

**Minutes of the Waikato Hockey Umpires Committee
at 6.30pm**

14 May 2019

Present: Rhys McLachlan (Chairman), Bruce Rosemergy (Sec), Liam Nicholas, Estian Hattingh, and Troy Allen, Peter Cawkwell (Website),

Apologies: Steven Tiang , Des Meads Accepted *Rhys M/ Peter C*

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved *Rhys M/ Bruce R*

Matters Arising:

- The purchase of mentor jackets is proceeding. Orders are to be placed. The order may include several all-weather jackets to supplement current stocks.

Correspondence:

- Troy Allen appointed to do Secondary School appointments for the 2019 season

- Te Awamutu Sports expressed frustration with Sunday umpiring

- HGHS re umpiring concerns. Competition and Events Manager Brett Sanders has replied to HGHS. Umpires Committee approved Brett's reply.
Rhys/ Peter Carried

General Business:

Sunday Umpiring. Questions regarding umpire competency have been raised. Estian will contact Julena, who volunteered to supervise Sunday umpires, to discuss her intentions re this delegation.

HBHS Request for umpires for midweek games for May vs AGS and 6th June vs NPBHS Umpires appointed - Estian and Rhys *Liam N/ Bruce R Carried*

Thursday Night 6 aside The problem of extremely mismatched teams was discussed. It is suggested that teams be graded – perhaps into 3 grades. Umpires Rep Peter C to talk to the Competition Manager after having experienced very mismatched games.

Umpiring Recruitment in Secondary Schools The need for more trainee umpires was mooted. Discussion revealed that in some secondary schools,

structures already exist to train and encourage future umpires. . HBHS programme is led by Rhys and Hillcrest High by Estian. It was suggested that Des Meads be informed of this before discussing the issue with the CEO Declan.

Umpire Reimbursement __Moved that interim payments be made mid-season ie **30th June** so that two payments are made annually rather than accumulating all payments until October/November. *Rhys/Peter Carried*

Judiciary Rules and Committee The CEO, Declan provided feedback on the issue of updating the current WHA Judicial Rules and Processes. The Wellington Hockey Association model has been viewed and found to be approved in principle. However advice on some issues of concern will have to await the return of Mike Ward, at present on leave. In the interim, the existing WHA Code of Conduct and Judiciary Rules will apply.

Umpires Mentoring

Bevan Nichol provided a written report of a successful workshop evening which was attended by 10 senior umpires. Led by Colin French from Hockey NZ, the workshop focused on initiatives and guidelines for umpire mentoring.

Waikato Hockey can look forward to mentoring support being delivered by the attendees: **Bevan Nichol, Richard Baggs, Lani Jackman, Luisa Balsom, Kelly Ann Feskin, Anna Billing, Rhys McLachlan, Ben Wilson, Aidan Scarlet and Estian Hattingh.**

It is envisaged that they will support A & B Grade Secondary School umpires, Club umpires and Representative umpires.

Meeting closed. 7.30pm

The next meeting to be held **Tuesday 18.6.19 at 6.30 pm**