



SYDNEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

(INC)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held

Monday 11th November 2019

Eva Redfern Room (Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre)

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.02 pm. The President welcomed all attendees.

- 1. ATTENDANCE:** Graeme Barnard (Bankstown), Trent Marshall (Bentstix), David Slater (Briars), Russell Hitchens (Easts), Andrew McKeown (Glebe), Scott Fallowfield (GNS), Jack Dean (Macquarie Uni), Allan Whitty (Monterey), John Walzak (Moorebank), Chris Hawkins (Northern Districts), David Campbell (Norwest Strikers), Andrew Ramsey (Ryde), Graeme Fleming (St George/Randwick), Craig Turner (Sutherland), Anthony McInnes (Sydney Uni), Scott Tully (Tartans), Paul Economides (UTS), James Mills-Hicks (Wests).

Board: Peter Busch, Ken Campbell, Alan O'Connell, Corinne Rochester, Robert Sutton

Executive Officer: Peter Hayes

Clubs and Life

Members: M Dawson, Pat McCabe,,

Visitors: Andrew Hoy, Damian Dorman, Luke Fleming

Apologies: Bruce Cook, Rohan McCoy, Kevin Flack, John Scott, Carole McCabe

Absent Clubs: Manly, UNSW

- 2. UNFINANCIAL CLUBS – All Clubs Financial**
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF 68th AGM MINUTES – Monday 12th November 2018**

Motion: "That the formal minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting 12th November 2018 be accepted as a true record"

Moved: Alan O'Connell **Seconded:** Corinne Rochester **Carried**

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil**

5. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Presidents Report – Presented by Peter Busch as appears in Annual Report.

Peter discussed various aspects of his report, including challenges in 2018 with the Competition Structure and he thank all for contributing to a successful year non the less. Peter thanks the Officials Committee headed by Bruce Cook and Robbie Sutton for achieving 95% coverage of matches with qualified umpires. Likes Peter thanked Rohan for his efforts with the Finance portfolio. He made mention of the tremendous efforts put in by Peter Hayes as Executive Officer to keep the Competition humming along.

He noted some difficulty with keeping hold of open dialogue amongst the clubs and reminded clubs that committee meetings are open of clubs to attend and discuss matters if they wish. Through the year it was clear that the concept of "Çlub Hockey" was a driving force in structuring new competitions and plan for 2020 was circulated in April. Mention was made of the re branding of SHA to Sydney Hockey, because the name better reflects our role as a Competition Organisers /Facilitators.

Congratulations to Moorebank/Liverpool for consecutive Grand Final Wins.

Finance Report – The Finance Report which was detailed in the Annual Report. Rohan was not present to answer detailed questions. A question was asked re the GF live stream bill – PB noted that the board had gone to a tender process in 2019. A further clarification of the Jnr fee break-up – referred to Rohan

Motion: "That the 2019 Annual Report (which includes the full Financial Accounts and Audit Report) be accepted .

Moved : Robert Sutton **Seconded :** Ken Campbell **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) Sydney Hockey Board

Positions vacant:

President 2 Year Term

Director of Finance 2 Year Term

Director 1 2 Year Term

The following elected for these positions

President Peter Busch

Director of Finance Rohan McCoy

Director 1 Ken Campbell

Motion: "That all nominees be appointed"

Moved: Allan OÇonnell **Seconded:** Pat McCabe **Carried**

7. Notices of Motion - Nil

8. General Business -

A number of topics were discussed in a conversational format, including

- Paul Economides asked about Sydney Hockey's relationship with Hockey NSW – PB – mentioned efforts to have a rep on the board, the contribution Sydney Hockey make through umpire & player development and our wish to increase the voice we do not seem to have with Hockey NSW.
- Mentioned likely season dates for 2020 – a little complicated by occurrence of Anzac Day and heavy rep schedule in April/May
- Eligibility of National Players; clubs invited to give input. Board to review as part of rule review that is currently underway.
- Paul E asked about the 2020 structure and number of rounds, PB repeated the structure details that have been advertised, as the way forward in 2020.
- Some change is being planned though using Revolutionise software more, that also includes the use of numbered shirts and player photos, TO/use of sideline tablets, and umpire coaching plans for 2020. It was noted that coaching in SL grades was also required.
- It is intended to present the rules re-write at the Presidents meeting in March.
- Noted that the rules ask for clubs to provide umpires where SH are not able to. Intention is for Clubs to provide names at the beginning of the season that will be called on. It was also noted that some clubs have been providing no umpire input.
- John Walzak asked about Fines and information needs to come out earlier.
- PB noted that our constitution will be rewritten following the NSW rewrite that is currently underway.

Peter Busch thanked all for their attendance

Meeting Closed - 7.55pm

President

Peter Busch