



SYDNEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

(INC)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held

Monday 18th November 2013

Eva Redfern Room (Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre)

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.15 pm and welcomed all attendees.

Special mention was made of the unexpected and sad passing of Life Member Eric Ralphs whilst visiting family in the USA in late September.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Board: Greg Kay (Chairman and President), David Alexander (Deputy President), Mark Matheson (Director Administration), Rohan McCoy (Director Finance), Pat McCabe (Director), Ian McGregor (Director) and Bruce Cook (Director)

Executive Officer: Colin Skyba

Clubs and Life Members:

As per Attendance Register

Visitors:

As per Attendance Register

Apologies:

Merv Goodridge (President Sydney Masters and Life Member), Kevin Flack (Life Member) and Mark Flack (President Sydney Juniors)

Absent Clubs:

South West Strikers

2. UNFINANCIAL CLUBS – South West Strikers

3. CONFIRMATION OF 62nd AGM MINUTES –19 November 2012

Motion: "That the formal minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting 19 November 2012 be accepted as a true record"

Moved: E Ratcliffe

Seconded: P Busch

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

5. 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Presidents Report – Greg Kay spoke briefly to his Presidents Report which was detailed in the Annual Report. He highlighted the additional new initiatives introduced for Sydney Hockey and outlined the key areas where these initiatives and improvements had been achieved in 2013 – these being, Special Working Groups for Competition and By Laws, Communications via improved website, Officiating Group accreditations, Representative Teams, Annual Presentation and new Honour Boards. He also indicated that Club Development (Juniors / Seniors, Administrators, Officials and Coaches) for increasing participation numbers was a key focus for the immediate future and that in conjunction with Hockey NSW, a full time SHA Development Officer should be in place for the next 3 years.

Greg also paid tribute to the Executive Officer Colin Skyba for the excellent quality and presentation of the 2013 Annual Report (also thanking Laurie Street for the photographic contributions for the Report and also the 2013 Grand Final photographs)

Finally Greg thanked the members of the Board, Competition Committees, Club Administrators, players, umpires, officials and all hockey volunteers for providing their valuable time for hockey in Sydney.

Finance Report – Rohan McCoy spoke to his Finance Report (Independent Auditors Report also included from FBA Partners Pty Ltd) which was detailed in the Annual Report.

Rohan requested any questions from the floor – none were received

Motion: "That the 2013 Annual Report (which includes the full Financial Accounts and Audit Report) be accepted and that the President and Director Finance sign the 2013 Financial Statement on behalf of the Board"

Moved : D Kyles

Seconded : S Versteegh

Carried

6. ELECTION OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (4)

Formal nominations were received in writing prior to the closing date of 21st October 2013 for–

President Greg Kay and Bruce Cook

Director Finance Rohan McCoy

Directors Greg Kay, Pat McCabe and Peter Pether

Given that there were no other nominations for the position of Director Finance Rohan McCoy was automatically elected for the next 2 years.

Greg Kay vacated in the Chair and passed to Executive Officer Colin Skyba who then declared the President position vacant

President – see formal nominations as above

Both nominees made a short address to the members.

On a formal secret ballot vote Greg Kay was elected and declared President for the next 2 years.

Greg Kay resumed the Chair and declared the 2 Directors positions vacant

Director (s) – see formal nominations as above

Given that Greg Kay was elected as President, his nomination for Director is no longer valid.

Pat McCabe indicated to the meeting and provided a formal letter that he wished to withdraw his nomination for Director.

Peter Pether was automatically elected and declared Director for the next 2 years. He then made a brief address to the meeting to introduce himself and indicate how he could make a contribution to the Board.

Nominations from the floor were called to fill the now vacant position of Director – no candidates came forward so this now becomes a casual vacancy and the meeting agreed that the Board will seek out possible suitable available persons who had the necessary skills and experience to fill the position.

