

Presidents and Secretaries Meeting

Albury Hockey Centre Clubroom, 6:30pm, Wednesday 9th March 2016

Minutes

Opening

Apologies: Deb Lawrence (BOM), Laura Errey (Magpies), Matt Bardy (Falcons), Beth Simpson (Scots)

Moved and accepted by the chair

Opening address by the President, Bert Eastoe and a welcome to the 2016 season. He talked about the focus for this year being moving forward, improving and raising the profile of our sport within our community.

Minutes August 2015

The room at large confirmed that we discussed tribunals, 16 age group competition, finals and use of the box, umpires, social media policy, senior presentation & conduct of umpires.

Items for Discussion

HV tribunal procedures

Most clubs agreed that the policy that was sent out early this year will need to be adapted as not "A/W friendly" but the principles are ok. The document needs to be trimmed as some parts do not apply for our association. The policy is more rules bound and less negotiation than we have been used to.

Action: Bert will suggest changes to make the document more appropriate for our association and then it will be presented to the clubs again for review.

Director Reports

a. President (Bert Eastoe)

* Steve Berrie has moved on and is currently being replaced by Cayte Campbell who is working 3 days a week. Before advertising the position BOM will be trialling a more multifaceted approach, rather than a multifaceted person – for example the Operations job involves facets of admin, development, maintenance and book keeping.

Action: A review by BOM will be undertaken in July to establish how the position will be advertised.

* SportsClean are coming towards the end of the month to service the turf pitches in Albury and Wodonga, in preparation for the start of the season.

* Wodonga City Council's strategic plan has netball moving to Silva Dr and hockey moving to the new Baranduda centre by 2018 however this has currently stalled due to funding. Due to the quality of the Wodonga Turf a decision was made to downgrade the use of the facility this season and no Div 1 games will be played there this year. If the strategic plan fails then WCC will help replace the carpet and shock pad at WHC so we have a few more years of use.

* Bert, Michael (DOF) and Cayte had a meeting with Albury City Council during the week. The council would like us to be more self-supporting and handle our own rubbish and mowing which incur extra costs for our association.

* HV strategic planning session – Vanessa Flannigan (Wodonga) attended. The drop off in team sport and the lack of commitment to structured sport was discussed. The message was that we need to adapt what we provide, and be good at it. Access, Cost and Time are the barriers to participation.

b. Finance (Michael Darmody)

* Invoicing for field time and any unpaid team deposits will begin soon.

Action: All clubs need to ensure we have their email (nb from Cayte – she has been chasing this)

c. Competitions (Deb Lawrence)

Deb was an apology and provided the following report:

* Draws are drafted awaiting capital league draw to begin scheduling. Once we have the capital league draw the schedule will be sorted for seniors. First 4 rounds asap.

* 6 teams in both men and women Div 1. All will play each other 4 times.

* Will try to minimise midweek games. Seniors will have 20 rounds (if there are 7 or 8 sides in a division, they will play 21 rounds with a mid week game).

* Wodonga grounds will not be used for Div 1 outside of Dave Chandler cup and club days.

Div 2 men and women will be rotated with games on the ground at Wodonga spread evenly.

* Juniors will have 18 rounds. Due to irregular holidays it is hard to have breaks. Scots will be accommodated for games scheduled during NSW school holiday periods.

Action: Clubs need to confirm their nominations. Deb will be emailing clubs with a nomination summary from which an email confirmation will be required so she can finalise draws.

* The Association will be moving to one sport with draw and we will let you know as soon as we are setup, and ready to provide training for clubs

* Competitions meeting scheduled for next Wednesday 6.30 in the club room followed by a permits committee meeting.

Action: Clubs need to ensure that their representative brings the clubs information on over age players for 16s including lists of names and reasons for playing below their age group for this meeting.

d. Development (Sharyn Norie)

* 80 kids in the summer Albury Academy. Hugh Cullen & several other local people coached.

* Roadshow – really good take up all areas. Need to send more flyers back to the schools.

Let the office know if your U12's are short.

Action: (Cayte to send flyers to schools.

* Representative hockey – the goal posts have moved! HAW and Zone rep are in the same pool, which means if you wish to play in the JSC (Knights) you must go to the JCC and be selected. There is no Zone Challenge. See more detail in Rep report.

* There was a Zone Development clinic in Shepparton last weekend (5 from HAW attended) with the L1 coaches and umpires on the Saturday.

