



## **Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc**

### **Women's Match Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 2<sup>3rd</sup> February 2010**

Held at the Hockey Clubhouse, Recreation Drive, Taree. Meeting opened 9.10pm.

**Representatives Present:** Jane McNeill, Marlene Masters, Helen Paine, Vicky Birkefeld, Raelee Booth, Ruth Sheather, Di Cubbin, Janice Surtees.

**Apologies:** Nil

Previous minutes read and passed as a true account, moved Raelee, seconded Vicky.

#### **Business Arising:**

- Nil

#### **First Order of Business is to Elect a Position Holders for the 2010 Season**

##### **Chairperson**

Marlene Masters

Nominated by Vicky Birkefeld  
Seconded by Jane McNeill

Votes: unanimous

##### **Vice Chairperson**

Vicky Birkefeld

Nominated by Jane McNeill  
Seconded by Raelee Booth

Votes: unanimous

#### **Correspondence: Incoming letters**

\* Letter from Town Hockey Club requesting a change of socks for the 2010 season

\* Letter from Sharks Hockey with two special requests for individual players

#### **General Business:**

- **Letter from Town:** Pink socks have been requested in support of the McGrath Foundation. A further request has also been put forward to allow the team to wear a pink shirt for their first game of the 2010 season.

**Decision made by the committee to grant the special requests as stated in the letter.**

- **Letter from Sharks:** The letter outlines two separate requests which need to be individually dealt with by the committee.

The first request concerns Brydie Weilley, a division 3 player. The club requests that Brydie be given permission to remain a field player with the division 3 team she registered with last year, and that she be given special dispensation to play goal keeper for one of the clubs division 2 teams.

The clubs division 2 Team Minute and Wright Removals is unable to find a player willing to take up the position of goal keeper this year, and is in danger of having to withdraw from competition. Brydie has expressed her willingness to help the team out by playing goal keeper although this is not her preferred position.

In 2009 our committee allowed Brydie to play in 2 divisions to help the club keep their division 2 team in the competition.

**After much discussion, the decision has been made to allow Brydie Wielley to play goal keeper for Minute and Wright Removals in division two, while at the same time remaining a field player in the division 4 Equity Conveyancing team for the 2010 season.**

The match committee grants the **special request** under the conditions of the Manning Valley Hockey Women's competition rules.

Brydie will be permitted to play goal keeper in division 2 an unlimited number of times without having to be promoted into that division (normally done on the 6<sup>th</sup> game). This has been granted with three provisions:

- i) that she does not play as a field player in division 2 games
- ii) that she does not play goal keeper in division 4 games
- iii) that she does not play up as a substitute player in any division higher than her own division 4 team

The Match Committee also strongly recommends that Sharks Hockey Club helps Brydie to make the decision as to which team / grade she is willing to play, and that her registration complies with Rule VI, part A in any future season.

The second request concerns Emilly McGillicuddy, goal keeper for the division 1 team. The club requests that Emilly be given permission to remain goal keeper for the division 1 side, whilst at the same time be allowed to play in division 3 as a field player so that she can have the opportunity to experience field play.

After much discussion regarding rule:

## **VI. Gradings**

### **A. A player can only play for one club and one team in any grade**

and any benefits which may come to light for the player involved, her club and our women's competition, the committee reached the following decision.

**The second request concerning Emilly McGillicuddy has been denied as per Rule VI, part A.**

Sharks Hockey Club is a large club with ample field players in each division. There is no special condition or circumstance which warrants Emilly playing in two divisions each week.

The committee wants to present the following solution to the club:

Emilly is able to play on the field in her own team/division in any match. We also wish to remind the Club that if Emilly is registered in Division 2 or lower, she also has the availability to play in that lower division on the field for 5 matches, while at the same time playing up as goal keeper for the division 1 team before she would have to remain up in division one for the remainder of the season.

Next meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6pm at the Hockey Clubhouse.

Meeting closed 9.30pm