

# HOCKEY ALBURY WODONGA

## Minutes

**Location:** 659 Yambbla Avenue  
**Meeting:** Veterans Women's 2009 Competition  
**Date & Time:** February 9, 2009 commencing at 7.00pm  
**Distribution:** Vets Coordinator, who will distribute to a representative for all Vets teams and Dennis Martin

Attendees:

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| Beth Simpson    | 2008 Vets Coordinator |
| Gay Harvey      | DOC & Norths          |
| Lisa Day        | Norths                |
| Di Goldsworthy  | Beechworth            |
| Denise Valamois | Falcons               |
| Sandy Nickels   | Falcons               |
| Pat Johnson     | Wombats               |
| Cayte Campbell  | Wombats               |
| Della Poppins   | Wodonga               |
| Marg Brown      | Wodonga               |
| Jenny Brown     | SS&A                  |

Apologies

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| Joanne Duffy   | SSA        |
| Carolyn Jerome | Wangaratta |

Beth chaired the meeting.

Marg Brown was thanked for last year's minutes. It was proposed that minutes be accepted by Della Poppins, and were seconded by Beth Simpson.

This year's minutes to be done by Gay Harvey.

An informal agenda has been set from previous meetings:

1. Commencement date of vets season
2. How season fits with HAW season
3. Finals format
4. Identifier for all players under the age of 35
5. Filling in for other teams
6. Umpires
7. Casting vote on permits by Coordinator
8. Club reps and Coordinator for 2009
9. Age limit
10. Goalies
11. Players to be registered
12. HAW Representative teams
13. The Draw
14. Uniforms
15. Strikers/A Grade Players
16. Social Events

It was agreed that the rules in the minutes of last year was to stand unless changed or clarified in these minutes. An appendix with the attached rules, will be updated, after this meeting for the 2009 Season..

## **1 & 2 Commencement date of Vets Season & how season fits with HAW season**

Beechworth had 2 Veteran Teams nominated for the 2009 Season, with a ?? on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We were informed they will be only entering 1 Team. 2009 Season suggested to start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, this will give us 3 full rounds and the Finals finishing on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. All members were happy with this.

## **3 Finals Format**

Finals will be played on one night only. The format will be 7<sup>th</sup> versus 8<sup>th</sup> on Ground 2, followed by 5<sup>th</sup> versus 6<sup>th</sup>. Ground 1 will have 3<sup>rd</sup> versus 4<sup>th</sup> followed by 1<sup>st</sup> versus 2<sup>nd</sup>. Having this finals format should contribute a social night for all, and allow all players another game against a team closest to their level. No game will have extra time. The team higher on the ladder will be deemed to have won if the result is a draw. All members agreed to the Finals format as presented at previous Season.

## **4 Identifier for all players under the age of 35**

- a) Team lists with dates of birth to be sent to Coordinator before the start of the Season. She will prepare a list to be put on the notice board at HAW showing all players names with an asterisk to indicate players who are under 35. No DOB is to be shown on this list.
- b) To ensure the umpires are aware of who is in the younger age bracket, an asterisk will be placed next to the names of these players and they will wear something visibly pink. . These players can not get B&F votes from the Umpires.

## **5 Filling in for other teams**

- a) It was decided that the rules remain as last year for filling in for another Team. "Players filling in for other teams – In the event of playing an additional game on the night, agreeance must be made by both captains, and players are to be marked as an asterisk player. Fill ins are allowed only to the extent that there are even numbers in each team."
- b) It is also recommended that fill ins wear something visibly pink to ensure that they get no B&F votes

## **6 Umpires**

We need to liase with the Director of Umpiring in regards to the Veterans Competition. We would like to have Umpires allocated for all our games. These will be all in Albury for this Season, 2 Time slots 6.30pm & 7.45pm. Games are 30 minute halves with 5 minutes half time. We would like Umpires who are competent and who will respect that these games are important to us and that they are interested in being there. If there are Junior Umpires, could they please be with an older Umpire. Remind them that asterisk players do not receive votes. Gay Harvey will speak to the Director at the next Board Meeting.

## **7 Casting vote on permits by Coordinator**

If there is a need for a permit then it must be a majority by the team representatives' votes. The Coordinator does not have a casting vote. If the permit applicant is not happy at that stage, the matter can be referred to the HAW Board.

