

BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC
16 Melbourne Street, Windsor 4030

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: K Walduck, K Proctor, S Fisher, D Wark, J Heron, M Dunning, L Bennett, K Hickling, C Blanchard, A Stouter, All Hallows (1), A&A/Asc (4), BGGGS (2), Bul (2), Com (2), CDores (1), Easts (3), JPC (1), KW (1), MBC (1), Nths (2), PR (2), PH (2), QUT (2), Red (3), Sts (1), SBE (2), SWU (2), Val (2).

APOLOGIES: M Brodie (M'Ment), S Rutter (Com), K Mehonoshen (KW), S Carey (Easts)

GUEST: *Bob Clements – National Australia Bank.* Sonya Fisher introduced Bob Clements. NAB is a major sponsor of Hockey in Queensland. Bob explained the NAB Introducer Program, which pays a % fee to assoc/clubs that introduce members to loans offered by NAB. Bob's presentation was well received by clubs, and the council thanked Bob for his attendance.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of last Council Meeting dated 23rd February were taken as read by resolution of Council.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: *Meg Brodie (apologies)*

- February Financial Statement noted
- Debtors List: Reminder that all invoices dated February as now well overdue. Bulimba are looking into some missed payments. UQ still have not paid their first half turf fees, UQ will not be awarded points for any fixtures unless this outstanding money and any missing paperwork is submitted by noon on Friday 26th March, 2010.
- First Half Senior Grass & Juniors Form due today – invoices out tomorrow. Must be paid by 7th April.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Karin Walduck*

- Hockey Queensland: KW, KP & SF attended the HQ Members Forum last Saturday. Two forums held each year. Grant Weir from HA attended to speak about Hook in2 Hockey, Claire Pridow attended from HA and gave a HA overview. Cairns HA gave a very good presentation about their attendance at the Singapore 6's tournament. Ronda Nix gave a presentation on the Technical accreditation process. It is important that we develop additional people in this area with the necessary skills.
- BHMG: Some concern with the state of the facilities, some signs have been installed, the toilets are cleaned once a day, any more will increase the costs. If problems are noticed be specific, so we can address the actual problem.
- Resignation of Desley Mackay from Management. Would like to thank Desley for her considerable effort over many years. The Council acknowledged this with acclamation. A Casual Vacancy now exists on the Management Committee, please ask interested people to submit an expression of interest for the position to Management. Management meeting for 2 hours on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and for 1 hour prior to Council on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each Management person has a portfolio to look after.

2. VICE PRESIDENT: *Sonya Fisher*

- Working Bee – Jenny Tidey & Sonya Fisher will opening the facility about 7.45am. There have been some minor changes to tasks, Sonya will speak to affected clubs after the meeting.
- Facility Development Plan – work in progress.
- BWA Post & Duty Roster – Downey Park & Rasey Park BBQ to be sent out.
- Raffle Day Roster – already sent out

3. JUNIOR'S REPORT: *Debbie Wark*

- Junior Turf Ratified Gradings:

JT1	JT2	JT3	U13T
Bulimba	Arana Ascot	All Hallows'	Bulimba
Commercial	BGGS	Bulimba	East
East	Commercial	Ked Wavell	Ked Wavell
Ked Wavell	East	Lourdes Hill	North
North	Ked Wavell	Pine Hills	St Andrews
Redcliffe	North	Redcliffe	Valley
SWU	St Andrews	SWU	
Valley	Valley	Valley	

Following clubs missed out on JT3: SBE, PR, East, North and Com in U13T

- Junior Grass affiliations
70 Full Field Teams + 4 who missed out on turf (2009 – 77)
29 – U9's (2009 – 24) & 15 – U7's (2009 - 16)
- Fixtures start on 16/17 April. No games on 9/10 April. Plan is to have 8 & 6 team competitions. The suggested grades & timeslots were shown to clubs and they were asked to advise if they saw any problems with this. DW & PN happy to discuss with any club after the meeting.
- Duty Roster at Rasey Park – will be sent out shortly – this is to help set up & clean away the equipment used for the U7's & U9's.
- BWA Duty & Post Roster is for all clubs – as mentioned previously, includes the roster for the Rasey Park BBQ, a list of instructions is available, it is important that clubs organize their volunteers to cover these tasks.
- Umpiring at DP & RP will again be clubs umpiring their own games. Please ensure that the umpires sent sign in and are of the correct standard or are being mentored correctly, so everyone can enjoy the game.
- Reminder that all Individual Membership Forms, Clearances, **Proof of Age must be submitted before fixtures commence. Fines will be imposed from day 1.
- Reminder that clubs have to put all their players into the database, before they play. The results are entered by the office, so if any player is not on the database fines will be incurred for every breach.
- Asked if Stuartholme had a delegate in attendance : No; need to align with a Senior club as they only have one junior team.

4. DEVELOPMENT: *Sharyn Simpson*

- All club coach forms & summary are due today.
- The following nomination forms are available on the BWA Website, please encourage members to look at this site and action immediately.
- U13 Nominations close tomorrow 24th March
- PL & Open Nominations close on Friday 26th March.
- Veterans Nominations close on 1st April.
- U15 Nominations close on 6th April.

5. COMPETITIONS: Fixtures & Grading: *Jenny Heron*

- Turf Fixtures – have commenced, will be working on full season draw tomorrow. Hold up has

been whether EHTT would be ready, will do the draw on the assumption that it will be ready. If it isn't then the Easts games will be moved to available venue to play.

