



SYDNEY HOCKEY

Minutes of the Board of Management Meeting held

Monday 15th June 2021

Venue - Eva Redfern Room SOP

Meeting Opened by Chairman at 7.10 pm

1. **ATTENDANCE:**

Board: Peter Busch (Pres) Bruce Cook (VP)(Zoom), Alan O'Connell,(Zoom) Ken Campbell, Rohan McCoy. Corinne Rochester.

Executive Officer: Peter Hayes

Apologies: Robbie Sutton,

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** – 10/5/21, moved to accept; Alan O'Connell 2nd Corinne Rochester, passed

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- a. Live Streaming in 2021 – working group update – PB expressed idea for Matches each week from SOP venue. Corinne/Alan to progress meeting with the Livestream committee.
- b. Suggested Rule change re Injury 4.3a – Resolved to agree to wording “4.3 (a) any player including a Goalkeeper, that under Umpires direction requires 1st Aid assistance on field, must leave the field for a minimum of 2 minutes. Normal substitution rules apply”.
- c. Finals Venues – Moorebank booked in ; Presentation Night – PH to follow up Canterbury Leagues.
- d. Managers checklist – PH sourced from HA Policy, to be reviewed and inserted in 2022 Rules.

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- PB noted there are 5 recent SH players selected in the Kookaburra's team for the Olympics'.
- Noted current players likelihood of playing SH finals. Clubs referred to current rules.
- General discussion on communication channels to peak bodies.

7. OFFICIATING REPORT

The season has now arrived at the mid-point which is usually the most challenging part of the season for Officiating. In addition to being the coldest and wettest part of the season, it is the part of the season that coincides with all the Hockey NSW State Championships. The impact of the State Championships, irrespective of age or gender has a profound effect on Sydney Hockey who are the largest contributor of player/umpires, umpires, and umpire coaches/manager, Technical Officials, Tournament Directors and Assistant Tournament Directors. This situation is further compounded by the late withdrawal of nominated Hockey NSW Officials. As an example next Saturday, 19 June 2021 after the round's appointments have been published and accepted, John Alderton received a late call up as a Technical Official to Under 15 Girl's being conducted at Lithgow. As John had already accepted three Technical Official and two umpiring appointments for the round this created five vacancies that had to be replaced. In the main this support to Hockey NSW general goes without acknowledgement or praise.

Last month I reported of the work being done to develop new umpires at Northern Districts. So far this season Sydney Hockey has eight new registration of Umpires, two of whom have not umpired men's hockey before and six have umpired before in other Associations or Countries. Of particular interest is Jeremy Coleman from Victoria. Jeremy is returning to Umpiring after a couple year's break. Jeremy holds an International Badge and is a former AHL Umpire. Abbie Moss first appeared as a Moorebank Club appointed Umpire on PL3 match. This weekend Abbie has been appointed to PL2. Abbie is our third female umpire on the Sydney Officiating roster. Two interesting milestones of interest are:

- Alexander Jones umpired his first Sydney PL1 game on Saturday, 6 June 2021, and
- Maximillian Barnett has been appointed to his first PL1 game this Saturday.

Congratulations to both Umpires.

This season greater use is being made of Assignor. All officials have been encouraged to update and maintain their availability. This has been encouraging in the COVID environment. What has been most pleasing is where an official previously unavailable becomes available and contacts the Chair and is appointed reducing the need for two Club appointed Umpires.

At the time of writing this report all Official Expenses have been processed for payment up to the last round. Earliest payment will assure a happy team of officials.

Officiating's current project is to link umpires to clubs to see what each club is offering to Officiating. The aim of this project is to improve effectiveness. Below is a copy of this year's effectiveness to date.

PL Round	SL Round	Week Ending	Total Appointments	Umpire Coaches	TO	Club Umpires	Trainees	Umpires	Effectiveness
1	1	27-Mar-21	104	4	12	8	0	80	92%
2	2	11-Apr-21	114	2	15	4	0	91	96%
3	3	18-Apr-21	110	1	15	5	0	89	95.5%
4	4	25-Apr-21	112	3	15	3	0	91	97.5%
5	5	02-May-21	110	1	15	5	0	89	95.5%
6	6	09-May-21	110	1	15	2	0	92	98%
	7	16-May-21	64	0	0	1	1	62	98.50%
7	8	23-May-21	112	4	14	2	1	91	98%
8	9	30-May-21	111	2	15	3	0	91	97%
9	10	05-Jun-21	103	2	12	7	0	82	93%

8. FINANCE REPORT

- Rohan reviewed Clubs invoice status
- Current Umpire pay run ready to go.
- Report accepted PB, 2nd AO'C

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER / CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- Club correspondence – Noted email from Macq Uni re
- Venue maintenance updates Bankstown, Cintra, PH 1&2, Daceyville & Kyeemagh – discussed progress. Noted progress Info emails from Briars (surface)& St George/Randwick (Lights) re maintenance issues
- Umpire shirts – PB to f/u

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil
- Meeting closed 8.10pm

Next Meetings

12/07/2021	Monday	
9/08/2021	Monday	
6/09/2021	Monday	(1st Monday)
11/10/2021	Monday	
8/11/2021	Monday	AGM (Redfern Room)
13/12/2021	Monday	