



SYDNEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

(INC)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held

Monday 13th November 2017

Eva Redfern Room (Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre)

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.10 pm and welcomed all attendees.

- 1. ATTENDANCE:** Alan O'Connell (Briars), Russell Hitchings (Easts), Adrian McKeown (Glebe), Ellie Evans (Macquarie Uni), Mike Thompson (Manly), Laurie Street (Monterey), Kevin Flack (M/Liverpool), David Campbell (Norwest), Andrew Ramsey (Ryde), Sue Flemming (St G/Randwick), Craig Turner (Sutherland), Shaun Knowles (Syd Uni), Paul Economides (UTS), James Mills-Hicks (West's)

Board: John Scott, Peter Busch, Rohan McCoy, Ken Campbell, Ann Noblett, Alan O'Connell

Executive Officer: Peter Hayes

Clubs and Life

Members: M Dawson, P McCabe

Visitors: Chris Noblett, Jack Dean, Peter Krepp, Alan Whitty

Apologies: Bruce Cook, Anthony McInnis, Brett Hardiman, Alvin Valdez, John Walzak

Absent Clubs: Bankstown, Bentstix, Gordon Nth Syd, UNSW

- 2. UNFINANCIAL CLUBS – All Clubs Financial**
3. CONFIRMATION OF 66th AGM MINUTES – Monday 29th November 2016

Motion: "That the formal minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting 29th November 2016 be accepted as a true record"

Moved: Craig Turner **Seconded:** Paul Economides **Carried**

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil**

5. 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Presidents Report – Presented by John Scott as appears in Annual Report. John Scott made special mention of thanking Ann Noblett, who is stepping down from the board, for her administrative work on the board and other roles with SHA. John also thanked Paul Economides for his good job in anchoring the presentation night and for Peter Hayes in his organisation of the evening.

Congratulations to Sutherland for their Grand Final Win.

Finance Report – Rohan McCoy presented the Finance Report which is detailed in the Annual Report document. Rohan noted a small surplus for 2017. He also mentioned monies from the wind-up of the Junior Association would be dispersed by way of discounts to junior participating clubs by scale of involvement

Rohan requested any questions from the floor – none were received

Motion: "That the 2017 Annual Report (which includes the full Financial Accounts and Audit Report) be accepted and that the President and Director Finance sign the 2017 Financial Statement on behalf of the Board"

Moved: Rohan McCoy **Seconded:** Kevin Flack **Carried**

6. ELECTION OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (3)

Formal nominations were received in writing prior to the closing date and those nominees are duly elected to the SHA Board

Positons vacant:

President 2 year term

Finance Director 2 year Term

Director of Admin 2 Year Term

Director 1 2 Year Term

Director 2 2 Year Term

The following directly nominated for these positions by the due date

President Peter Busch

Finance Director Rohan McCoy

Director 1 Bruce Cook

Director 2 Ken Campbell

Vacant positions, Vice-President, Director of Administration

Nominations were invited from the floor. No nominations received, the two positions will be deemed 'casual vacancies'

Motion: "That all nominees be appointed"

Moved: John Scott **Seconded:** David Campbell **Carried**

- 7. Election of Life Members** - Nomination for Bruce Cook to be awarded Life Membership – moved by John Scott, 2nd Peter Busch. John spoke for the motion (content of Bruce’s achievements form an attachment to these minutes)
The motion was accepted unanimously

