



An update from our October 2014 Board of Management Meeting held on the 22nd October and other information.

1. 2014-15 Centre of Development Program (COD)

The program aims to provide high level coaching and development for athletes of all skill levels. The Centre of Development is designed for both genders and is open to athletes U13 and U15 in 2015. The Centre of Development Program will be utilised as a selection tool for the 2015 Under 15 Boys and Girls State Team and Blues Team. This is due to the 2015 Hockey Australia Calendar, with the U15 Nationals being scheduled during April prior to the Hockey NSW Field State Championships. Whilst this program will be utilised as a selection process and is a significant part of the pathway, attendance is not compulsory for athletes in this age group to be eligible for these teams.

The Centre of Development Program will be running from 10th November 2014 - 14th February 2015. Each region will have designated training times to fit in with turf and coach availability. Taree is Friday afternoons and Port are travelling to Taree . Manning Valley and Port Macquarie Hastings Hockey Association, are providing the turf free of charge

2. The MVHA Athlete Development and High Performance Coaching Programs.

The programs are up and running and Dylan is very pleased with the response both from our member coaches and player participation. Dylan has organised Woolies to supply fruit platters for the players. He also has a Facebook Page devoted to information about the program.

3. Junior Committee for 2015

As yet we still have had no indication of members willing to be involved in the administration of junior hockey for 2015. Please consider being part of the administering of Junior Hockey.

4. 2014 Annual Report for presentation to our Annual General Meeting

As mention in the last newsletter we still need Association Rep Team photos and if possible a short outline on the team's performance would also be appreciated. The cut off date for Directors Reports, Sub Committee Reports Match Committee Reports is the 19th December. Thanks you to those people who have sent their reports to me.

5 Regional Coaching Co-ordinator for MVHA.

We have not heard what is happening in this regard. ie Who has been appointed.

6. Working Bee held on Sunday 28th at 9 am Taree Hockey Centre Clubhouse

Thank you to our small band of willing workers for their efforts.

7. Hockey NSW and the Office of Sport and Recreation in their Infrastructure Project

We have completed a survey required by Associations who have projects that are shovel ready (for which all planning is complete). We have applied for an upgrade for the Terry Launder's Field. Without getting our hopes up you have to "be in it to win it".

8. NSW State Government Sport Facility Program for grants up to \$25,000.00

"The Program aims to increase participation in sport by:

- improving safety at sporting facilities
- improving amenities at sporting facilities
- developing environmentally sustainable sporting facilities
- addressing barriers to participation in sport".

We have obtained a quote for extension to the safety fences at both turf and have applied for funding under the above grants to complete the works. Again we will have to wait and see if we are successful.

9. Skip Bin

Has been removed for off season. All garbage to be put in wheelie bins and Pete will put out Mondays for collection. Only bins with RED Lids will be collected.

10. Cool room

The coolroom has been installed by Craig and his volunteers. Food regulations have required us to update some of the canteen including refrigerators with heated display doors. The association is also budgeting to move the sink from the corner and purchase an under bench fridge where the food preparation is done. This should also make the jobs for our volunteers easier as they will not have to keep going to the fridge near the door to get what they need. Coke are giving us a new three door fridge.

John Surtess

Secretary

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