



## WAIKATO HOCKEY ASSN BOARD MEETING

**Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 7.30am**

**Venue: GHC**

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

**Apologies:** Trish McBride,

**Opened meeting at 7.40am**

**Conflicts of Interest declared:**

Owen/Mike – Charitable Trust

**Ratification of Minutes**

*The minutes from the previous meeting are a true and accurate record*

*The minutes are to be released for the website.*

*Owen /Truman– Carried*

**Matters Arising**

- Audit comment sent to auditors by Owen
- \$80,000 of loan paid to Charitable Trust. Further \$20,000 will be transferred as required

**CEOs Report**

CEO's report tabled.

Points highlighted

- Flicksticks – 112 field players and 12 goalies are participating in the Yr 7/8 Flicksticks development program. The program leads into the Hatch and Collier trials. This is a fantastic result. There was discussion on how to keep all of these players engaged in hockey and whether the current trial process is optimal.  
Coaching Development Program-Top club, intermediate and secondary coaches have been invited to a coach's forum that Hymie is facilitating. It will be held on 5 consecutive Fridays. 28 coaches were invited and 15 attended the first night. It will be used to network and share ideas. Jack runs coaching sessions using the HNZ produced modules.  
It was acknowledged that the High Performance subcommittee needs to establish a structure for the High Performance Managers role. It was recommended that this subcommittee meet with Hymie to discuss.
- The new format of the CEO report was endorsed.
- Midlands Office rental – was presented to the Midlands Board and accepted.
- Proposed HBHS turf –is not expected to be built as soon as originally thought. Declan has written to the HCC and will meet with them in the near future regarding the need for a third turf at GHC. Gregg and Owen will accompany Declan. The Board will explore the feasibility of a third turf and work with the Charitable Trust accordingly. A document will be prepared that included a 5 year plan document in relation to turf usage, relevant historic facts and future projections based on targets set in strategic plan.
- Bar Licence- WHA's current 'Club' licence will convert to a 'General' licence on 6<sup>th</sup> July. There will be restricted areas where liquor can be consumed. Declan and Denise will monitor during the first weekend to educate people on the new rules.

## **Finances**

Proposed that accounts tabled are a true and accurate record.

*Moved Owen/Gregg--Carried*

MYOB – will go live on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Gregg asked to have a brief look at the chart of accounts when ready.

## **Strategic Plan**

Declan is preparing background to the strategic plan. It will be circulated to the Board for input.

## **Pavilion extension**

To obtain Code of Compliance the handrail on the deck needs to be slightly higher. A wooden topping is being prepared.

Final payment to Fletcher's is due next week. Westpac loan be drawn down as required – initially \$125,500.

Turf maintenance had been let slide and the Trust is looking and catching up and keeping on top of it in the future.

The Board would like feedback from the Trust regarding their request that consideration be given to a deck on the Southern pavilion should money be available. Mike to feedback after Trust meeting.

## **General Business**

Lease agreement – Still to be completed.

Truman to prepare a document outlining the conditions of the loan from Waikato Hockey to the Charitable Trust.

Umpires – The umpires chairperson has resigned as chair and game appointments. A meeting of the committee was called and Ben Wilson has been appointed chair and other volunteers have offered to do club appointments. There was a lot of discussion about how to improve things and looks very positive for the future.

The Board thanks Carol Lambert for all the work she has done leading the umpires committee and wish her well for her future in umpiring. The umpires have discussed the need for our umpires to support other umpires within our association and work together as a team.

There is real concern over the abuse umpires receive from coaches. There is a consensus to focus on this issue to change this culture within Waikato Hockey. It was acknowledged that if coaches abuse umpires action will be taken. The Board supports this action.

Communication between umpires/ players/ coaches is vital.

Communication needs to be sent to players reiterating this stance and explaining the umpires complaints procedure.

Intercity 2014- It was felt that our goals for the Senior competition have been achieved this year, with emphasis placed on enhancing our local competition. There has been an increase in spectators on Saturdays with Premier games being at consistent times. However it was acknowledged that there is still a gulf in High Performance in the local competition. Running the first round as the Championship round for Premier teams has been successful but there is a need establish a way to keep the competition building for the rest of the season.

Could a Northern Region club knockout competition prior to NHL be a possibility?

Waikato Hockey proposal to Midlands regarding rep team participation in the Intercity competition was rejected for 2013.

Waikato will propose the same for 2014. there is a need to develop a secondary plan should the proposal be declined.

Meeting closed 9.13am. Next meeting 17 July 7.30am.



Owen Embling  
Chairman Waikato Hockey.