- Grass Gradings this Saturday at Rasey Park. Once gradings determined, clubs will be advised. Clubs should note that there is 49/50 teams and Management has decided that there will be 5 divisions of 10, so many teams will move up divisions.

6. COMPETITIONS: Recording: *Karen Hickling*

- Lists have been sent out to clubs for missing Turf Individual Forms, Duals, Clearances, Proof of Age (**NB: Proof of Age – needs only be put into the database either as DL + number (Drivers Licence Number) or BC + number (Birth Certificate Number). Should a dispute arise, members will then be required to produce the document as proof) – please ensure all this information is submitted before players play in fixtures.
- Reminder that clubs have to put all their players into the database, before they play. The results are entered by the office, so if any player is not on the database fines will be incurred for every breach.
- All Grass Team Registration Forms, Individual Forms, Clearances, Proof of Age** etc are due today, please remember to send in an EXCEL version of your Team Registration Forms to the office.
- Reminder: that any player who is registered to play in two associations must complete a Dual Registration Form – this includes Masters & QAS players.
- Alternative Registration Forms: must be submitted by 26th March.

7. COMPETITIONS: Umpires, Technical & Masters: *Lesley Bennett*

- Turf Clubs are reminded that they responsible for running the Tech Bench as listed on the draw. The first team of the day – set up and the last team of the day is to put away all BWAH equipment and ensure the paperwork is posted to BWAH on their way home (stamped envelopes provided) – so the results can be entered into the database asap.
- Clubs are reminded about the BWAH Local Rules and turf venue rules, that do not allow for players to wear bobby pins, jewellery, hard brimmed hats, but all players must wear shin guards – these are all safety issues and should not need umpires to enforce this. Abusing umpires, technical officials or BWAH officials for enforcing these rules will be dealt with severely.
- Congratulations to Julie Ashton-Lucy who has been appointed as an umpire for the Women's World Cup being held in Argentina this year.
- Good Luck to Kathryn Foster, Aleisha Neumann & Bernie Pangrazio who are attending the National U18's after Easter as umpires.
- Jan Hadfield conducted 2 umpire talks last week, which were reasonably well attended. There are no rule changes for 2010. Clubs need to ensure that their umpires (at all levels) are aware of the tools they have at their disposal to deal with inappropriate behaviour from players, officials and spectators. People need to treat each other with respect, and a zero tolerance of bad behaviour should be enforced by BWAH, clubs, teams and individuals.
- Representative Team Umpires Nominations – Snr & Juniors Due:
 - Pl/Opens 23 March
 - Due: U13s 24 March
 - Due: Vets 1 April
 - Due: U15s 6 April
 - Due: U18s 2 July

Very few nominations to date, we cannot send teams to State Championships without umpires, so no umpires, no teams travel.

- Application for Field Testing (Snr & Jnr/ Turf & Grass) Due:
 - 6 April - Juniors
 - 17 April - Seniors
- Players Rules Paper Form – number's required Due: 27 April
- Badged Umpires Questionnaire Due: 17 April
- Umpires Forum will be held on Saturday 17th April at 10.00am (Flyer to be sent out).

- Masters Umpires, once draw finalised, clubs will be allocated two umpirings together, ask that clubs input the names (as they know who travels together), so the umpiring for the full year can be finalised and placed on the webpage.

8. COMPETITIONS: *Melda Dunning*

- Sports Trainers: BWAH as a complimentary service provide Sports Trainers where they can at fixtures. This however is not a legal requirement. At all venues ice is available for use for injuries. Games should always start at the listed time and should an injury occur (as with club trainings) then commonsense should be applied and if there is any doubt on the severity of an injury an ambulance should be called.
- Looking at a shelter at SHC (in conjunction with BWAH), so the Sports Trainer can be situated between the two fields and can attend as necessary.

9. VOLUNTEERS, EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS: *Annette Stouter*

- QCTV – 1st Week
 - Need Team Lists for **St Andrews 1 & Kedron Wavell 1** with playing numbers and any interesting information about players to the office by Thursday please.
 - Planning to have 1 central commentator and then 1 from each club to give background information.
 - Games being telecast will either be the 1.30 or 4.30 game at SHC each fortnight.
 - Trying to put together a 20min hockey show (like Footy Show). Will need volunteers to assist.
- Player Consent forms – all Div 1 clubs need to submit these asap.
- RSA Course – have organised a course for Tuesday 30th March at the BWAH Clubhouse 5.00pm to 9.00pm. There are limited places available, so if your club has anyone interested in attending, please contact the office urgently, the cost is \$80.00 pp.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Admin: behaviour of some club members/officials to staff in the office. The administration staff do not make the rules of the association, they work on behalf of the association volunteers to coordinate and facilitate the running of the association, please do not badger, bully or yell at our staff who are only the messengers. If your club has any problem or issue with any rule, then a letter on club letterhead should be submitted, so management can deal with it. Our staff does not have to put up with this type of abuse.
- SHC News: Due to the Pool Construction there will be limited access to the State Hockey Centre grass fields for the next 2 weeks. The fields are still usable however there is limited parking in front of the grass Club house. It is expected that the pool will be finished by June.
- Match Booklets: Clubs asked to sign for their Match Booklets before leaving tonight.

11. NEXT MEETING: Council Meeting 27th April at 7.30pm

12. MEETING CLOSE: 8.30pm