



SYDNEY HOCKEY

Minutes of the Board of Management Meeting

Monday 29th January 2023

Venue - Eva Redfern Room SOP

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.05pm

1. ATTENDANCE:

Board: Peter Busch (Pres), Bruce Cook (VP) Ken Campbell, Rohan McCoy,(Finance)
Robbie Sutton,

Visitors : Dianne Brown (NSBHA), David Johnston (GNS), Chris Pope (GNS), Grant
Humphries(FIH tester), David...(Polytan); Paul Economides (UTS) Chris
Coveny (UTS)

Apologies: Alan O'Connell. David Krepp,

Executive Officer: Peter Hayes

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 registered.

- Robert Sutton mentioned that possible uniform Supplier was a conflict for him working for Select Sports.
- Peter Busch, mentioned that possible uniform Supplier was a conflict for him due to sponsorship from supplier.
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UNFINANCIAL CLUBS - At time of meeting - Nil

Confirmation of Minutes – 9/12/2023 Minutes, motion to accept; Robbie Sutton 2nd Ken Campbell

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- Officials Uniform – viewed samples from two suppliers – New Balance & Gryphon

Committee were in favour of the samples from Gryphon. Notes about colours Pink – OK; Orange – needs to be brighter ; more like the sheen on the Pink. Wlakout shirt – OK, Team for Officials – needs a rethink in design or colour

- In favour of bulk amount for initial distribution followed by Online ordering
- Sponsorship
 - Hawkesbury Brewing – offer as Telecast sponsor, player of the match sponsor and other
 - Memo to Bankstown sports – awaiting reply. Point about logo on officials arm – PH to followup
- Rules review – January meeting – carried forward

5. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

- Peter lead the interviews with GNS-Manly & UTS. – see below

6. **FINANCE REPORT**

- Report tabled. Resolved to accept.

7. **OFFICIATING REPORT**

- 1. Preparations have commence for the 2024 Sydney Hockey Season with several of the 2023 Committee engaged in planning discussions for 2024. The next step is to hold the Officiating Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect the 2024 Sydney Hockey Officiating Committee. At this time it is proposed to conduct the Officiating AGM on Monday, 19 February at 7:00 PM at a venue yet to be determined. Unfortunately Scott Evans has advised due to family illness he may have limited availability in 2024, however, the current President is maintaining regular contact with Scott in order to maximise his availability this season.
- 2. Following tonight's meeting the first Officiating Newsletter will be sent out to all members advising them of the 2024 Season and inviting club to seek umpiring assistance for trial matches.
- 3. At the next Board meeting (29 Jan 24), it is anticipated that a decision will be reached on the Officiating Uniform, Ball Person T Shirts and the Supplier for of Officiating Apparel for 2024.

8. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER / CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

- Noted list of PL team nominations
- Meeting dates and Locations – SOP are now charging for meeting space. Discussed alternatives for some meetings. – Meeting room at Liberty Grove and possible room at Bankstown Sports.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Ku-Ring-Gai pitch.** Reps from GNS & NSBHA were invited to attend to discuss their desire for SH to use the newly re-laid pitch at Ku-ring-gai.
- Printed info was viewed and explanations were given by David the Polytan rep and contributions to the discussion were made by the other visitors trying to impress on the need to use this 'new generation' sand filled pitch
- Current president of GNS talked about how players would be learning for the future

- PB asked some clarifying questions about why this type of pitch was chosen and discussed what other facilities had been included/updated at the venue. – Basically Money, Grants and the pitch being on Education Dept land.
- It was noted that the carpark and lighting to and from the field will not be updated this season, scheduled for Summer 2024.
- It was mentioned by PB that fees players pay to NSBHA received nothing in return- blankness in reply.
- BC – discussed how GNS might introduce players to the surface by hosting preseason games – SH would provide umpires
- PB and the meeting thanked the visitors for attending the meeting and asked that some promotional material be developed to help sell to SH member clubs why it is necessary to play at Ku-ring-gai
- Resolved to agree to use the facility, dependant on the promotional info to be provided

UTS PL nominations

- UTS have nominated 3 x PL teams. Paul was invited to attend the meeting to discuss the viability of the nominations.
 - Paul discussed the background with the University in having a higher profile within the university basically for funding (?) and the progress made in the development of a junior base within the local community surrounding SOP
 - Paul mentioned a re-banding exercise for the club, to be now called 'UTS Raptors'
 - Questions were asked of a player base for the PL teams – discussion around recruitment proceeded to an acceptable level.
 - Mention was made of the need to contribute to Umpire ranks
 - Resolved to accept nominations
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- **Meeting closed 9pm**