our own umpires and allow them to enjoy watching the matches.

g. **Association awards**

It is now time to start thinking about nominating suitable members for association awards such as Umpire of the Year, Goal keeper of the year and Coach of the Year. Application forms will be issued shortly.

h. **Canteen Information**

i. Deep Fryers - Due to an incident concerning the deep fryer and to prevent this from happening again – **please ask to turn off the deep fryer the Duty Person on Duty (it is important that a physical check is made to ensure that the flame has been extinguished).**

ii. Canteen Hours: The front Canteen counter will now close at 4.30pm for the rest of the competition games, with the exception of the Final and Grand Final day. - Orders will be taken from the Bar area and the side door.

i. Match cards

After reviewing our match cards there are still some ongoing issues such as

- Not having best and fairest points awarded (2 matches)
- Not signed by captains (1 match)
- Having illegible signature/names for umpires (1 umpire)
- Technical Officials being in wrong area (1 official)
- Not signed by umpires (1 card both umpires)

j. Fees

The Association is fully aware of the strain that fees place on the family budget. We have spoken to HNSW regarding this and they in turn had contacted hockey Australia requesting information on what members of New South Wales get “for their buck”. We await their reply.

k. Access to the Alan Taylor Score board

Larry Mercer made the excellent suggestion that another gate is located next to the scoreboard to allow easy access to it. He has put his hand up to do the work.

l. First aid kits in dugouts

Member clubs had been requested to supply first aid kits to their teams for use when required. It is also important that match officials check that ice and buckets are available for use by teams in dugouts when required. It is also important that injuries that require a player to leave the field of play should be recorded on the back of the match cards by the team officials from the team that the player belongs to.

m. Association health check

Hockey New South Wales gave us a “clean bill of health” and were pleased that we are moving towards a common set of playing rules. We are a lot further forward than many other associations.

n. Club Presidents and Secretaries meeting

From all reports a very productive meeting and all participants saw a need to change. There are two important committees that will require the input from enthusiastic and committed people.

i. Playing Rules: Expression of interest is being called for to form a working party on Joint Playing Rules for Juniors, Seniors and Masters. This working party will need to report back to the Presidents and Secretaries Meeting. Playing rules need to be finalise ready for implementation start of 2017 season. Expressions of interest need to email secretary@manningvalleyhockey.org.au

ii. Rep team manual: Another working party will need to look at the Manual. This update to this manual will be a lot easier task but will need to implement for the 2016 hockey season. This rep team manual will replace all sub committees manuals.

iii. Meetings for 2016, The meeting moved to trial of one meeting per month for 2016. Beginning in February 2016 there will be one meeting each month and no sub committee meetings at all. Match committees will stay as is Mens, Womens, juniors (Delegates can only be on two match committees max). In 2017 coinciding with the new playing rules there will be Juniors and Senior Match Committees .Registrars will also be required in 2016 and beyond. Meetings will start February through to December 2016. The dates of the meeting will set by the presidents and secretaries. If the club president and secretary are absent they can send either vice president or treasurer in their absence. No president or secretary can sit on a match committee. Any member of Manning Valley Hockey can attend these meeting ask questions but will not be able to vote as the policy will be one vote per club. Meeting agendas will be called for 14 days prior the meeting with agenda sent out to clubs 7 days prior to the meeting. No items will be taken off the floor for discussion.

iv. Replacement of the TLF Turf

It was agree by all that the association should build up a turf sinking fund for replacing turfs particularly for the TLF which we would all agree is near the end of its “life”.

v. Competition Structure

The association is requesting vigorous discussion on what is the best competition/training structure for 2016 that accommodates the wishes of as many members as possible. Please give your suggestions to your club or association executives. All members input are valued.

The next Presidents and Secretaries meeting is to be held on the 9th August at 12.30pm at the hockey centre club house.

o. School Coaching

Hockey NSW is seeking passionate hockey lovers to coach the next generation of players as part of the Australian Government's Sporting Schools program. If you have never coached before don't worry as Hockey NSW will help you **get accredited** and **get involved**.

Simply read over the [Coaching Registration Guidelines](#), fill in the [Expression of Interest Form](#) that can be found on the associations Facebook Page and return it to hockey@hockeynsw.com.au to get started. You'll be contacted by the relevant [Regional Coaching Coordinator](#) for your area, which will help you with the process of getting your Working With Children Check, registering as part of the Sporting Schools program and getting in touch with your local school.

p. NSW Represtative Team Selection

Congratulations to **Lara Watts & Bree Pensini** for their selection in the U 13 girls state team.

Also our congratulations to **Drew Pensini** for his selection in the Boys U13 NSW blues state team.

2015 Women's Over 35's Masters Team



2015 Women's Over 50's Masters Team State Division One Champions



q. A reminder to present and future club executive members

Sports Community - Volunteer Webinar Series: 'Using online communication tools effectively'. This is a 5 part series –

Commencing : Monday August 17

Time : 8pm – 9pm AEST

Venue : Online from the comfort of your home via your computer

Cost : \$49.95 (plus GST) for all 5 webinar sessions

If you want further information send me an email and I will send you copy of the Email I got from the Sports Community.

r. Manning Valley Hockey Association Under 13 Girls Representative Team.

Reached semi finals in Division 1 which is a fine achievement. Well done to all concerned. (Photo courtesy of Bron Pensini)



s. Manning Valley Hockey Association 2015 Over 40's State B Champions

Manning Valley 2015 Over 40's Masters Division B Champions



			Back Row: Peter Cubbin (Manager)				
Middle Row	Gerald Tuckerman	Tony Barton (Capt)	Scott Harry	Wayne Green	Nigel Ferguson	Phillip Walters	Rhett Patterson
Front Row	Michael Horsburgh	Andrew Davy	Grahame Pittman	Christopher Pearce	Ray Walters	Steve Parvin	Peter Frappell (coach)

From John
 NB: Any feedback on the report would be appreciated