



WAIKATO HOCKEY ASSN BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday 8 February at 4.00pm

Venue: Sport Waikato

Present: Owen Embling (Chair), Declan Wyndham-Smith, Truman Wee, Doug Sommerville, Gregg Brown, Mike Ward
Denise Hill (minute secretary)

Apologies: Nil

Opened meeting at 4.05

Ratification of Minutes

The minutes from the 11 December 2011 provide a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes are to be released for the website.
Owen/Gregg– Carried

Matters Arising

- Life Membership criteria – still to be drafted
- Umpire Planning is underway
- High Performance – Declan has met with Midlands chair and established that HP managers contract will remain with Midlands

Finances

Final Annual accounts tabled. NB approx \$14,000 of non cash item, wage accrual, has been included for the first time as per auditors request.

Auditors have completed their onsite audit and accounts are awaiting signoff and we should receive shortly.

Letters have been sent to coordinators of Summer league teams with bad debts advising that any player associated with those teams have been made unfinancial.

Budget 2012 – The latest version of the budget was circulated. (NB the rep program and canteen turnover have not been included as discussed previously). Projected surplus \$44,000.

Affiliation fee increase is based on CPI of 4%.

CEO Report

Y5/6 Hockey Development program – has been drafted. Preliminary flyer was tabled. This will be developed into a professional flyer. Information regarding the move away from rep teams to a development program will be included in the impending CEO newsletter.

Midlands's Regionalisation – The Board member met prior to today's meeting to discuss a proposal received regarding WHA & Midlands CEO positions.

The Board believes there is an opportunity but have concerns that need to be addressed

- Conflict of interest
- The extent of HNZ's support
- Ensuring delivery of WHA strategic plan continues

It was agreed that key deliverables needed to be established for both positions which would provide more clarity to base decisions on.

Declan is to prepare an operational plan based on Waikato's strategic plan.

Owen to meet with Midlands Board chair to look at a practical plan.

Declan to seek HNZ's confirmation that assns that do not commit to Midlands region will be excluded from the franchise.

Owen to contact HNZ CEO to discuss the issues and establish Waikato's position within the regional franchise.

It was acknowledged that the Midlands CEO was currently high performance based but was expected to move towards Community Sport to fulfil HNZ's regionalisation plan.

An attempt would be made to have all of the above completed my WHA AGM in March.

General Business

Charitable Trust – will hold their first meeting of the year next week. Declan has met with the HCC and their recommendation is to reconsider some aspects of the plan – specifically the bottom story sighted below the turf level as this may cause water runoff problems. Still \$300,000 short to proceed.

WHA Board meeting schedule – table for 2012

WHA AGM – As per constitution regarding rotation of board members Owen will stand down and make himself available for re election.

HNZ AGM – is to be held in Wellington. Gregg & Declan to attend.

Potential cooption of Board members- Trish McBride & Mike Bignell has shown an interest in joining the board. A decision was made not to co-opt at this stage with the AGM looming. Board can assess what skills are needed post AGM.

Divisions – Declan has arranged a meeting with the mini division committee member to discuss the merger with JD committee.

Meeting closed at 1.50pm.

Next meeting ???