8. General Business

- Alan O’Connell explained that a survey would soon be distributed for all members to complete
- Peter Busch outlined 1 change to the competition rules due to unacceptable forfeits in top grades. The draft ruling reads
- *"If a club advises it is forfeiting a game, the club must forfeit the lowest grade game. This applies to PL1 to PL4 and as a separate rule for SL1 to SL6"*
- Discussion on distributing an early PL draw. Craig Turner noted that having the draw available so early in 2017 was a big improvement on previous years. Other points mentioned by Peter Busch were an adjustment to the timing on PL GF in 2018 (PL start no later than 4.30pm). It was also noted and appreciated by many – the live stream of the PL GF’s. SHA had a very large response from all over the country. It would be very good in future years if the costs could be shared with SWHL.
- Ryde delegate asked about the number of games to be played in PL. PB answered that our aim is to build a pathway for junior players and this was best done by having PL1-4 with 12 teams in each, playing a H&A series
- Peter Krepp asked about a possible Women’s comp so for clubs to better keep their players – PB replied it was a club matter and not in the remit of SHA to provide such a competition.
- Peter Krepp inquired about SHA’s affiliation with HNSW – PB replied that no movement has happened on this topic.
- Paul Economides discussed mid-week masters plan to lower age group in Div 1 to 35 year olds and was concerned that this may take away from Saturday Hockey. RMc mentioned that Master wold only be allowing this in A grade. – perhaps include in survey

Meeting Closed - 7.58pm

President

Peter Busch

Life Member Attachment

Life Membership Nomination

Bruce Cook

I take great pleasure to nominate Bruce Cook for Life Membership of the Sydney Hockey Association and would present the following as testament to his worthiness for this honour.

Bruce started his Hockey career with the Sutherland District Hockey Club in 1969 as a Junior Player and commenced playing grade hockey in 1970. In 1972 he played in all five Sutherland grades, starting in 5th grade finishing the last seven games in First Grade before joining the Military in 1973.

In 1972 Bruce attained his Sydney Umpires Badge and has been and always is willing to umpire where-ever and when-ever umpires are not available or indisposed.

Bruce re-appeared at Sutherland in 1998 when his son started playing Hockey and quickly got involved with club and team administration, becoming the Assistant Junior Convenor in 1999. He 2000 he was asked to return to Umpiring by Stan Cleaver and has been involved in Sydney Hockey ever since.

In 2005 he became a Level 1 Technical Officer and a Level 2 Technical Officer in 2007.

Bruce has been the Chair of the SHA Officiating Committee in 2007, 2008, 2012-2013 and again in 2016-17. His organisational skills along with his relentless and tireless efforts have ensured that over 90% of all games in the 2016 and 2017 SHA competitions have been covered with allocated umpires. This is an outstanding achievement!

Bruce has been a valuable and respected member of the Sydney Hockey Association Board in 2012-13 and from 2015-17. At the SHA AGM in 2013 he ran for President of the Sydney Hockey Association, but was narrowly defeated.

Bruce stood down from the Board in 2014, however he returned to fill a casual vacancy in 2015 and was re-elected, unopposed, to his position in 2016-17.

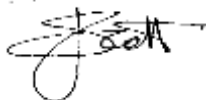
The year that Bruce did not seek re-election (2014) saw him move to Bankstown District Hockey Club, then in 4th Division, to manage the First Grade Team. That year the team finished Minor Premiers. He continued to Manage Bankstown First Grade Team in Sydney Cup in 2015 and also managed the team in 2016 during Bankstown's first year back in Premier League.

In addition to his work with Sydney Hockey he has been the President of the Australian Defence Force Hockey Association 2012-17 and is currently a member of the Hockey NSW Officiating Committee, organising all HNSW State Championships.

In 2015 he was appointed by Hockey Australia as its Country Championship Tournament Director.

I have no hesitation in recommending Bruce Cook for Life Membership of the Sydney Hockey Association as his devotion to the Sydney Hockey Association is truly deserving of such an accolade.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Scott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Scott
(Smellie)

Executive Officer
Sydney Hockey Association
10 October, 2017

Dear Peter,

Please accept my seconding of the Life Membership proposal for Bruce Cook put forward by the SHA President, John Scott.

Throughout his involvement with SHA, Bruce has sought to further the development of the game of Hockey in Sydney and in many other areas. His work in the development of officials at every level of the game has been exemplary.

It is my view that he is deserving of Life Membership and I heartily endorse his nomination.

Kind regards,
Peter Busch