

**MINUTES
OF THE
CLUB PRESIDENTS/SECRETARIES
MEETING
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER, 2009
AT THE
ALBURY HOCKEY CENTRE, ALBURY**

1. OPENING & APOLOGIES

- The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.06pm and recorded apologies from :
Angus Beath (Board of Management)
Jacqui Allen (Board of Management)
Andrew Leah (Board of Management)
Paula Purtell (Norths)

➤ Attendance as per sheets

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held 29th August 2009 were held over to the next meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING

- Nil.

3. CARNIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Senior best & fairest dinner was well attended and everyone had a good time. Thanks to the clubs for their attendance and having the State League there again was a good move. Discussion was held on the catering with some feedback being received that some of the attendees would rather have a main and dessert rather than a soup and main. As it is a personal preference no decision was made.
- Christine gave a summary of the grand final weekend and expressed her thanks to those that took part in the sprints.

- Thanks to those persons that assisted with the raffle and it raised nearly \$1000 to go towards the dugouts on ground 2.
- Christine thanked all the clubs for the support they gave her over the whole year.
- Dennis announced that the winner of first prize John Campbell had been located and the prize forwarded on to him.

4. REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY

- With the loss of numbers of existing State League players (particularly Strikers) there will be an information night for new and existing players.
- Dennis has been appointed as the North East zone co-ordinator.
- Rep trials have been held and the numbers were excellent except for the under 17 girls who didn't have enough for two squads.
- Coaches and managers are still needed for some teams and this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- At one of last years' meetings it was agreed that clubs would pay \$300 towards having one of their players act as trainee coaches. The trainee coach format worked well except that we only had two coaches put forward and they were both from the one club. This year the proposal will be to levy each club \$200 which would go into a pool to help fund the trainee coach scheme. Clubs are to discuss and vote at the next meeting.
- Nan Latta was invited to attend and speak about the State League preseason meeting. Discussion was held on the feedback that players are saying they haven't been asked to try out or that they think they are not skilled enough. Clubs are asked to talk to their players and to encourage the better players to try out. Discussion was also held on the issue of the conduct of the Spitfire members on their bus on the away trips. The State League management will look into the issue. The under 17 teams will be asked to attend and to take part in the State League preseason training schedule with the vision that some of the players will get enthused to keep trying out for the teams. There will be an information night on Wednesday 18th November at the Albury clubrooms.

5. COMPETITIONS

- If anyone would like to join the competitions committee should contact Jo or Gay.
- Gay tabled a draft calendar of events. The calendar is appended.
- Gay gave a summary of her questions that clubs need to discuss. The list is appended.
- ANZAC day falls on a Sunday next year and this could affect the senior round for that weekend.
- Under 12s- issues of penalty strokes, coaches involvement on the field and finals.
- If a club has two teams in the same grade then they will be fixture to play at the same time and have a bye on the same round.
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- Issues with division one teams forfeiting. Should be the lower team that forfeits.
- Division 1 and 2 games fixture off the synthetic needs to be on grounds that are in top condition and there are issues with umpires.
- Forfeit or deferment notification must come from the club secretary.
- The member database will be again made inactive at the start of next year and clubs will need to re-activate each member.
- Team sheet recording will be looked at so that there will be increased checking to see that it is being completed.
- The permits committee has worked well with one member from each club so clubs are asked to nominate their delegate early so a meeting can be arranged to formulate policies.
- Emails to the various directors should be via the generic email addresses.
- Clubs are asked to give Jo Duffy the contact details of their coaches and managers so that the notification of forfeits and deferments to the recipient team can be done as early as possible.
- Discussion was held on the timing of senior semi finals.
- The supply of result books has now finished and new books need to be purchased. Clubs are asked to send in any suggestions for changes to the books to the office.
- If there are any timeslot vacancies in the fixture they will be rostered to the Ray White Hockey Centre at the earliest available time.
- Libby Wortmann (Corowa) gave a summary of the proposed amalgamation of Corowa and Rutherglen seniors.
- White sox are banned from competition games from the start of next year.

6. CLUB BUSINESS

- NASC: Accreditation of new and existing coaches and officials. Dennis will investigate the re-accreditation issue with the Hockey Ed manager.
- NASC: Safety on the field, particularly for juniors. Discussion was held on the issue of using masks and boxes at penalty corners. It happens at top level so can use this as a model for juniors. Dennis suggested that the association should make it mandatory to wear mouthguards.
- NASC: Safety off the field – clean up of the junk that is lying around. Dennis is already taking steps to clean the area.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Stephen Burnett (Beechworth) raised the issue of midweek games for under 12s. The issue of under 12 midweek games was only for this season while next season will be back to normal with games on the weekend only.
- Dennis reminded clubs that they must submit their delegate nomination and/or proxy forms to be eligible to vote at the Annual General meeting.
- Clubs were reminded of the vacancies on the board.

