



# SYDNEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

(INC)

## Minutes of the Board of Management Meeting held

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Waratah Boardroom Room SOP

**Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.05 pm**

1. **ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** John Scott (President) , Rohan McCoy (Dir Finance), Alan O'Connell, Bruce Cook (Officiating chair), Peter Busch (VP) Ann Noblett (Dir Admin)

**Executive Officer:** Peter Hayes

**Apologies:** Nil

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** - Eight clubs behind in payment. Resolved to send a Letter reminder EOM payment will avoid being declared Unfinancial – Rohan to action

4. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 8/5/17, Moved Ken Campbell , 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Cook

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- a. Judiciary Chair – Arrangements for 2017 – Andrew Scotting
  - **Motion** to formally approve appointment made on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Moved Rohan McCoy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Cook, accepted.
  - EO to canvass for nominations to the Judicary committee
- b. Memo sent to clubs re points outlined in May minutes – Sent 9<sup>th</sup> May

- c. Umpires Q&A – Bruce reported 32 attendees. John Scott chaired the meeting, well received. Andrew Scotting gave a presentation on writing Umpire 'Red' Card reports
- d. Rego audit HNSW – EO followed up clubs with a good response in correcting many details. Info forwarded to HNSW,, very appreciative of our efforts. EO to f/u with HNSW for results of further review.

## **6. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

- Reported on attending Umpires Q&A.
- Questions arose about accrediting nominee umpires from a number of clubs wanting to progress this issue with nominees. Resolved for Bruce to present a report on how to achieve this action.

## **7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER / CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

- a. Judiciary update – Red Card suspension + report RV
  - Noted Red Card suspension to Easts player (SL6 27<sup>th</sup> May 2 game suspension)
  - Discussed content of reports from SL3 & SL6 games 18<sup>th</sup> June. Red Card incident referred to Judiciary. Spectator/Umpire abuse referred to Judiciary for action & club/individual informed. Other matter re Racial remark, discussed, awaiting further information.
- b. Meeting with David Thompson & Sue Briggs
  - EO discussed points raised, such as use of the Revolutionise software in 2018. Meeting also given a H/o with proposal from HNSW. Resolved to invite a “expert” in the software to demonstrate its benefits.
  - Mentioned idea for 4 men, 4 women to meet later in the year to discuss future competition structures.
- c. East's letter re Draw structure concerns. Resolved to write to Easts reminding that the decision on the comp structure was approved at the 2016 AGM
- d. Alcohol issue at SOP – memo to clubs/response . Acknowledgement received of the issue from Club involved
- e. St George Umpiring concerns – Letter discussed, acknowledged that St G have carried a larger load. BC to respond to St George Letter.
- f. Letter of thanks re SL6 umpiring, Bruce/Peter - Noted

## **8 FINANCE REPORT**

A current balance sheet report was distributed by Rowan

- Rohan to canvass clubs re distribution of SHA Junior funds
- Reports available on request (not shown on website)

## **9. OFFICIATING REPORT**

- Bruce presented a report (attached at end of minutes)
- Resolved with agreement from the Treasure to pay umpires monthly
- Resolved to buy 3 sets of headsets for use by PL umpires

## **10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Date & Location for EOY presentation – Committee agree that Canterbury Leagues Club was a venue worth using again. EO to make booking.
- 2018 competition structure – begin discussion; Consensus that the structure for 2017 is sound – some tweaking required, eg double header timing. EO to produce seeding chart for next meeting
- Social media coverage – concern over amount of coverage received – Rohan to discuss with Paul Economides
- Move games request Ryde – EO to action

## SYDNEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Monday, 19 June 2017

### Officiating Report

In 2017 the Sydney Hockey Association Officiating Committee has been using Assignor for all appointments, utilising one panel for appointments in 2017 (in 2016 two panels (PL & SL) were used). Officials are required to advise their availability in advance which becomes the basis of appointments. After some initial teething problems, Assignor seems now to be well received by the majority of officials. Assignor is also utilised for the payment of Officials expenses. In 2017 one of the aims of SHAO is to make appointments out to three weeks in advance. As a result of the earlier announcement of appointments there has been a great success rate of umpire appointments, particularly in the lower grades. Currently there are 85 officials registered in Assignor, of which 8 are FO only leaving 77 umpires. The major challenge for SHAO in 2017 is the loss of quality umpires capable of umpiring Sydney Premier League, First Grade. Of the First Grade Panel in 2016 (12 May 16) of 24 only 12 are umpiring in 2017. Whilst there has been an overall increase in Umpire numbers it takes time to produce a First Grade quality umpire. Currently 60% of the umpires are players. This creates challenges when effecting appointments. In particular the majority of PL 1 & 2 games are being conducted at a similar time. This needs to be considered when preparing the 2018 draw.

Apart from the shortage of PL1 quality umpires the second issue is securing regular umpire payments. Year to date one payment has been received with six weeks of expenses currently with the Finance Director. Ideally expenses should be paid every two weeks or at worst monthly.

Also this evening the board will consider a proposal to secure radios for SHAO.

Date	Appointments	TU	UC	Umpires	Club	SHAO	%
29/04/2017	102	10	4	88	2	86	98
6/05/2017	103	11	1	91	2	89	98
13/05/2017	91	11	2	78	1	77	99
27/05/2017	99	11	0	88	2	86	98
03/06/2017	100	11	3	86	5	81	94

### Meeting closed 9.15pm Date of next meetings

Monday, 10 Jul 17, 7pm Hockey NSW Boardroom

Monday, 7 Aug 17, (1<sup>st</sup> Monday) 7pm Hockey NSW Boardroom

Monday, 11 Sep 17, 7pm Hockey NSW Boardroom

Monday, 9 Oct 17, 7pm Hockey NSW Boardroom

Monday, 13 Nov 17, (AGM – 7pm) (**Redfern Room**)

Monday, 11 Dec 17. 7pm Hockey NSW Boardroom

