



**Lower Great Southern Hockey Association Inc
Board of Management Meeting
Monday 12 June 2017 at 6.30pm
MINUTES**

1. WELCOME

Geoff opened the meeting at 6.35pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Attendance

Amy Chadbourne, Geoff Sandilands, Sarah Lowry, Byson Attrill, Dinah Gordon, Glen Keymer, Hudson Field, Simon Whitfort, Amanda Sykes, Megan Press and Amber (WA Country Health), Richard Doak, Damien Stevens, Rob Wright and Robbie Stainton

Apologies

Jude Want, Chloe Westerberg, Marisa Edwards, Daniel Baker and Jo Stevens

3. PRESENTATION FROM MEGAN PRESS - WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE - BETTER CANTEENS

Megan and Amber presented on healthy options for canteen food. Country Health can provide resources to assist with this.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 8 May 2017

Moved Damien Stevens, Seconded Sarah Lowry;

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 8 May 2017 as circulated, be taken as read and be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING

See Action Table

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence report this month due to work for Great Southern Hockey Carnival.

Letter from Simon Whitfort

Simon Whitfort presented his concerns about the tryout system for junior players based on his experience with his daughter Chloe whilst they were away travelling around Australia.

The meeting discussed at length the following matters:

- Number of players on a team for Bunbury - it was agreed that 16 kids were too many - made it hard for the coach to allocate time fairly;
- No nomination forms online on the LGSHA website;
- Provision needs to be made for exceptional circumstances when choosing junior teams;
- More contact numbers on the website;

- Not enough lead time up to the Bunbury carnival and enough training sessions.

Action: Amy to put the Nomination form for team selection on the LGSHA website.

Also discussed at the meeting was the lack of a pathway for junior players to senior teams as follows:

- Possibly amalgamate hockey clubs;
- Some clubs have no junior teams;
- The Club forum held last year was discussed and some of the items from this such as clubs needing to become stronger and incorporated;
- 6 A grade teams is a long way away; and
- How to best allocate juniors to teams/clubs.

Action: Amy to put a meeting date on the Action Table for clubs to meet to discuss at the end of the 2017 season for the 2018 year. Each club to be invited.

LGSHA Attendance at the Mike Stidwell Medal Presentation

A number of board members were intending to go along to the presentation.

7. FINANCE REPORT

A mini finance report was presented at the meeting.

Audit Report

Moved Robbie Stainton, Seconded Sarah Lowry;

That the Audit Report from Vicky Taylor as presented be accepted by the Board.

CARRIED

Robbie discussed some of the issues he had with the audit process, namely that there was no transactional check completed by the auditor. He questioned why the audit should cost so much when this check was not carried out.

The meeting also discussed the proposal that the financial year be changed from 1 October to 30 September to 1 January to 30 December which would more accurately reflect the money coming in and going out.

Action: Proposal to change the Association's financial year to 1 January to 30 December be kept on the Action Table to be discussed at the AGM.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

7.1 President

A and B grade player lists

The meeting discussed the movement of players between A and B grades. Tiger's A grade women were highlighted as one team which was often short of players.

As 2017 was a trial for a 5 team A grade the meeting agreed that dispensation for players moving between A and B grades would be assessed as requests were made.

The meeting also agreed that Mount Barker needed to nominate a block of players that will be allowed dispensation and the same with Tigers.

2014 recommendation vs HockeyWA rules

The meeting agreed that the LGSHA would stick with HWA rules and guidelines for each grade.

Fixturing Alterations

The meeting looked at some junior fixtures for Saturdays where the 11.15am game is missing causing a disruption in flow of games and to the canteen.

It was also suggested that 10 minutes be allowed between games for the 2018 season.

Moved Robbie Stainton, Seconded Richard Doak

That changes be made to the current LGSHA fixtures to move back the start of junior games on Saturday to 9.15am, removing the 11.15am gap. Also, the U18 games on Friday evenings to be changed to ensure they are back to back without a gap in between.

CARRIED

7.2 Vice President

Daniel was an apology for the meeting.

7.3 Membership and Development Director

Jude was an apology for the meeting.

7.4 Development Officer – see attached report

Hockey Balls

Dinah advised she was short of hockey balls and needed some more.

Action: Damien to discuss with Just Hockey to look at what they can offer/cost of hockey balls for the HDO.

Hin2H

Dinah asked the best way to organise pizza and juice boxes for the Hin2H windup. She also discussed the possibility of running another session for juniors in Term 3 and would check with parents for interest.

Also, Dinah was looking at the possibility of a 'carnival' with other Hin2H centres - Mount Barker and GSG.

Action: Dinah to use petty cash to purchase pizza and juice boxes for the Hin2H windup.

Umpire Clinic at GS Carnival

Numbers for the umpire clinic were still fairly low. The meeting agreed that any registrations from outside the Association would be charged a fee to help cover costs.

7.5 Coaches Coordinator

No report from Adam.

7.6 Programmes Director

Fixtures committee was absent.

