



## **February 2021 Senior Match Committee Meeting – Taree Hockey Clubhouse**

**Date:** Tuesday February 09/02/2021

**Meeting Opened:** 6.33pm

### **Attendance:**

**Chatham Wolves Hockey Club:** Paula Smith, Shawn Muldoon and Terry Bourke

**Cundletown Cougars Hockey Club:** Kelly Dennes

**Gloucester Hockey Club:** Dave Keen & Mark Coombes

**Sharks Hockey Club:** Scott Harry & Ashley Harry

**Strikers Hockey Club:** Jane McNeil

**Taree West Hockey Club:** Deb Monck & Rod Collier

**Taree Tigers Hockey Club:** Nicole Clark & Mark Atkins

**Town Hockey Club:** Narelle Salmon

**Wingham Hockey Club:** Graham Poulton

**Chairperson:** Tony Lewis

**Secretary:** Absent

**Men's Registrar:** Absent

**Women's Registrar:** Michelle Collier

### **Apologies:**

Wingham Hockey Club- Ella Hartcher

Men's registrar – Frank Birkefeld

Secretary – Linda Ferguson

**Conflict of Interests:** None

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** September 2020

**Business Arising from previous Minutes:** Nil

**Motions to which notices have been given:** Nil

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## Election of Office Bearers 2021:

**Chairperson:** Tony Lewis

**Vice Chairperson:** Narelle Salmon

**Secretary:** Linda Ferguson

**Men's Registrar:** Frank Birkefeld

**Women's Registrar:** Michelle Collier

## Club Match Committee Delegates for 2021

**Chatham Wolves Hockey Club:** Paula Smith & Shawn Muldoon

**Cundletown Cougars Hockey Club:** Kelly Dennes & *To be advised*

**Gloucester Hockey Club:** Dave Keen & Mark Coombes

**Sharks Hockey Club:** Scott Harry & Ashley Harry

**Strikers Hockey Club:** Jane McNeil & Marlene Masters

**Taree West Hockey Club:** Deb Monck & Rod Collier

**Taree Tigers Hockey Club:** Nicole Clark & Mark Atkins

**Town Hockey Club:** Narelle Salmon & Bronwyn Fuller

**Wingham Hockey Club:** Graham Poulton & Ella Mills

## Judiciary members for 2021

**Chatham Wolves Hockey Club:** Kevin Haigh & Tony Smith

**Cundletown Cougars Hockey Club:** *To be advised*

**Gloucester Hockey Club:** *To be advised*

**Sharks Hockey Club:** *Dave Moscott, Scott Harry, Dave Tran & Marion Parvin*

**Strikers Hockey Club:** *Jane McNeill & Marlene Masters*

**Taree West Hockey Club:** *Spiro Varella & Ian Davey*

**Taree Tigers Hockey Club:** *Brenda Meldrum & To be advised*

**Town Hockey Club:** *To be advised*

**Wingham Hockey Club:** *To be advised*

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## General Business:

### **1\* Club Roles**

- \*Senior Match Committee Meeting Correspondence to be sent to Secretary Linda Ferguson at [linda@mcglashincrsip.com.au](mailto:linda@mcglashincrsip.com.au) and cc'd to Chairperson Tony Lewis at [tony.tanya.lewis@bigpond.com](mailto:tony.tanya.lewis@bigpond.com) as a back up
- \*Agenda items to be lodged 7 days prior to meeting
- \* Agenda to be sent to Clubs 5 days prior to meeting
- \*Club days to be included in draw as much as possible
- \* Clubs to provide full e-mail and phone contact details for Senior Match Committee delegates to SMC secretary prior to or at next meeting Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **2\* Competitions**

- \*Senior Competition will commence on Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>
- \*Grand Final day is Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>
- \*Senior Competition will be 18 rounds (*Please refer to attached calendar*)
- \*Senior Competition matches to be played on Friday nights and Saturday
- \*A-Grade Men's and Women's to be alternated each week Friday night and Saturday
- \*A-Grade matches to be played on Allen Taylor Field each Saturday at 3.00pm and 4.30pm
- \*Draw to reflect a greater equity across Friday night and Saturday matches for all grades
- \*Deferred and Wet matches etc to be played on week of May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup> & August 2<sup>nd</sup>. These matches will be played in one of those weeks at a day date and time as determined by the Match Committee when assessing the deferral or wet match proposal.
- \* Clubs to decide on March Senior Match Committee Meeting on 35minute halves or 17minute quarters