The meeting was closed at 9.14pm.

Minutes signed as a true & accurate record of business transacted.

(date)

PRESIDENT

(date)

DIRECTOR

CALENDAR OF COMPETITION 2010

Team Nominations close	Friday	4 th December	2009
Registration Day	Sunday	21 st February	2010
Easter Holidays	Friday	2 nd April – Monday	5 th April
Rd 1	Friday 9 th April	Monday 12 th	NSW /Scots/CSU holidays/Vic last W/E
Rd 2	Friday 16 th April	Monday 19 th April	NSW/Scots/ CSU last W/E holidays
Rd 3	Friday 23 rd April	Monday 26 th April	NSW Public holiday for Anzac Monday 26 th April.
Rd 4	Friday 30 th April	Monday 3 rd May	
Rd 5	Friday 7 th May	Monday 10 th May	
Rd 6	Friday 14 th May	Monday 17 th May	
Rd 7	Friday 21 st April	Monday 24 th May	
Rd 8	Friday 28 th May	Monday 31 st May	Steakhouse Cup in Albury
	Sunday 30 th May		
Rd 9	Friday 4 th June	Monday 7 th June	
Bye	Friday 11 th June	Monday 14 th June	Queens Birthday Week-end
Rd 10	Friday 18 th June	Monday 21 st June	CSU holidays
Rd 11	Friday 25 th June	Monday 28 th June	Scots/CSU/Vic holidays
Rd 12	Friday 2 nd July	Monday 5 th July	Scots/CSU/NSW/Vic holidays
Rd 13	Friday 9 th July	Monday 12 th July	Scots/NSW/CSU/ Vic last W/E holidays
Rd 14	Friday 16 th July	Monday 19 th July	Scots/NSW
Rd 15	Friday 23 rd July	Monday 26 th July	
Rd 16	Friday 30 th July	Monday 2 nd August	
Rd 17	Friday 6 th August	Monday 9 th August	
Rd 18	Friday 13 th August	Monday 16 th August	
Rd 19	Friday 20 th August	Monday 23 rd August	CSU Holidays
Rd 20	Friday 27 th August	Monday 30 th August	CSU holidays
Semi Finals	Friday 3 rd September	Monday 6 th September	CSU
Veterans Rd 21			
Preliminary Finals	Friday 10 th Sept	HAW B & F	
Monday 13 th Sept	Veterans Grand Final		
Grand Finals	Friday 17 th Sept	Sunday 19 th Sept.	

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR NEXT PRES/SEC MEETING IN FEBRUARY
2010.

1. ANZAC day falls on a Sunday this year. By law we can't play any games before 1pm. We can either have A Grade games played or B Grade games played in the afternoon, or not have any games on that W/E. It will mean a Wednesday night game to make up the Round.
2. Clubs with 2 Teams in 1 Division will need to have enough players for both teams because they will be playing at the same time or 1 home and 1 away. If there is a bye in that division we will need to work that out and same with Finals.
3. Forfeits A Grade- A Grade Teams are the "pinnacle" of a Club.
A forfeit should be avoided at all costs. If a Club finds that there is going to be a problem, they should do their utmost to try and fill that Team or as a last resort, seek a deferral for that game. Forfeits are not fair on the other Team, it can affect ladders with goal differences and players miss out on Best & Fairest Votes.
4. Finals times for first Semi-Final. This year it was spread out with A Grade matches being played early as well as later. There was quite a bit of comment regarding the times. Do Clubs want the Finals times to be set out in the draw and have first 2 time slots the B Grade matches, and last 2 time slots the A Grade matches. Do you want staggered times? Or other suggestions?
5. U12 Competition – Strokes for U12s, do we not play strokes all Season? do we start strokes after the June holidays? Do we just award strokes all Season? Coaches on the field- do we allow Coaches on the field during the game between the 25s? Do we not have coaches on the field but allow them to move up and down the sideline between the 25s?
Finals – we have had several different ones in the past. Do we have a normal Finals series? Do we have a Finals series like the Veterans and play up to the Grand Final and the play 1 v 2, 3 v 4 etc? Or other suggestion? Girls & Boys playing together? Any other items regarding U12s that the Clubs want to discuss. Tomahawks.
6. Mens Veteran Competition or Round Robin every 4 weeks one week night for 2010?