

**Minutes of Waikato Hockey Umpires Committee 18 June 2019 6.30pm**

**Present:** Rhys Mc Lachlan ( Chairman), Bruce Rosemergy (Secretary) Liam Nicholas , Owen Pratt, Estian Hattingh, Julena Phillips, Dan Goodman, Troy Allen, Peter Cawkwell(website).

**Apologies:** Des Meads

**Accepted:**Rhys M Peter C

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Approved:**Rhys M Bruce R

**Matters Arising**

- Julena P is looking for ways to secure more support with mentoring from trained mentors particularly with assistance for the Wednesday umpires.
- Julena noted the need for more umpires to be recruited and retained.
- Sunday's hockey produced a significant bleeding injury on field. It also raised issues relating to procedures, protocols and resources for on field injuries.

**Outcomes**

- 1 Injury procedures endorsed
  - Stop play - attend to injured player.
  - Move the injured player when possible
  - Clean the turf
- 2 Brett Sanders to be approached re the Turf cleaning resources
- 3 Estian H to provide a report to Rhys M re Sunday's incident
- 4 Query.. What are WHA's obligations under the Health and Safety regulations? (The secretary to enquire from WHA administration. )

**Matters Arising**

- Discussion The umpiring of lower grade club games and Sunday hockey .

Linked in with the discussion of the on field injury on Sunday, was a protracted discussion of issues concerning the umpiring of Sunday club games. A range of concerns were expressed.

-In summary members observed some appointees experiencing: their confidence being shaken, their competency being challenged and having criticism directed at them.

The following resolutions resulted:

- That a rules refresher course be presented on line.

- That Rhys M lead a panel presenting a rules course for 11 aside umpires. Umpires from all grades to be eligible and invited to attend.
- That the WHA website list the mentor umpires
- That umpiring information on the Umpires website also be placed on Facebook.
- That a WHA paid staff member be in attendance on Sundays, including during Tri/Quad Series.
- That the WHA president (Truman Wee) be informed of the issues being faced with Sunday umpiring.

Moved: Julena /Rhys Carried

## **Saturday Morning BBQ 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Umpires were unable to run the BBQ due to a lack of available umpires.

## **Secondary and Junior Umpires**

Rhys is preparing a report with proposals for the training of junior, including secondary umpires, in 2020. In conjunction with Rhys, committee member Des Meads has also been working towards establishing an umpires training academy scheme. Des has had preliminary discussions with the CEO re this concept.

## **Judicial Rules**

To date there has been no need for Judicial procedures this season. However the CEO and Mike Ward have still to vet and report on the Wellington H A rules which we are looking to adopt. In the mean time, the existing rules and guidelines remain operative

## **Acknowledgement and Kudos**

The work of Troy Allen in effectively completing umpiring appointments for Wednesday games was acknowledged by the meeting.

Meeting concluded 7.40pm

**Next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> July**