



2014 November NEWSLETTER

An update from our November 2014 Board of Management Meeting held on the 24th November and other information of interest.

1. Regional Coaching Coordinator

The position of Regional Coaching Coordinator has been filled. The Regional Coaching Coordinator will be a joint position with Blair Chambers is doing eighty percent and Newcastle's RCC doing twenty percent. Blair Chalmers from Armidale has met with Craig and attended and assisted our Centre of Development with our under 13 and 15 boys and girls that participate on a Friday night. Blair will also be coaching the Athletic Accelerated program squad. His position is three days per week and is partly funded via a \$7.60 levy on each of our members. All contracts will be signed off in early January 2015 with Hockey NSW visiting our association.

I personally feel that we have needed such a person for a long time and look forward to his contribution to hockey in our region. Please make him feel welcome.

2. Hockey NSW Annual General Meeting

This meeting was attended by President Craig who reported on meeting outcomes at the Nov BOM Meeting

Item of importance;

- ✓ Hockey NSW has requested an Association's audit including our member for the following;
- ✓ Constitution (noted that all clubs must have a constitution) can adopt Manning Valley's or get their own
- ✓ Working with Children Clearance
- ✓ Financial Situation More on this later.

3. Manning Valley Hockey Association Constitution

This has proved to be frustrating and time consuming due to the changes that were continually being made to the draft constitution by Hockey NSW (8 drafts). We thank Richard Johnson for his continuing input. Hockey NSW have insisted that we must add compulsory sections to our constitution otherwise they won't accept it. At the BOM Meeting we questioned some of these additions as to the relevance to our association. Craig has been asked to make some phone calls to HNSW to clarify points. Our members will be asked to ratify the new constitution at a Special Meeting early next year (possibly before our AGM). It will be circulated when it is completed.

4. Association Club Presidents and Secretary's Meeting

It is anticipated that there will be a President and Secretaries Meeting to be held on 12 th January week prior to the Association's AGM. Items on the agenda are;

- Survey to be conducted re Senior Competition
- Fee Structure will no doubt have the usually annual increase from Hockey NSW.
- Umpires and Coaches – Noted that a special accreditation is required to enable you to coach U/7's, U/9's and U11's on top of your community accreditation to coach.
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5. Fee Payment for 2015

There will be only be online payment for fees in the 2015 toH NSW via IMG. It was noted that clubs who have members that don't have credit cards, the club will have to use their own credit cards to pay for the members fees.

6. Hockey Card

A new Hockey Card is being implemented by HNSW.– this is a photo ID Card. Hockey NSW will supply blank cards and each association to have these processed and given to players. It was noted at the HNSW AGM that players will need to present this card to Technical Directors's prior to playing each game. Noted that if this **mandatory** then will need to allow extra time between games for this to happen. We can understand why these cards need to be presented at Representative games -- but local games is a bit much!!!. Hockey is not the only sports where this is happening. At this stage Hockey NSW will supply the machine for make up the cards, but players will need to organise their own photo

Time line for implementation?????

7. U13's State Carnival for 2015

We have been granted the U13's State Carnival for 2015. This championship was given to this association as a result of a tender submitted jointly by us and GTCC. Council have been very supportive and are contributing financially towards the tender cost. There is a calendar on our facebook page which has all the Championship dates and locations. We will put them on the association's web page in the near future.

8. Congratulations to Wade Harry/Lara Watts/Eamon Smith

Wade has been selected in the Under 15 Hockey NSW State Indoor Team and Lara has been selected in the Under 13 Indoor Invitation Team to play in Canberra 23rd to 25th Jan 2015. Eamon who played for the Newcastle Team has been selected in the Under 14 Indoor Invitational Team

On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a productive New Year.

John Surtees

Secretary

Wednesday, 6th December 2014



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