



**Lower Great Southern Hockey Association Inc
Board of Management Meeting
Monday 5 September 2016 at 6.00pm
MINUTES**

1. Welcome

In the absence of a President, Adam opened the meeting at 6.10pm.

2. Record of Attendance/Apologies

Attendance

Robbie, Stainton, Adam Scott, Jude Want, Richard Doak, Amy Chadbourne, Jo Stevens, Damien Stevens, Geoff Sandilands and Robbie Wright

Apologies

Angela Poulish and Daniel Baker

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 15 August 2016

Moved Adam Scott, Seconded Damien Stevens;

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2016 as circulated, be taken as read and be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising

See Action Table.

4. Correspondence In and Out

Moved Robbie Stainton, Seconded Jude Want;

That the correspondence report as circulated, be taken as read and be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

5. Finance Report

No report presented at the meeting.

Robbie advised he had sent out invoices to all clubs/teams and was intending to get the final invoices out before the end of the hockey season. Jude would chase up the turf invoicing with ALAC.

7. General Business

7.1 Turf Replacement Sub-Committee

Richard advised that all names put forward at the last meeting had been contacted and had confirmed they were interested in being part of the sub-committee. These were; Gary Philpott; Brett Wolfe (COA); Damien Stevens; Shane Congram and Richard Doak.

Work would begin in earnest once the hockey season was finished.

Grants and applications were discussed. This year's grant applications via the GSDC close on 17 September so preparation would be completed for the due date next year. Jude advised that if successful the funds would be available in December 2017 with works completed by June 2018 or ready for the 2018 season.

7.2 Finals Fixtures and Presentations

Presentations were to be made after each respective final. Daniel had organised a roster of presenters of medals and awards but it was suggested as some times had changed that he needed to review the plan.

Action: Daniel to revisit the presentation roster, particularly the life member participation.

It was suggested medals needed to be parcelled in groups of 16 and labelled to make it easier for those presenting.

Action: Angela to be asked to organise the medals into groups and label.

The microphone and its lack of reach was also discussed.

Action: Richard to visit Leading Edge Hi-Fi to sort out the microphone and purchase what was necessary to ensure it worked out on the turf.

5/6 Finals

A letter was tabled which had come to the meeting written by Deb Ritchie, MBHC Junior Coordinator. She expressed the disappointment of Mount Barker with the location of the 5/6 preliminary final.

Geoff spoke of his frustration with the finals fixtures. The location of the preliminary finals was discussed and Geoff suggested that whichever team finished on top of the ladder should decide the turf location – Albany or Mount Barker turf. He stated that the time of 4.30pm in Albany was not favourable to a number of kids on the MB 5/6 team as they came from Frankland River and Cranbrook as well as Mount Barker. He advised that kids had to finish school early to make the 4.30 time slot in Albany.

The meeting agreed that for the 2017 season the team that finished on the top of the ladder (if it was a Mount Barker team) would decide the turf location for the preliminary finals. The grand final would still be played in Albany.

Mens B Grade

The day of the Mens B Grade final was discussed. It was argued by Robbie Wright and Geoff that the finals should not be played on a Saturday as it did not work for the Mount Barker Black team who had a number of players who played for other associations on a Saturday. It was also suggested by Damien that Spencer Park Vets did not like a Saturday final. If MB Black made the finals it was argued half the team could not make the Saturday schedule. Geoff advised that when he had spoken with all the Mens B grade teams they had not expressed any objection to the third MB team coming in to the competition – players were happy to have a good competition. It was argued that as the games were played mid-week so should the final.

Counter-arguments were that the actual day of the final was not discussed with the Mens B Grade teams and that the finals should all be played on the one day as that is how the schedule had always worked. Senior finals fixtures had always been on a Saturday in Albany. It was argued that all adult grades on the one day created a good atmosphere for hockey and meant the Association could showcase its teams, the sport of hockey and also ensure the catering/bar made some money.

Junior and senior finals were discussed and why they were on different days. Some juniors play in senior teams and it was felt in the past that some junior players had too many games if all finals were played on the Friday and Saturday.

It was agreed that the Mens B Grade finals would be scheduled for Friday 16 September starting at 7.00pm provided both teams in the grand final agreed to this date and notified the Association of their intentions within two days of this meeting.

Saturday 17 September would have finals for Womens B grade, and both A grades. The times would be bought forward to reflect the change if the Mens B grade final was held on the Friday.

The meeting all agreed that to avoid any confusion next year, the finals fixtures would be made very clear to all teams as early as possible for the 2017 season.

7.3 Club Forum

The Club Forum was discussed. This idea had come from the Planning Session held in August designed to get clubs to start thinking about the progression of players from juniors to seniors. Another objective is to get clubs thinking about club structure if they didn't already have one.

Each club would be asked to send a male and female representative along to discuss ideas. The date suggested was the Wednesday after the finals – Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm until about 8.30pm.

Adam advised he would run the Forum and an agenda would be sent out to all Clubs.

7.4 HDO Replacement

The plan for the recruitment of this position was discussed. Daniel and Robbie were looking at the contract to see if any changes needed to be made.

