



SYDNEY HOCKEY

Minutes of the Board of Management Meeting held

Monday 8th March 2021

Venue - Waratah Room SOP

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.10 pm

1. ATTENDANCE:

Board: Peter Busch (President), Bruce Cook (VP), Corinne Rochester, Alan O'Connell Ken Campbell, Robbie Sutton

Executive Officer: Peter Hayes

Visitors : Maurice Dawson & Dean Merchant (Ryde), Damian Dorman (ND), Eliza Roche (SUHC), David Slater (Briars), David Campbell (NWS-BH), John Mulclair (Sutherland)

Apologies: Rohan McCoy (Treasurer) Paul Economides (UTS), Raj Mavji (Sharks), Laim Dixon (Macq Uni), Sue Heath (Glebe), Tony Furner (St George /SES), Jonathon Paul (UNSW)

2. AFFIRMATION OF DIRECTORS

Each Director present affirmed that they continue to be qualified to act in the capacity as a Director of Sydney Hockey Association under the terms of the Corporations Act and is aware of, and complies with, the Constitution and its obligations.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A Conflicts Register is in place.

Directors were requested to note the Conflicts Register and to notify the President of Sydney Hockey Association of any new conflicts that need to be recorded in the register.

UNFINANCIAL CLUBS - Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 8/2/21, moved to accept; Alan O'Connell 2nd Corinne Rochester, passed

5. BUSINESS ARISING

a. Live Streaming in 2021 – Outcome of survey/proposals

- It was noted the info from Clubs that there was difficulty in current organisation time frames and budgets. That said clubs appreciated the additional focus on Hockey that 2020 live streaming brought to the clubs.

- The Meeting heard a representation from John Mulclair ,who addressed the following points. *“Sutherland proposes that SH pay for livestreaming the proposed 2020 program of matches. This will be to publicise, develop and expand hockey. It should be paid for from SH's reserves.*

In return, we suggest a group of people from the clubs and SH would be formed to develop a long term, self-sustaining livestreaming approach. This would involve developing a value model attractive to potential sponsors that can be presented to them by SH. Importantly, doing this in 2021 will deliver the eyeballs data - the who, how many, watch where - basically the demographics. If revenue beyond the cost of providing live streaming is generated by SH, it should be directed to either cutting costs of participation or hockey development”.

- Following discussion on these points that were supported by David Campbell, it was resolved to ‘Establish a working committee to assess viability in 2021 and the future of Live Streaming product including assessing funding from SH. The committee is to be made up of 2 board members and Club Representatives.’

- b. **Draw prep and distribution** – Draw to be issued on 9th March. It was noted that The competition in 2021 consists of 100 teams. Some difficulty with field availability and fitting H&A requirements. Clubs are thanked for actively recruiting players to the sport.

c. Comp Rules – minor changes 2021

- Minor changes to reporting requirements for Match Cards ;
- New requirement for each PL team to have a non-playing Manager in the dugout.
- Discussion ensue about Rule 13.5. Resolved to further discuss at Board level and seek views from PL players, before any change is made.
- 2021 version to be available before the Comp start date.

d. Compulsory Covid requirements – SOP

- Particular reference made to an Addendum to be added to the Rules addressing Covid Restriction management at Venues. This addendum has particular reference to SOP and other venues as required. Addendum and actions required will be distributed prior to the Competition start.

e. Honour board quote

- Board members resolved to pursue the cheaper quote for updating.

6. **PRESIDENTS REPORT** - Peter addressed the meeting , noting the success for the short 2020 season and the bright outlook for 2021 with 100 teams nominated. Peter noted attending the Official AGM last week and the provision of umpires for pre-season games along with the ongoing plans of the umpire academy. He noted that the Officials will have SH shirts this season as part of a 'branding 'effort. Peter lead the discussion on Live Streaming – referred to in other parts of the minutes.

7. OFFICIATING REPORT

- Bruce Cook mentioned the high rate of match coverage with Officials , which has become the norm in the past couple of years. Bruce talked on Umpiring coaching and that David Gentles will be available this year for some coaching.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER / CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- List of contacts from clubs, due in February – responses received from a handful of clubs. EO to resend with adding reporting requirement for Team Covid Marshall reps, as discussed with Rule Addendum
- RevSport matchday reporting – EO mentioned timeframes for sending in Matchcards, noting that Revsport actions ideally should be done at the match, making use of current technology and the capabilities of the RevSport program. Noted that Rules are being tighten on reporting timeframes.

9. FINANCE REPORT

- A Budget summary for 2021 was discussed. Attendees asked for an earlier notice of fees. It was noted that additional time was give the year so to finialise the number of teams.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- David Campbell discussed an issue not currently in the rules of SH of a requirement to advise all clubs of any officially advised player suspensions from other Associations/competitions. Resolved that this will be the practise in the future.
- This aspect of the rules, does not change the rule 15.5 “SYDNEY HOCKEY will notify all club secretaries of every automatic suspension, but a player or his club cannot delay an automatic suspension solely because that notice has not yet been received by them”.
- John Mulcair discussed player behaviour and efforts by Sutherland to have players sign and comply with a code of behaviour. It was noted that player behaviour did improve when games were live streamed.!
- It was resolved that a memo from SH be sent to all clubs about expected player behaviour, highlighting the penalties that are in the Competition Rules available to the Board.

- **Meeting closed 8.30pm**

SHA Meeting Dates 2021

12/04/2021 Monday
10/05/2021 Monday
15/06/2021 **Tuesday**
12/07/2021 Monday
9/08/2021 Monday
6/09/2021 Monday (1st Monday)
11/10/2021 Monday
8/11/2021 Monday AGM (Redfern Room)
13/12/2021 Monday