7.7 Records/Permits Officer

Permit activity as follows:

1. Two requests for Gavin Flint to pay goals for MP - approved
2. Request from GSG for Javana Hounsfeld to play in boys GSG team - requested more info from coach and waiting on reply.

7.8 Marketing and Promotions Director - see attached report

Scoreboard

Damien reported he had been approaching potential sponsors for the remainder of the year and had some success.

The meeting looked at RetraVision's amended offer for scoreboard sponsorship and it was moved as follows:

Moved Damien Stevens, Seconded Hudson Field;

That the LGSHA accept the sponsorship proposal put forward by RetraVision in their letter dated 18 May 2017 for a 7 year partnership. At the end of the seven years the LGSHA committee and RetraVision discuss the option of three additional years signage on the scoreboard for the cost of \$1,000 inc (total).

CARRIED

7.9 Facilities Director – see attached report

Richard advised glass had been replaced in the broken windows. He asked delegates to remind their teams that the practice nets on the clubroom side of the turf not be used for warm up or training. He advised the sliding window in John's office was still to be replaced.

A request was made the bar be opened for the game scheduled for Saturday 17 June between Manypeaks and Spencer Park.

Action: Hudson to organise RSAs to operate the bar at this game as Amanda would not be working.

Water Cannons

Richard advised he would respond to the request that the water cannons be looked at. He would discuss with COA to get it fixed.

Action: Richard to get the water cannons looked at by COA

Stainless Steel Preparation Bench

Richard advised of the quote for \$2,700.00 to have stainless steel benches installed in the kitchen which would mean more room for preparation. This would be looked at further next year.

Action: Amy to put quote for stainless steel benches in the kitchen on the Action Table to carry over to 2018.

Letters for Turf Replacement

Richard reminded the Board that letters needed to be provided to the COA from the LGSHA, HWA and Mount Barker HC to assist with the grant application for the new turf.

Action: Amy to organise letters from LGSHA, HWA and MBHC in support of the Association's turf replacement.

7.10 Umpire Coordinator

Glen advised the three umpiring panels were operating well. There were a good number of juniors (maybe too many), the gap panel was working well and the senior panel also.

He noted that U18 boys in particular were not turning up for 7/8 umpiring duties and that he was going to send out a reminder to coaches to ensure umpires turned up for their rosters.

Glen asked that for the 2018 season, the fixturing committee and the Umpire Coordinator be in the same room when the fixtures were done to make for clearer fixtures for all.

Action: Fixturing committee and Umpire Coordinator finalise fixtures together for 2018 be put on the Action Table as an ongoing item.

7.11 Uniforms Coordinator

Sarah advised more goalie smocks were needed for LGSHA representative teams. The meeting agreed they should be long sleeved and red with the LGSHA logo.

Moved Sarah Lowry, Seconded Richard Doak;

That the LGSHA purchase goalie smocks to the value of \$765.00 for representative teams.

CARRIED

The meeting also agreed to Sarah's request that training bibs for trials be purchased.

Moved Sarah Lowry, Seconded Dinah Gordon;

That numbered training bibs (numbered on both sides) for trials (10 in a set) be purchased in 2018 from Just Hockey at approximately \$75.00 a set.

CARRIED

7.12 High Performance Liaison

No report.

8. Club Delegate Reports

8.1 Mount Barker Hockey Club

Rob thanked Tamara Lowry for the excellent job she did as coach of the 5/6 team in Bunbury.

He advised that the records officer for the MBHC was having some troubles with IMG.

As of 1 July the Sounness Park Clubrooms would be open for every game under the new combined Plantagenet Sporting Club.

8.2 Manypeaks Hockey Club

Hudson advised that some players names are not on IMG yet.

8.3 Spencer Park Hockey Club

No report.

8.4 Tigers Hockey Club

No report.

8.5 North Albany Hockey Club

No report

8.6 Vikings Hockey Club

No report.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Liquor Licence - constitution needs to be updated before liquor licence can be upgraded

Amy reminded the meeting that before a liquor licence can be obtained the Association's Constitution must be upgraded. Clubs WA have advised the Constitution is outdated and will not support an application for a liquor licence.

The meeting discussed various options to update the Constitution and it was agreed that Dinah would have a look at the work required to update both the Constitution and the Strategic Plan as well as updating the WWC register for the Association.

Action: Amy to provide information to Dinah on updating the Constitution, the Strategic Plan and the WWC register to be discussed at the next meeting in July.

It was suggested that when the hockey season slows down Dinah would have more time to work on these tasks as a separate project.

9.2 Great Southern Carnival – Friday 7 to Sunday 9 July 2017

Amy advised that plans were progressing for the GS Hockey Carnival and all that was needed now were team entries.

9.3 Narrogin Junior Carnival

Sarah advised she was trying to organise teams for the 5/6 competition at the Narrogin Carnival. Dinah would advertise on FB for interested players and parents.

10. NEXT MEETING

Monday 17 July 2017 at 6.30pm (due to GS Carnival weekend before)

11. MEETING CLOSURE

Geoff closed the meeting at 9.00pm.