## **8 Club Reps and Coordinator for 2009**

Gay Harvey nominated Beth Simpson to continue as Coordinator for 2009, Pat Johnson seconded this. Beth accepted. All teams to have their nominated representative names to Beth. Note here that most appeared to do this on the night, but if the Rep changes, Beth is to be advised.

## **9 Age limit**

There is a change to rule 5.6. "The age rule will apply as at the date of play". The rest of this rule remains. This means that if someone turns 35 during the season, they are then no longer classed as a younger player. Beth Simpson moved we raise the Under Age Limit to 32 for 2009 Season, Della Poppins seconded the motion, all members agreed. To be changed in the Appendix.

## **10 Goalies**

It was agreed to allow an Under Age player, who is a Goalie to take the field at both halves and play the whole game. This means that they can only have 1 other Under Age player on the field. If they are filling in for another Team, they are off for the first 10 minutes of each half.

## **11 Players to be registered**

If a player is playing vets only, they need to be registered with a Club for insurance purposes. They can be registered with HAW as an associate but Dennis Martin prefers that they register with a club instead.

## **12 HAW Representative Teams**

a) Rep teams are wanted for the Queen's Birthday Weekend in June, played in Geelong, and the Steakhouse Cup, played in Wagga, date to be confirmed.. It was also noted that the World Masters is from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of October this year. Each club will be sent information and they in turn will pass it onto their members, for these events.

Quite a few players expressed interest at the end of last Season for the World Masters. Sandy Nickels will collate everything So far there are 8 /35s; 13/40s; 11/45s & 11/50s. Pat Johnson will manage the 50s.. Website is [www.2009worldmasters.com](http://www.2009worldmasters.com)

b) Pat Johnson agreed to Co-Ordinate the Team for the Steakhouse Cup. Terry Meredith will be asked to Coach again. If there are Selectors required Pat Johnson and Jenny Brown have put their hand up to help out.

c) Dennis Martin to be asked to update the HAW Website with all the information for the 2009 Season including the Representative commitments etc.

## **13 Draw**

The Draw presented by Joanne Duffy, with the 8 Teams and 3 even Rounds was accepted. Thank you Jo, for all your hard work with working out the 3 Scenarios for this meeting.

## **14 Uniforms**

It was asked that Teams please try and have all players in a Uniform. It makes it easier for the Umpires and other Team. Refer to 6.1 in the Appendix.

## **15 Strikers and A Grade Players**

- a) It was discussed at length, the players who are Under 35 and playing Strikers and A Grade. It was felt the older players who only play Veterans are at a disadvantage playing against our Top Level players and may be discouraged from playing. Although it was noted that there hadn't been a specific issue last year, Veterans was formed 14/15 years ago to encourage back those players who hadn't played for awhile and wouldn't play normal week-end competition, and to give the older players who were playing a chance to play with there peers.

It was decided to not allow an Under Age player to play, if they are playing Strikers. All agreed.

- b) Spirit and Intent rule to apply when dealing with better players and older players. It was felt that better players sometimes tend to dominate play and/or play amongst themselves. Clubs were asked to speak to their players about these concerns at the start of the Season.
- c) Line up at the start of the games. This is to continue.

## **16 Social Events.**

It was suggested that we could perhaps have a Pizza night or two after the games or go to the Pub for a meal during the Season. That is what every-one enjoyed about the Finals night, all getting altogether. We would like to expand on this.

Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.  
Beth thanked all for coming.

## **Action Items**

4 All Clubs to hand their Team Lists with date of birth to Beth Simpson before the start of the Season

6 Gay Harvey to liase with the Director of Umpires, with our requests and concerns.

12 Pat Johnson to ask Terry Meredith if he would coach the Steakhouse Cup Representative Team. When the date is decided she will put out for nominations and if needed trials and trainings.

12 Gay Harvey to ask Dennis Martin to update the HAW Website with all the revelent information please, on the Season and World Masters and Representative items.

13 Joanne Duffy to do the Draw.

The Women's Veterans competition request that the HAW Board accept the abovementioned guidelines and recommendations as part of the Women's Veterans Competition for 2009.

## Appendix A

### **Amendments to HAW Constitution for the playing of the Women's Veterans Competition.**

#### **1 Constitution and By-Laws**

The existing HAW Veteran's Constitution and By-Laws are accepted with the following points and recommendations for the HAW Board to consider for the 2009 Veterans Competition.