### **3\* Proposed two-week pre-season social games**

- \*Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>
- \* Commencing 3.00pm to approximately 8.00pm depending on nominations
- \* Men's and Women's two divisions of each depending on nominations
- \* Women can play in Men's teams if they wish
- \* 9 players per side, each team must play a fully attired goalkeeper
- \* two 20minute halves with a 3minute break
- \* Teams to have option to take second goal scoring opportunity for field goals only with an 8 second goal scoring opportunity taken one on one with goalkeeper from 23metre line
- \* Player waiver to be signed for players not registered with Hockey NSW (*See attached*)
- \* Team nominations to close Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm
- \* Draw to be finalised and circulated on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>
- \* Costs to be advised
- \* Teams nominations to include a minimum of one umpire
- \* Great way to promote game to new players
- \* Excellent social start to the season
- \* Board to consider possible live music



## 4\* Scoreboards

- \*Central time keeping for all senior matches in 2021

## 5\* Technical/Match Official

- \*Clubs to determine whether this role will continue in full in 2021
- \* Central timekeeping will alleviate much of the role
- \* Suggestion that Team Manager from each team will need to be in attendance with one manager responsible for recording match details on match scoreboard and second manager to manage scoreboard and timekeeper for suspensions
- \* Team managers can still treat injuries etc for respective teams
- \* Teams would need to ensure the off-field Manager role is always filled.
- \* Opportunity to reduce another voluntary role
- \* The role does provide some pathway opportunities
- \* Umpires to be responsible for advising when player can return to field
- \* Umpires to ensure match card completed prior to signing by team captains
- \* Captains are responsible for ensuring Match Cards are completed correctly prior to signing

## 6\* Grand Final Day

- \*Clubs to consider earlier start to Grand Final Day at approximately 11.00am
- \*Association Awards could be presented between A-Grade Women and A-Grade Men's Grand Finals
- \* Grade awards to be presented immediately following each match
- \* Junior Match Committee are open to having Junior Grand Finals a week earlier

Example only: (75minutes scheduled match time and 20minutes between matches)

**A-Grade Men Grand Final** = 5.30pm

**A-Grade Women's Grand Final** = 3.45pm

**B-Grade Men's Grand Final** = 2.10pm

**B-Grade Women's Grand Final** = 12.35pm

**C-Grade Men's and Women's Grand Finals** = 11.00am (Allen Taylor Field and Turf 3)

## 7\* Port Macquarie

- \*Chairperson Tony Lewis liaising closely with Port Macquarie in order to develop a united hockey partnership for 2021 and beyond
- \* This partnership will be in consultation with Board of Manning Valley Hockey and Clubs
- \* Urgent discussion to be held to determine possible options for 2021 season
- \* Favourable response from clubs regarding home and away travel
- \* Possible option of a 10week midseason Premier League comp
- \*The 10week competition in 2021 would be in conjunction with local comp for Taree team matches
- \*Local A-Grade Finals will be played in Taree on September 18<sup>th</sup>
- \* Possible option of inviting Port Macquarie clubs to enter our competition on a home &away basis
- \* Vitally important for Men as only 3 likely Taree teams
- \* Tony to provide report at March SMC meeting

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## **8\* Umpires and Umpire development in 2021**

- \*Terry Burke is the Umpire Director for 2021 and also Coaching Director
- \*This is seen as focus point for the development and higher standard of play in 2021
- \*Looking to mentor, develop, coach, and qualify umpires across all levels of hockey junior and seniors
- \*A pool of 8-10 umpires will be formed for our higher qualified umpires who will umpire A-Grade matches
- \* A substantial sponsorship agreement has been formally sought for support and development of umpires across all levels of hockey
- \*All umpire must wear the uniform as will be outlined and directed by Umpire Director
- \*Uniform to be provided
- \* More headsets across all grades and matches
- \*Greater opportunities for umpires at all levels to learn rules and get further qualifications
- \*Umpire Director Terry Burke has a preference to have names for all umpire duties across the senior draw, this enables Terry to better support manage the known and committed umpire rather than umpires that may just grab a whistle to fill a team duty.
- \* Feeling is that if we have a focus on properly developing our umpires and a person committed to do it then we should support as much as possible and his proposals
- \* Other consideration is to have teams named for B and C Grades
- \*Clubs encouraged to nominate more than 2 umpires per team if persons are keen to umpire
- \* MVHA Chairperson Tony Barton wants greater separation between umpires and clubs
- \*There will be NO umpire payments after matches in 2021
- \*Clubs will be billed by MVHA Treasurer
- \* Umpires to be paid via direct debit monthly by MVHA Treasurer, another advantage to having names on draw rather than teams
- \*Base payment of \$20 for senior matches, however umpire payments to be developed via a proposal by Umpire Director Terry Burke, Treasurer Adam Birkefeld, the Board of MVHA in consultation with clubs based in sponsorship et.
- \*Umpire to be more accountable within their duties and roles
- \* Umpire Dismissal Reports to be completed immediately following the relevant match. Procedure to be reviewed by Umpire director Terry Burke and Judiciary Director Tony Lewis