Greg Kay then addressed the meeting to specifically thank Pat McCabe for his more than 25 years of commitment and service to the SHA Board and many other functions and duties associated with Sydney Hockey. He also thanked Carol McCabe for all her assistance and support working alongside Pat and in particular her long term management of the competition records etc and asked for the meeting to formally acknowledge both their long term contributions via acclaim.

A vote of thanks was also extended to outgoing Board member Bruce Cook.

Motion: "That all voting / ballot papers be destroyed following elections"

Moved: T Pacey

Seconded: B Peaty

Carried

7. ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER

A formal Life Member nomination for David Gentles was received in writing prior to the closing date of 21st October 2013.

At the meeting Bruce Cook spoke to the nomination and the details showing the outstanding service and contribution that David has made to Sydney hockey in past years in the area of Officiating / Umpiring.

On a formal secret ballot vote, David Gentles was elected (with a vote of more than the 90% required) as a Life Member of Sydney Hockey Association. David was not in attendance and will be presented with his Life Member badge when available.

Motion: "That all voting / ballot papers be destroyed following election"

Moved: T Pacey

Seconded: B Peaty

Carried

8. NOTICES OF MOTION:

A Notice of Motion from Glebe District Hockey Club was received prior to the closing date of 21st October 2013.

Motion: "That the Premier League competition be a twelve club competition (PL 1 to 4) with each Premier League club required to –

- a) field four teams – one in each of the grades
- b) field four registered junior teams
- c) have accredited umpires / technical officials
- d) have the appropriate club and financial administrative structures.

That any further lower grade team of Premier League clubs and the smaller second tier clubs be grouped in the Sydney Leagues on a paired basis where appropriate.

Sydney Leagues 1- 4 would contain approximately ten teams per grade"

Moved: Glebe (P Busch) **Seconded:** Moorebank-Liverpool (J Walzak)

Peter Busch (Vice President Glebe) made a presentation to the members for support of their motion

Bankstown (G Barnard), Macquarie University (T Pacey) and G Kay all spoke briefly against the motion

On a formal secret ballot the Motion was convincingly defeated.

Motion: "That all ballot papers be destroyed following voting"

Moved: T Pacey **Seconded:** B Peaty **Carried**

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Annual Statement

Motion : "That the Form A12 Annual Statement to the NSW Department of Fair Trading for the period ending 30th September 2013 be approved and that the President and Public Officer be authorised to complete and certify the form on behalf of the Sydney Hockey Association".

Moved : R McCoy **Seconded:** G Barnard **Carried**

2014 Competitions

All Clubs were requested to provide preliminary teams numbers for 2014 to assist the Board / Competition Committee with planning for the 2014 competition. All Clubs complied and verbally advised their likely numbers for 2014 (except for SWS) – these details were recorded.

Greg Kay advised it was likely the 2014 Competition structure would be along similar lines to 2013, however this was dependant on the final number of teams. He advised that there was likely to be some movement of teams between grades based on 2013 performances and requests from Clubs for promotion in line with the system that was established at the start of 2012.

Greg advised that more details would be provided to all Clubs in relation to the 2014 Competition at a Meeting for the Clubs to be held on Wednesday 11 December 2013. This would be after the new Board had held its first meeting on 9th December and also after all preliminary team nominations from Clubs for 2014 had been confirmed.

Other – J Walzak raised the matter of the By Law Review Committee needing to meet the timetable agreed by the Board for the 2014 By Laws to be complete as soon as possible and well before the commencement of next season.

Greg Kay responded by confirming that the timetable agreed by the Board (as advised to all Clubs in writing on 26 October) for the Committee was to be strictly observed. He also advised that the Working Group detailed report completed earlier in 2013 was for the Board only and confirmed that Chairman of this Committee Phil Price would attend the meeting of Clubs on 11 December 2013 to provide a brief update for Clubs.

Meeting Closed - 9-00 pm

Greg Kay
President

Mark Matheson
Director Administration