#### **2 Final Series**

**2.1** Finals will be played on one night only. The games will begin at 6.30 and 7.45 respectively. The format will be 7<sup>th</sup> versus 8<sup>th</sup> on Ground 2, followed by 5<sup>th</sup> versus 6<sup>th</sup>. Ground 1 will have 3<sup>rd</sup> versus 4<sup>th</sup> followed by 1<sup>st</sup> versus 2<sup>nd</sup>. Games would be 30 min halves with a 5 minute break at half time. No game will have extra time. The team higher on the ladder will be deemed to have won if the result is a draw.

#### **3 Women's Veteran's Permits Committee**

**3.1** All teams will have one representative from each team within the Women's Veteran's Competition to have a separate Permits Committee to that of the HAW Permits Committee. Each team is to provide representative name to Coordinator.

**3.2** As well, there will be a position of Women's Veteran Coordinator and all issues will go through this Coordinator to the appropriate channel, excluding umpiring issues which will be given to the DOU.

**4** In the event of Permits, procedure as follows;- Any request for Permit is forwarded to the Coordinator who will coordinate and distribute to Team Representative for consideration. Replies are returned to Coordinator to summarise. The Coordinator is to provide a brief to HAW Board, with an option for the team to appeal to Board if necessary. The Board is to advise Coordinator who will in turn advise Team Representatives of decision.

#### **5 Season Competition**

**5.1** Competition Teams to nominate their team prior to or at the first game to Coordinator inclusive of date of birth details.

**5.2** All teams will have nominated players. Whilst players could fill in for any other team throughout the season they would be bound to their first nominated team in relation to their eligibility to play in finals.

**5.2.1** **Where a Club has entered two Teams 8 players are to be nominated to each Team. The remaining players may swing between the two teams but for the Finals must play with the team for which they have played the most games.**

**5.3** All players to be registered with HAW before playing. If already registered with a Club this will suffice for insurance.

**5.4** Even rounds to be played with the competition commencing **as determined by the Director of Competitions.**

**5.5** No play June Long Weekend or Anzac Day, preference not to play on any public holidays.

**5.6** Age rule will apply as at the date of play. Age rule – general start is 35 years. Each team is permitted up to two players from each team on the field between the ages of **32** and 35 at one time but must be clearly identified by something visibly pink.. U35s are also to be asterisked on the match sheet. U35 players are ineligible for B&F votes.

**5.6.1** **Where there are eleven players to start the game, no under 35 players can play in the first ten minutes of each half, unless there is an injury substitution.**

**5.6.2** **All Teams may field no more than two under 35 players per match. They must be named on the Team List before the game commences.**

**5.7** Proof of age to be shown to the Co-Coordinator upon request. Otherwise, proof of age is not required.

**5.8** In the event of a player participating in an additional game on the night, both **Captains must agree and the player must be marked as an asterix player.** They are ineligible for a best and fairest vote for that game. Fill-ins are allowed only to the extent that there are even numbers in each team

**5.9** Season will include playing the Monday night after the Steakhouse Cup weekend match if required.

**5.10** Playing in finals – Players are only permitted to play in finals for their first nominated team subject to meeting eligibility criteria. Any variance is to be forwarded to the Permits Committee for consideration.

**5.11** Players must play 6 games of the season with their nominated Veteran's team to qualify for finals.

**5.12** If any club has two or more Vets teams in the competition then they not play each other in the last round.

## **6 Uniform**

**6.1** Team colours would apply, if club shirts were not available coloured t-shirts or something similar is acceptable

**6.2** If possible shirts to have numbers so as to assist umpires with best and fairest votes.

## **7 Umpires**

**7.1** Support is sought from HAW to provide panel/allocated umpires and this is to be organised with the Director or Umpiring on a yearly basis.

**7.2** Captains to speak with Umpires at the conclusion of games to confirm player's names for best and fairest nominations in the case where players are not identified with numbers.

## **8 OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1** Teams to line up at the start of the game as in normal competition.

**8.2** Games to commence at the correct time.

**8.3** Women's Veteran's competition given the opportunity to contribute to any news items that are being placed with the local media.

**8.4** Women's Veteran's competition is to be given a page on the HAW Homepage to promote competition. Each team is also to encourage others to take up hockey and to highlight HAW Masters team competition.