

BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC
16 MELBOURNE STREET, WINDSOR 4030

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
ON TUESDAY 28th MARCH 2023 AT 7.10PM

ATTENDANCE: K Walduck, S Fisher, K Roberts, A Mehonoshen, B Morris, D Brodie, L Bennett (BOM), K Proctor (GM) L C-Jones (JC), AHS (1), AAHC (1), CD (1), Nth (1), PH (2), Red (1), RLand (2), SBE (1), SWU (1), Val (2), UQ (1).

APOLOGIES: C Blanchard, S Reid (BOM), J Hartnett, M Brown (JC), T Gaddes (KW), K Sheather (Bul), P Tonkins (AHS), A Lambert (MBC), P Faas (QUT), S Guy & P Burgess (Red).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: dated 28th February 2023 accepted as read by resolution of the Council.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

1. PRESIDENT: *Karin Walduck*

- Update on Olympics 2032 facility planning.
 - ToddF (BHA), KarinW (BWAH) and AlisonL (HQ) met last week.
 - Hockey Brisbane registered their concerns with a drop in turf at Ballymore, which will do nothing for the future of hockey, general feedback is “why not upgrade the SHC”.
 - AL advised the plans for the hockey venue are not yet locked in, and the Olympic Committee have until 2025 to make a final decision, the HQ Ctee are looking at alternatives.
 - Need a business plan to decide if the Olympic Facility can/should be moved to another location. Work is happening in the background.
 - If you are talking to anyone in this area, please remind them that a drop in turf at Ballymore will be no good for hockey, it has no public transport, and it floods; the SHC has river access to the athlete’s village.
 - The dream would be to have 4 turfs at the SHC, but at least a more functional venue.
- Access to LiveHockey. As a registered player you have access to LiveHockey; with free access to State and National hockey games; Volunteers get a discounted rate.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT, BRIZHOCKEY and UMPIRING: *Sonya Fisher*

a. FINANCE:

- February 2023 Financial Reports – *emailed out*.
- Just Hockey Sponsorship continuing, they will not have a shop at Downey Park this year, but general stock will be on sale from the canteen. They will hold a pop-up shop on the first day of complete fixtures at DP after Easter – **22.04.23**. They have a shop at 2/57 Victoria St, Windsor (close to DP) that can be accessed weekends for all your major needs.
- Please note the important dates that forms are due.

Payments Due	
Balance of Registration Fees Due – All Competitions	9 th May
Last Changes of Registrations Due – All Competitions	14 th July

b. BRIZHOCKEY: continue to film this year; nothing filmed last week due to the National U21’s.

c. UMPIRING & TECHNICAL CTEE:

- We will re-introduce Coin/Stick toss to start the game;

- At all Grass games we will return to run on, cheers and toss, as this is part of the hockey community.
- Wearing glasses on the field:
 - 26 (7) *No sunglasses can be worn while playing, unless permission is given by the Board of Management due to medical reasons.*
 - At high levels of hockey glasses not allowed to be worn.
 - Special permission can be given if the glasses are plastic frames and high impact lenses, and the application is accompanied by an Optometrist certificate to endorse the need for the glasses and their safety level.
 - The U&TC will be looking at our current rule with a view to bringing it in line with general hockey rules, it will be a gradual introduction to allow players time to obtain the correct equipment and certification.
 - The rule change will make it safer for all players on the field.
- Match Sheet/Team Benches: the space for Sports Trainers can only be filled by an approved and qualified Sports Trainer as per our rules; please ensure your teams know and follow this rule.
- U&TC will be reaching out to all clubs, to ask what BWAHA can do to assist them to develop umpires:
 - need clubs to work on getting people to umpire, perhaps using a senior member to mentor.
 - Several clubs already contacted don't have anybody responsible for umpire development.
 - Many clubs don't have enough umpires to meet the needs of the teams they have, many of the Club Umpires Register do not have enough umpires on them, and since the season has started have taken some off leaving even less available to cover club allocations.

