

Minutes of Waikato Hockey Umpires Annual General Meeting

Waikato Hockey Board Room

10 December 2019

Present Rhys Mc Lachlan (Chairman) Bruce Rosemergy (Secretary) Bevan Nichol, Charlotte Mayo, Luisa Balsom, Jamie Millar, Brett Sanders (WHA) Aodan Wyndham Smith

Apologies Peter Cawkwell, Des Meads, Liam Nicholas, Troy Allen, Owen Pratt

Minutes of Previous AGM Approved (Rhys M, Louisa B)

Matters Arising Nil

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was tabled after being presented by the chairman Rhys McLachlan

Particular features included:-

Clubs were responsible in 2019 for securing their own umpires for Sunday fixtures

- The success of Waikato umpires at age group, secondary school and NHL tournaments including securing appointments to finals
- The increased number of umpires available compared to 2018 season.
- The development of a flourishing umpiring mentoring programme
- Recognition by HNZ of Richard Baggs' development as a match official/ controller

Chairman Rhys McLachlan's report is attached .

Election of Officers for 2020 Season

Chairman Rhys Mc Lachlan (Bruce R , Charlotte M ,)

Secretary Bruce Rosemergy (Rhys M , Louisa B ,)

Committee Jamie Millar - (Louisa / Rhys) Louisa Balsom (Rhys/ Bruce)

Peter Cawkwell (Rhys / Bruce) Charlotte Mayo (Louisa / Bevan)

Des Meads (Rhys / Bruce)

Committee has power to co-opt in 2020

WHA Report

Staff member Brett Sanders informed the meeting of several matters being dealt with by the WHA.

Each of the issues will have implications for local hockey next season,

- The Sunday umpiring appointments system used in 2019 generally improved with club appointments and match coverage. One club was less organised at the beginning of both the men's and women's competitions, but the system was working satisfactorily at the conclusion of the season
- In 2020 a player sustaining a head injury will need doctor's clearance if they have a medical intervention.
- New digital technology is being developed for WHA. It will include umpires data base with pertinent information.
- Varsity Club plans to run a 5 Aside competition

Judicial

An expanded and enhanced judicial system and code, based on the Wellington model is to be implemented in 2020 season.

Umpiring Course

It is proposed that an umpiring course will be conducted two weeks before the commencement of hockey in 2020.

Bevan Nichol Report

Bevan gave a wide ranging report which included reference to domestic , national and international hockey.

- Pro-League involved 144 games which were played world- wide. During the League NZ had 11 people officiating in a range of capacities. The completion culminated in finals in Amsterdam.
- Hockey 5s is to be developed in the coming years with the intention of promoting hockey in 3rd world areas.
- New facilities are being developed at North Harbour and in Christchurch
- Intercity competition seemed to run satisfactorily with crunch game more effectively controlled.
- Mentoring of local Umpires by 8 senior umpires enabled over 70 matches and umpires to be watched and then mentored. The system worked well with newly provided jackets identifying the support umpires
- The success of local officials at a range of national fixtures/tournaments was evidence of successful development occurring in WHA area. Bevan made particular reference to the performances of Charlotte Mayo, Lani Jackman, Richard Baggs and Liam Nicholas

Next Meeting 28 January 2020

Meeting concluded 7.40pm

WAIKATO HOCKEY UMPIRES PRESIDENT'S REPORT

December 10 2019

2019 was another successful year for Waikato Hockey Umpires. Again we were active at all levels and had many notable achievements. Over the year we made appointments to over 800 fixtures and helped Waikato Hockey achieve a level of hockey which surpassed that of the previous season.

As mentioned in last year's report, we welcomed Bruce, Peter and Des. All of them brought a wealth of knowledge and different skills. We were lucky to have them on board. They have provided valuable input and helped make Waikato hockey umpires move forward.

We officiated on all premier level club games. We continued to appoint to Secondary A and B grade games. At the season's end, appointments were made for intermediate and secondary school finals.

In addition we appointed umpires for Thursday night 6 aside, representative fixtures and also responded to various other cries for umpiring help from around the region.

A huge thank you must go to Troy Allen and Bruce Winders for the hours they spent in appointing to Wednesday and Thursday competitions, along with many follow up hours on late night emails, to ensure that every game had umpires present. Without such dedicated efforts, full coverage would not have happened. Everyone in the hockey circle can be grateful to you.

This year we saw a change in our appointment processes for Sunday play. Clubs had to secure their own umpires. With this came some expected and unexpected consequences. We had a season of Sundays where there were fewer games with no umpires, we had fewer complaints and have managed to potentially increase our umpiring pool. However it resulted in some games experiencing a lower standard of umpiring. With the 2020 season approaching, this issue needs to be re addressed and feed- back sought to help minimise the issue in the coming season.

At Rep level we had another successful year. Waikato hockey umpires continued to be well rated nationally, resulting in several securing finals appointments. The outstanding achievement was Lani Jackman being named Most Valuable Umpire in 2019 National Hockey League. Another to achieve highly at national tournament level was Charlotte Mayo who umpired the U15 age group final. Kelly Anne officiated both U18 and U21 finals while Richard Baggs continued his progress as a Technical Officer by winning appointment for the World Hockey League.

Finally the issue of verbal abuse of match officials still exists across the hockey community. Some cases this year have led to the Waikato Hockey Association reviewing their judicial system and implementing new disciplinary procedures in 2020.

The successful season was hugely pleasing for me to be a part of. We have welcomed and embraced new committee members, restructured our appointment processes and continued to develop and grow our umpiring base. We have seen the development and flourishing of an invigorated mentor programme led by Bevan N. and Richard B. This programme will continue to grow and develop in 2020. I thank them for their efforts towards this.

2020 promises to be an exciting year with the restructuring of hockey organisation as we have known it in New Zealand. Formal planning will begin very soon and I look forward to seeing the developments and new shape that emerges.

Once again I thank you all for your efforts. Without you, hockey in the Waikato wouldn't be as enjoyable or as successful as it is. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

P4 Finally, thank you for the opportunity to be part of this group.

Rhys Mc Lachlan

Waikato Hockey Umpires Committee Chairperson.