



SYDNEY HOCKEY

Minutes of the Board of Management Meeting held

Monday 10th August 2020

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.05 pm

1. **ATTENDANCE:**

Board: Peter Busch (President), Robbie Sutton, Corinne Rochester, Rohan McCoy, Bruce Cook (VP)

Apologies Ken Campbell

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 register.

UNFINANCIAL CLUBS - Nil

4. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 9/7/20, moved to accept; Rohan McCoy, 2nd Corinne Rochester, passed

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- a. Review of Venue Covid Level C plans – process update & Ground review
- Discussed general venue compliance. Letter from Briars Noted.
 - Discussed variance at venues re spectators

6. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

- Peter very happy with the work put into getting the season under way with the extra admin re Covid-19, Corinne & Peter.
- PB has been to a number of venues and noted some PL players without numbers- EO to monitor and f/u

- Discussion regarding NWS and match cards and starting teams. Noted variations with Lee Comack. – EO to f/u
- EO to send to the committee lists of the 9 players quarantined in PL1 for review

7. OFFICIATING REPORT

After four rounds my comment would be that this short season is full on and challenging. At this stage the Officiating Committee is achieving better than 95% on all appointments and are endeavouring to complete three weeks in advance. As at tonight:

- 15 August – Completed.
- 22 August – Almost completed.
- 29 August – Some appointments completed.

As a result of this shortened competition structure with all Premier League games being played at the same time it is hard (almost impossible) to appoint any Premier League players to umpire. Also with few later games it is difficult to use umpires that come available after 5:00 PM on Premier League. As a consequence the quality of umpiring in Premier League may not be as good as in previous years. Having said that it is hard to discuss umpire quality with a coach from a Premier League Club that does not supply any Premier League Umpires.

The Umpire Academy has hit the ground running and the improvement in Umpires such as Brodie Billet and Tom Carter is self-evident. Also during the initial rounds the Academy with the porosity of quality umpires for Premier League it has been used to access some good citizen faithful umpires to access if they can umpire at what level?

Last Saturday there were two incidents worthy of note.

Sighting

After the SL6 Bankstown v Briars on Saturday, 8 Aug 20 a sighting was received from Bankstown. It involved a Briars player and following investigation there appeared to be some substance to the sighting. As a consequence the Briars will be charged with “an act detrimental to Sydney Hockey”. This carries a one week suspension if he accepts the early plea or alternatively he can appear before the Judiciary. – *Update – Player accepted 1 week suspension*

Red Card

In the PL2 game at Cintra last Saturday between Briars and Glebe a Briars player received a five minute yellow for a bad tackle and in the fourth quarter he received a ten minute yellow for the same offence. In some competitions a second yellow for the same offence is a red card. The offending player leaves the ground (pre-COVID 19 took an early shower) but did not present to the Judiciary. This by-law has not been in place Sydney for many years. As a consequence the Executive Officer has advised Briars that the player has a five minute yellow (5 points) and a ten minute yellow (7 points). As a result of last Saturday’s game the player has amassed 12 points and should he receive another yellow card he will be suspended for a week.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER / CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- UNSW Time clock – correspondence with UNSW discussed including their responses, UNSW Pres. Reminded of long-standing issues at Daceyville, and standards SH are setting with facility readiness to host quality games.
- Variations in shirt numbers at UNSW noted – EO f/u
- Finals Venues – discuss attached schedule – EO to check on availability – decide next meeting
- Presentation order at GF – PL & SL to cater for no presentation night- under consideration
- Hire of large marquee for dressing room use of teams- if Dressing rooms closed. NO
- ; use of P2 for warm-ups on PL GF day. Discussed but not need.
- No presidents function – letter to list of invitites EO to prepare.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

- Clubs have began playing season fees.
- Up to date accounts distributed.

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

- **Meeting closed 8.10pm**

Addendum to Minutes ; 24th August.

Special resolution (by email) Any appeal of a decision made by the Competition Committee (SH Board), be sent to an independent party Judge Andrew Scotting. .

Moved Peter Busch, 2nd Rohan McCoy, passed unanimously

**SH Meeting
Dates 2020**

7/09/2020	Monday	
12/10/2020	Monday	
9/11/2020	Monday	AGM (Redfern Room)
14/12/2020	Monday	