3. COMPETITIONS:

a. Senior Turf: *Di Brodie*

- Most things appear to be going okay, please let the office know if you have any concerns.

b. Masters: *Kellie Roberts*

- We have a new Master's Committee in 2023, 2 meetings held so far, issues discussed:
 - Umpiring- to get more ladies umpiring with mentors.
 - How to better encourage new masters aged 34/35 into the sport.
 - Communication with Masters

c. Senior Grass: *Lesley Bennett*

- First fixtures played last Saturday.
- Thunder thankfully did not lead to rain on the first day.
- Match Secretary: Match Books completion okay for the first week; reminder to use the "Registered Team column" and place players in Alphabetical Order.
- Fixtures: originally put a minimum number of games at 12.30 in case the juniors needed 12.30 timeslots, they don't require them so will do some fine tuning and have the fixtures out asap.

d. General Requirements

- Reminder of the Alternative Uniform Register that can be found at <https://www.bwha.com.au/clubs-admin/2023-alternate-uniform-register-2/> Please ensure your club teams change as indicated on this register.
- Reminder that clubs need to apply for approval to make changes to their uniforms including Sponsors logos. Only your registered uniform can be worn.
- Reminder that clubs need to ask for special permission for exemptions to Rule 8 and for GKs to play on the field, these should be submitted with draft & team registration forms:

4. DATABASE: Bron Morris

- REVSport has announced 4 software updates in the foreseeable future, one is the need for administrators to use 2 factor authentication, so they will need to download an app. Initially this will be for Administrators only.
- All players must be registered in the database before they play a game, so the office can assign players to teams. Emails from office to get players into the system.
- Do not change the player numbers in the database from 1. We need to sort the teams alphabetically for the Match Secretaries and the database default looks at the number first.
- Majestri report can work with RevSport – if you need assistance with this contact Bron or the office.
- Clubs will be given a couple of weeks grace, and then fines will be issued every time players are not in the database. Please start checking now.
- Junior Grass and U7 and U9 into the database were due in the database by today. Please chase up those missing.

5. DEVELOPMENT: Amy Ryan report

- **U13 Representative Trial Nominations** – closing April 5 – [nominate here](#).
- **Master's State Championships teams** – being announced March 29
- **U18 State Championships teams** – being announced March 29
- Development programs in April – **Rach Lynch GK Clinic, Penalty Corner Clinic, Masters Development, U13 School Holiday Clinic, U11 School Holiday Clinic, U7 & U9 School Holiday Clinic** – all info and registrations found [here](#).
- Introduction to Umpiring Workshop – April 22nd – [RSVP here](#). Good one to send your players to.
- The Senior Umpire Talk from March can now be viewed/downloaded from the BWA website - <https://www.bwba.com.au/resources-and-rules/>
- Morgan Gallagher played for Australian last weekend: she is a Brisbane Junior, starting on her pathway in the U11 Development Program; congratulations and we are very proud of her.

6. JUNIORS: Karin Walduck

a. Junior Grass Grading:

CLUB	JG1/2	U13A/B	U11A	U11B	U11C	U11D	Total FF
Timeslot	11:00AM	9:30AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	9:30AM	
Fields	4	5	4	4	3	4	
All Hallows	2	1			1		4
Ascot Arana		1	1		1		3
Bulimba				1			1
Commercial	1	1	1	1		1	5
Easts	1	1	1	1		1	5
Ked Wavell	1	1	1		1		4
MBC					1		1
Norths	2	2	1	1	1	1	8
Pine Hills	1	2	1			1	5
Redcliffe				1			1
St Andrews				1		1	2
SBE						1	1
SWU		1		1			2
University			1		1	1	3
Valley	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Total	9	11	8	8	7	8	51

b. Junior Grass Match Booklets: available for collection tonight – please distribute to your club teams, as there will not be spares at DP/RP.

c. Form dates due today – if you haven't already submitted please do so asap.

<u>Affiliation Forms</u>	
U7 & U9 Affiliations & Draft Team Lists Due	28th March
<u>Competition Payment Forms (Team Registrations)</u>	
Junior Grass Team Registrations	28th March
U7 & U9 Team Registrations	28th March

7. GENERAL BUSINESS: *Karin Walduck*

a. The Working Bees in 2023:

- thank you to those clubs who attended and completed their tasks.
- It is important when you ask club volunteers to attend, that you advise them of the equipment they need to bring to complete their job.
- End of Season: 9th September. This is Turf Grand Final Day but the tasks are 8am to 10am, early before the finals start.

e. **Blue Cards:** Please ensure all relevant members of your club have Blue Cards and they are linked to your club if they have the card through another organisation.

h. **Board of Management Meetings** are generally held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from February to November, any requests for exemptions to rules or uniform changes need to be dealt with at Board Meetings. One ZOOM and one Face to face.

i. **Council Meetings**

- A decision on when the next Council Meeting will be, will be made based on the need to discuss an important topic. Clubs will be given notice of any meeting that will be held in May, June or July.
- 28th November 2023 – AGM & Council Meeting

8. MEETING CLOSE: 7.30pm