## **\*9 Role and duties of Registrars for 2021**

- \* Duties and timelines to be developed with both registrars and SMC Chairperson
- \*Point score to be available by Tuesday on website and other agreed medias each week
- \*registrar to record player matches and gradings for all competition players
- \*Registrars to be provide a report at each SMC meeting
- \*Registrars to contact clubs in writing regarding matters relating to match cards within 5 working days to advise of possible breaches, lost cards etc and copy of correspondence to be sent to SMC secretary. This will also include a request for a response with 5 working days also.
- \*The facts and report presented by the registrar along with the club response will then be tabled with Senior Match Committee for consideration





## 9\* Playing Rules

- \*Chairperson Tony Lewis has encouraged all clubs to look at the current playing rules and make formal recommendations to be presented at next SMC Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> if required
- \* Any proposed rule changes for the 2021 would need to be agreed and voted on by majority of clubs and then lodged with the Board of Manning Valley Hockey for approval
- \* Chairperson advised this is a very important process as all clubs must have a fair and just opportunity to lodge team nominations and player nominations and gradings based on the rules that will apply for the entire 2021 season.
- \*Clubs expect playing rules are not changed once season commenced
- \* There was a lot of discussion on several rules, particularly around player gradings and finals qualifications. Clubs to look at these closely
- \*Point of registration needs to be clarified more clearly
- \*Players must be registered with Hockey NSW and registered and financial with Manning Valley Hockey Association prior to taking the field otherwise forfeit rule will apply
- \*Mouth Guard & Shin pad waivers must always be completed with a copy to be held by MVHA and copy to be in team mangers folder. This will be enforced strongly to protect players, umpires and MVHA
- \*Suggestions that frozen player gradings can be easier outlined
- \*Suggestions that there should be a minimum of 5 matches to be played in order to qualify for semi-finals as current 50% plus one rule not being fair and equitable across full season and late starting season players.
- \*The Grading Committee will Grade players assessed from initial club recommendations in 2021

Chairperson message: *It is vitally important that we work hard to address these matters by next Meeting on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure confidence within all clubs and the Board of MVHA that the senior competition will be presented as a unified, positive, professional, fair, and equitable product. It is vitally important the clubs have confidence that correct process and procedures will followed across all clubs and we remain transparent with open communication. The Senior Match Committee is extremely fortunate to have such and experienced group of delegates representing their clubs and bringing so much experience to this forum. Equally however I acknowledge that these are also the same volunteers that work tirelessly within their and across many roles in Manning valley Hockey. Based in this I feel our early season hard work and planning will provide less work for the Senior Match Committee once the season has commenced as clubs will fully understand that the current rules will be enforced equally and fairly and the clubs have an equally important role to support that within their own clubs.*

*I very much appreciate the commitment of the Senior Match Committee delegates for 2021 and would like to thank Secretary Linda Ferguson, Women's registrar Michelle Collier and Men's registrar Frank Birkefeld for taking on additional and vitally important roles within the SMC in 2021.*

**PLEASE NOTE: These meeting minutes and any motions, directions and/or recommendations are interim and subject to approval by the Board of Manning Valley Association Inc. prior to being formally adopted.**

**Meeting closed: at 9.05pm**

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## Key points:

**\*All clubs to look at the wide range of matters discussed at meeting and provide formal feedback, proposals and/or motions to be presented in writing to the Secretary of the Senior Match Committee by Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5.00pm at [linda@mcglashincrsip.com.au](mailto:linda@mcglashincrsip.com.au)**

\*Senior Match Committee Delegate details = Clubs to lodge full details of Senior Match Committee delegates by Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> including name, e-mail address and mobile phone number

\*Playing Rules= Clubs to look closely at current playing rules and make recommendations/motions for rules that will improve competition, provide greater fairness and equity to all clubs and participants, and increase participation

\*Match times = two 35 minutes halves or four 17minute quarters

\*Umpires = Named umpires across entire draw as requested by Umpire Director Terry Burke

\*Grand Final Day = Earlier start to Senior Grand Final Day commencing approximately 11.00am (refer to earlier example)

\*Technical/Match Official = Clubs to consider whether the role remains as a required voluntary role or scoreboard and match card duties shared between off field team managers which will be required at every game.

\*A-Grade competitions = Considerations for Men's and Women's A-Grade competition with Port Macquarie in 2021

\*Preseason matches = Proposed two-week preseason matches on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> from approximately 3.00pm to 8.00pm (*Please see attached format*)

\*All clubs to provide the name, e-mail address and mobile phone details of one (1) member for the Grading Review Panel by close of Business Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. *As per rule 2 (D)*

\*All clubs are asked to lodge team nominations for the proposed two (2) week preseason social matches scheduled for Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> by close of Business Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Keep up the great work everyone*

*(Minutes and notes typed up by Tony Lewis)*