Action: HDO position to be advertised in October with the aim of the successful applicant starting in November.

7.5 Indoor Hockey

The Indoor Hockey competition, which is to be run by ALAC, was discussed. Jude advised that Bec Nairn would be approached to be the coordinator for the evening and that an umpiring panel and roster would be established. The competition would run on a Thursday night starting 20 October from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

Age groups were discussed and it was agreed that Mens, Womens and a 7/8/9 competition would be run providing there were enough teams in each grade. Four teams were needed for each grade for the competition to run.

Action: Amy to put ad for the Indoor Hockey Competition on Facebook and the Website.

7.6 AGM and Board for 2017

It was agreed the AGM would be held Monday 21 November commencing at 7.00pm. Head hunting and talking to people was to be encouraged! The need for a budget for 2017 was also discussed.

Action: Amy to advertise the date of the AGM.

Action: Robbie to have audited accounts for the AGM.

Action: Current Board members to advise Amy if they were intending to continue in their respective position for 2017.

7.7 Request for Ruby Tompkins to Play 11/12s

The second request received from Glenn Keymer to play Ruby Tompkin in goals for the ASHS 11/12 team was discussed. The first request had been refused as Ruby had not played the required 4 games with the team to qualify for the finals. The meeting unanimously agreed the second request would not be approved as the player had not made the effort to qualify for the finals for the team. All opportunities were there, the player had not chosen to play.

Action: Amy to advise Glenn Keymer of the decision that Ruby Tompkin not play in the 11/12 girls final.

8 Board Member Reports

8.1 President

Position vacant

8.2 Vice President

Not present at the meeting.

8.3 Membership and Development Director

Items discussed earlier in the meeting.

8.4 Development Officer

Position vacant.

8.5 Coaches Coordinator

No items to discuss.

8.6 Programmes Director

Not present at the meeting.

8.7 Records/Permits Officer

Not present at the meeting

8.8 Marketing and Promotions Director

Not present at the meeting.

8.9 Facilities Director

Richard highlighted the mens' toilet door was broken and all agreed it should be replaced.

The finals roster for the bar and canteen would be emailed out.

Friday 16 September – Mens B Grade – just beers after the game was the general consensus. Amanda would be asked to work this date if the finals are rescheduled for this day. Richard advised he was still waiting on the building permit for the verandah from the COA. He reminded the Board the roof was still leaking.

Action: Damien to have a look at the clubhouse roof when he is installing the verandah extension.

8.10 Umpire Coordinator

The request via email from Rodney for the umpires who were travelling to Mount Barker for the Wednesday night preliminary finals to receive fuel money was discussed. The request was unanimously denied. It was agreed that a precedent such as this could not be established. The cost would be too high for the Association and for individuals wanting an umpire to fill their roster.

Action: Amy to let Rodney know of the decision not to reimburse fuel money to umpires travelling to Mount Barker for the preliminary finals.

8.11 Uniforms Coordinator

Not present at the meeting.

8.12 High Performance Liaison

Geoff reported on the Ignite U13s. He had received 3 responses to date to an email sent out to over 50 juniors. As GSG names were not on the database advice needed to be sent out to them. Adam would provide this information to Geoff/Amy to send out to 2004 and 2005 born players.

Regional TAP was discussed. Geoff suggested 7/8s needed to be part of this. He said he had some names from Bunbury coaches and was working towards nominations for the October session in Narrogin. He advised it was a user pays system and that the FHE competition was looking at including 2 more teams which could involve regional players.

Geoff also discussed HWA and HA funds for a coach developer role which he expressed interest in organising. More to follow in coming meetings.

9. Club Delegate Reports

8.1 Mount Barker Hockey Club

Robbie advised the windup was 24 September and that an invite would be sent to the Association.

Robbie also asked about Mitchell Smith and his play. Robbie was advised he had recently received a green card for 2 minutes but was generally working on his behaviour during games with the mentoring and support of some members of the Spencer Park Vets team.

8.2 Manypeaks Hockey Club

No delegate present.

8.3 Spencer Park Hockey Club

No report from the delegate who was present at the meeting.

8.4 Tigers Hockey Club

No delegate present.

8.5 North Albany Hockey Club

The recent preliminary final where Tallulah Gouldthorp had been allowed to play was discussed. It had been missed that she was ineligible to play according to the By-Laws. The GSG team she was playing for did not win the game.

Action: Amy to draft letters to the two teams involved in the 11/12 girls preliminary finals advising of the misunderstanding involving Tallulah Gouldthorp and that if the GSG team had won they would have been disqualified due to an ineligible player.

8.6 Vikings Hockey Club

Umpires for finals were discussed. In the past the umpires for the finals had been advertised and any conflicts were noted. Damien suggested this needed to be public knowledge so any unsuitable umpires (for whatever reason) could be noted early.

Action: Amy to ask Rodney to send out a list of umpires for the finals to the Board.

10. Next Meeting

Monday 17 October at 6.00pm.

11. Meeting Closure

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.