* L2 coaches course advertised but only four registered so will probably be cancelled.

e. Representative (Julie Versteegen)

* Further to Sharyn's report the Representative pathway has been changed by HV. If you wish to go to Junior State Championships (JSC) then you have to attend Junior Country Championships (JCC). An email will go to all who have nominated letting them know what is going on.

Action: We need clubs to forward messages to their players so that we can make sure that everyone gets the new information.

* JSC is not in NSW school holidays. It is the last four days of term

* JCC is organised by HAW. We pick teams to go to JCC, however the North East Knights team to go to JSC is selected at the JCC by HV selectors. Nominations close 1 April. Rep trials are to be held Sat 9 April, and Sunday 10 April if necessary.

* Discussion was had around the possibility of allaying the cost. Sharyn advised we already fundraise for this. A couple of suggestions were made, but the criteria are an issue. What we are doing won't alleviate the situation for the numbers involved. Major issue will be the date for the NSW kids.

* Strength and conditioning with Australian Sports Science for Capital League and junior rep with additional sessions being run during the season to target improvement

f. Carnivals & Special Events (Tony White)

* Easter Carnival was cancelled this year. We did a survey and 180 replied. We will try and take on board what came through the survey and work towards next year and build it back. We are getting a working party together by the end of May. Bert's interview was on television which went to Facebook, which goes to Twitter, and there were over 5,500 viewing our social media site on this, which indicates that there is still the interest.

Action: Cayte to send a request to clubs for ball boys and girls for Capital League games. Age needs to be 14 or above due to the concentration span required.

Action: Clubs to canvass for interested junior players as ball people.

g. Umpires (Barry Verbunt)

* This year is going to be different and difficult. The first 5-6 weeks will be challenging as umpires will have to start in lower grades to get confidence before they move to their own grades. We need to crawl before we walk.

* HAW code of conduct MUST be followed by players, spectators and coaches if we want people (particularly juniors) to keep umpiring. HV is going to run some introduction courses at the end of March or early April.

Action: Clubs to encourage potential umpires to attend

* There are no new rules this year. A new interpretation of the 5m from the circle rule at the end of last year needs to be bedded down.

* If there are difficult behaviour issues, let HAW know early. Remember that our umpires (and coaches) are volunteers. Julie will try to find an article on why people volunteer.

Action: Cayte will send to clubs when/if found

Business from the Floor

* Discussion was had regarding the U16 competitions. Clubs will send representatives to the competitions meeting on Wednesday to finalise the outcome for the 2016 season.

Action: Cayte will hold clearances on persons who are affected by this until after the competitions meeting.

* Clubs need to share information for all junior grades and this may result in shared teams (Phantoms).

Action: Clubs bring their numbers on all teams to the competitions meeting and we will work towards the best solution here.

* WHC when will it be cleaned? – Bert and Barry are going over this weekend to give the ground a clean and SportsClean will give the surface a comprehensive clean before the season starts.

* Capital league are looking for a major sponsor. The players are approaching businesses. If your club has any businesses that would like to take on sponsorship, talk to Julie.

* As far as clubs raising money - look at what the other clubs are doing –be innovative. You can put more than one advert on your sign, but not on the sign on the grounds.

Action: Cayte to check out the policy written by Belinda three years ago and send to clubs

* We have adopted the Hockey Vic social media policy.

* There is interest in the first aid course.

Action: Cayte to cost and send to clubs

* Good Sports (and we are level 3) says there is a 10 metre exclusion zone from children playing. We now to look at exactly what we have to do.

Action: Cayte to look at what is required.

Bert final words for the meeting:

* Embrace our umpires and our coaches. We need to look to value add to persons that have credentials for both of these things. For our players the skills development from Sports Science will be invaluable.

* We are working with ACC towards having an all weather path back to Cadell St

* MUFC has applied for a grant to upgrade the grass grounds which will work for both of us.

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Attendance

Name	Affiliation
Sharon Norie	BOM
Shant Morrison	Magpies
Nella Pappas	W.H.C.
Suzanne Gregory	DRAGONS
Shantee North	DRAGONS
Jeremy Zuber	Beechworth
Heather Box	Beechworth
Tracy Wood	NORTHS
Claire McIntosh	SCOTS
BRETT RIMINGTON	SCOTS
Debbie Mynett	FALCONS
Rowan Wallace	FALCONS
Cayle Campbell	ORATIONS
Jule DeGroot	BOM
Tony White	BOM
BRETT EASTEE	BOM
Paul Chris	Wabets
Vanessa Flanagan	Wabets
Kay Lumby	Wabets
Michael Samoy	BOM
Brian Verbeke	BOM

Meeting Closed 8.30pm