



## WAIKATO HOCKEY ASSN BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Thursday 31 October 2013 5pm

**Venue:** GHC

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

**Apologies:** Gregg Brown, Trish McBride

**Opened meeting at 5pm**

**Conflicts of Interest declared:**  
Owen/Mike – Charitable Trust

**Continuation of meeting held 22/10**

### **CEOs Report continued**

- Premier Club competition 2014

Results of the player survey had been circulated prior.

#### *Intercity*

The survey indicated that as many Premier players preferred playing locally rather than the travel involved in Intercity and half preferred the increased competition that Intercity provides. Other significant results were that the majority of women were not supportive of the rule regarding distribution of NHL players between clubs and men were not happy with the 2013 Championship being held in the first round.

Midlands proposal for 2014 included Intercity on Saturday and a rep competition on Sunday. Also for consideration a working paper was circulated that had been prepared by Auckland and Harbour associations floating a proposal to their clubs that included a Midlands / Waikato team playing in their competition.

The Board was emphatic that the emphasis still remains on strengthening our Waikato club competition.

After much discussion it was decided that

1. Saturday remains as a local club competition with Senior Division investigating alternative for Championship Round
2. Should Auckland/ Harbour agree to a Waikato team joining their competition we would welcome the opportunity only if it could be played on Friday night (with a possibility of Sunday)
3. Teams participate in the Midlands proposed rep competition with a recommendation that these teams be selected on "Home of Origin" basis

A mandate is to be given to Senior Division to implement a Challenge Shield and to look at the floating player. It was felt that the NHL player distribution throughout the clubs rule should remain.

Declan will prepare a document for Senior Division once Auckland / Harbour have responded.

Declan to advise Midlands of decisions regarding Premier competition above.

- Extended Development Managers Role

The contract with Midlands regarding extended development has expired. There is an intention to fill this role within Waikato Hockey and a proposal was tabled to employ a person on 20-25 hours per week. The role includes dealing with any developing player / coaches/ umpires. It was decided that the position would report to the RDM.

*Owen proposed a resolution to continue Hymie's current role until 31 January 2014 as we fully investigate candidates for this role. Truman seconded and all those present were in favour.*

Declan to advertise the position, applications close 1<sup>st</sup> December with a decision by the end of December to commence 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Declan to prepare a 3 month contract for Hymie Gill to cover in the meantime.

- Midlands Deliverables for 2014

At the previous meeting Midlands had requested feedback on WHA priority deliverables for 2014.

1. Prepare a new constitution that reflects our strength within the region
2. Gallagher Hockey Centre to be the "Home of Midlands"
3. Community Sport programs must compliment our strategy and have an equitable pro rata percentage of funds spent in the Waikato
4. High Performance players to be looked after by high calibre coaches
5. Tandem High Performance plan in place with Waikato Hockey showing logical pathway
6. Not to be in competition with Waikato Hockey for income from funders and/or programs, and an open and transparent document be developed covering target opportunities for both organisations.

Declan to prepare draft

## **Finance**

*Truman moved approval to pay invoice, seconded by Mike, Owen abstained, it was passed to pay \$7107 F/- Convex Plastics for electronic scoreboard casing.*

Meeting closed 7.05pm

Next meeting 7.30am 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013



Owen Embling  
Chairman Waikato Hockey.