



# SYDNEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

(INC)

Operating as 'Sydney Hockey'

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Acacia Room, QuayCentre (SOP)

**Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.10 pm and the President welcomed all attendees and thanked all for their dedication to the sport through another difficult year**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** David Slater (Briars) Jamie Glister (Easts/SES), Adrian McKeown (Glebe), Dylan Lamprecht (Macquarie Uni), Laurie Street (Monterey) John Walzak (Moorebank-Liverpool), Damian Dorman (Northern Districts) John Mulcair (Sutherland), Eliza Roche (Sydney Uni), Paul Economides (UTS), Angelo Donni (Wests)

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

**Executive Officer:** Peter Hayes

**Life Members:** Bruce Cook

**Visitors:** Chris Hawkins (Nth Districts)

**Apologies:** Pat McCabe (Life member), Raj Mavji (Sharks), David Campbell (NWS-BH),

**Absent Clubs:** Bankstown, Bentstix, Baulkham Hills, Manly-GNS, NWS-BH, Ryde, St George/Rand, Sharks, UNSW

2. **UNFINANCIAL CLUBS** – One club – in discussion

3. **CONFIRMATION OF 69<sup>th</sup> AGM MINUTES – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Motion:** "That the formal minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be accepted as a true record"

**Moved:** Paul Economides **Seconded:** Jamie Glister **Carried**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil**

**5. 2021 ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Presidents Report** – Presented by Peter Busch and as appears in the Annual Report. Peter also reviewed the year much like the previous season, with the outlook now for 2022 looking bright. Peter was appreciative for the clubs who had recruited additional players that saw 100 teams nominated for 2021, it was also noted the co-operation with SWHL in producing a joint statement to unfortunately cancel the season. While the Covid-19 pandemic did interrupt the season, Peter was hopefully that clubs were able to access NSW Govt financial assistance. Peter mentioned our aim to make better use of technology and touched on Live Streaming (to be covered later in the meeting). Peter expressed his appreciation for the application applied to the task by Peter Hayes (EO), Bruce Cook (Officiating) and contribution made by the Board members during the year. Majority of monthly meeting were by Zoom and while there was robust discussion the board is working towards a complete and improved competition for 2022.

**Motion:** Peter moved his report be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robbie Sutton , carried

**Finance Report** – Rohan McCoy presented the Finance Report/Statement. (as shown in the Annual Report). Rohan explained the process behind granting refunds of 46-48% of fees collected, due to the abandonment of the season at the end of June. Rohan noted that SH qualified for grants from the Government due to Covid related disruptions.

**Motion:** Rohan moved that his report be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinne Rochester, 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. Bruce Cook assumed the chair while endorsing the nominees.

**Positons vacant:**

**President                      2 Year Term**

**Director of Finance 2 Year Term**

**Director (1)                      2 Year Term**

**The following were elected for these positions**

**President                      Peter Busch**

**Director of Finance Rohan McCoy**

**Director (1)                      Ken Campbell**

**Motion:** "That all nominees be appointed"

**Moved:** Bruce Cook **Seconded:** John Mulcair **Carried**

- Following the election, Peter Busch addressed the meeting about the need for clubs to consider putting nominees forward as the Board is always looing to achieve. New ideas are of benefit to the whole game. Peter noted that Board meetings are open to visitors. He also noted SH was in discussions with the president of HNSW and as to how the relationship with SH may be improved.

**7. Notices of Motion - Nil**

**8. Life Member Nominations - Nil**

**9. General Business -**

➤ **Live Streaming – Bruce Cook**

- Bruce outlined the Live Streaming committees aims for 2022
- Aim to stream 2 matches per week & 3 at Finals time
- Aim to provide a breath of games, not just games between the top 4 each week
- Noted the need for sponsorship to secure future plans
- Olympic pitch would be the primary venue. Other venues would need to meet requirements
- Plans at the stage of advertising for tenders
- Questions – Damian Dorman as requirements for own field – need for Scaffolding and weather coverage.
- John Mulcair (Sutherland) noted that his club was planning own streaming and reluctance to leave home ground. John noted SH need to take opportunities to leverage sponsorship
- Paul Economides asked what is 'the measure of success' ? – viewership leading to sponsorship.
- General comments around best match times, Friday night?
- Survey clubs at end of season
- Aim is to get a buy in from all clubs & players
- David Slater commented on the positive moves being made by SH

➤ **Officials uniform**

- Bruce Cook discussed new 'corporate' image form Officials with new range of clothing for 2022

➤ **1st Aid at SOP**

- Jamie Glister asked re requirements at SOP for 1<sup>st</sup> Aid – discussion on 1<sup>st</sup> aid course, General acceptance that SH look at hiring what is necessary at SOP for hiring contract

➤ **Clubs**

- New club coming in to SL grades – Sydney Loins

**Meeting Closed - 8.13pm**

**Peter Busch  
President Sydney Hockey**