



WAIKATO HOCKEY ASSN BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday 19 April at 12.30pm

Venue: Sport Waikato

Present: Truman Wee (Chair) Declan Wyndham-Smith (CEO), Trish McBride, Mike Ward
Denise Hill (minute secretary)

Apologies: Gregg Brown, Owen Embling

Opened meeting at 12.05pm

Ratification of Minutes

The minutes from the 19 April 2012 provide a true and accurate record of the meeting with the alteration

- it was decided that a committee would be formed encompassing 2 Board members (Trish & Mike) & 2 Senior Division representatives with Declan leading the committee. The brief
 1. Identify the issues – long term growth in club numbers
 2. Look at the immediate issue relating to Old Boys/Suburbs Prem team during this season

. The minutes are to be released for the website.

Truman/Trish – Carried

Matters Arising

- Fraud prevention program – Declan advised BDO is running a course in Fraud Prevention which should provide him with the basis of a policy.
- Club growth – a meeting was held to discuss this issue. It was highlighted that Canterbury had the same issue with a club of theirs dropping their premier time and they came up with incentives to reinstate that were successful.

There was discussion on possible drafts to balance the Fraser Tech and Varsity dominance.. Several Waikato players were also playing for Thames Valley in the Intercity competition.

It was suggested that we talk to each club individually. One of the outcomes from the sub-committee meeting was to assess club capability so we and they had a definitive idea of where their clubs strengths and weaknesses lie. It would also assist Waikato Hockey to see where they could assist.

Doug arrived 12.21

It was suggested that the HP manager's job description is to develop club coaches and this needed to be done. U18 rep teams players that are not currently playing club could be recruited for the Championship Round.

It was established that WHA needs to actively supports Old Boys – perhaps in an administrative capacity in need.

It was suggested that the Midlands Inc Board needs to look at the Intercity competition and how they can strengthen it. However it was pointed out that Midlands Inc does not own the IC competition.

It was decided that

1. Declan to contact Graham Jackson from Canterbury Hockey to find out what incentives they used in a similar situation
2. Look at splitting CBD Reserves between Suburbs and Old Boys Prem
3. Use HP manager to support club coaches
4. Get Waikato based Thames Valley players to return for the Champ round and play for Old Boys, Suburbs or Te Awamutu
5. Fraser Tech to encourage their 14th player and below to play for one of these 3 clubs (preferably Old Boys) in the Champ Round

The 6 outcomes from the subcommittee meeting looking a growth in club numbers were

1. Assess club capability (Sport Waikato have the tools)
2. Undertake a player survey
3. Take a look at allocation and timing of club competitions and the practicalities of change
4. Declan to develop financial incentive scheme to encourage new teams to competition
5. Put together a marketing package to target specific areas / groups.

RESOLUTION – There will be 5 Premier Mens teams from 5 different clubs for the 2012 Championship round.

Senior Division is to be informed of this decision and keep the Board updated on progress. Declan to forward recommendations back to the Board within a week.

CEO Report

- Equalisation – very positive response from U18 teams regarding the implementation of equalisation
- HNZ AGM – Northern Remit to change the assn voting rights from being based on ‘open’ numbers to ‘total’ numbers was passed. WHA votes went from 4 to 8 votes.
- Slicksticks – 130 children taking part in Slicksticks program
- U21 tournament – hosted by WHA last week was very busy and very successful. There are a couple of positive outcomes including possible hosting of the NZU21 camps in Hamilton. The Board offered their congratulations to Declan and Denise and noted the very positive feedback received regarding the friendly hosting. *Truman / Mike carried*
- Turf utilisation – we have been using all of the satellite turfs for school competition including adding Fraser this year and have not received any negative feedback.
- Health & Safety – list of people who can use defibrillator still to be prepared as per last months minutes
- Pavilion extension fundraising – Debi Gallagher on board to lead the fundraising. She has met with Westpac working on gaining a favourable interest rate for a possible loan. The expectation is that she will lead the fundraising.

Finances

Bad Debts – Summer League 2011 outstanding debts written off.

Income from clubs is starting to come in.

Canteen is hitting budgeted figures with a great turnover last weekend including the last days of U21 tournament.

Payments for approval

1. Affiliation fee to HNZ \$13,430.85
2. Affiliation fee to Midlands \$3,162.50
3. Game breaker purchase \$5000.00

Proposed that above payments be approved and accounts tabled for April 2012 are a true and accurate record.

Moved Truman/ Trish-Carried

Mike mentioned that the equalisation payments listed as GST Incl should not have GST noted on the invoices.

General Business

Website review – HNZ are trialling IMG website, turf booking system etc and the trial intended to included Wellington and Auckland has been delayed. There is an expectation we will have it for Summer League.

Board Code of Conduct - has been circulated

CEO contract - has been dealt with

Meeting closed at 1.56pm

Next meeting 19th June 2012