



## WAIKATO HOCKEY ASSN BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 7.30am

**Venue:** GHC

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

**Apologies:** Nil

**Opened meeting at 7.30am**

**Conflicts of Interest declared:**

Owen/Mike – Charitable Trust  
Truman – Solicitor for Midlands Hockey

**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**

Nil

**Finances**

Proposed that accounts tabled are a true and accurate record.

***Moved Owen/Truman--Carried***

**CEOs Report**

CEO's report tabled.  
Points highlighted

- Summer Hockey – Good transition of Summer Hockey players to Winter Adult 6 aside league. 8 teams in 2013 – 16 teams 2014.
- WHA AGM 5.30pm 30 March 2014 GHC. Gregg advised he would be retiring from the Board.

**General Business**

- Turf availability- Discussion on the lack of turfs in relation to player numbers. Declan explained that 50% of our current usage required only ½ turf. There was an acknowledgement that there is an urgent need to address the lack of turf issue and look at solutions.
- HBHS turf project appears to be making good progress
- Hamilton City Council has been approached to see if WHA's power can come under the HCC power and be on charged to WHA to reduce power bill. Also looking at possible increase of land in lease renewal. WHA have requested consideration of a free turn at the end of Mary St to alleviate traffic congestion.
- Club competition A Challenge Shield for Premier teams has been established this season. Owens father has kindly carved the 2 trophies and stands and Grant Bradburn Sports has purchased naming rights
- Secondary and Intermediate team numbers are up in 11 aside and down in 6 aside (overall increase) for 2014
- Cannon has provided the overhead projector in the Board room as part of their sponsorship partnership
- Liquor Licence is due for renewal. Sought extended coverage to include Water 2 on the condition that an additional roving Bar Manager is employed. Meeting held with Police and HCC and there was strong opposition to the extension. Application was

declined. In addition condition for Happy Hour have changed so WHA have adapted what they are offering during Happy Hour accordingly.

- Safety Netting – is being organised at the side of Water 1 in front of the pavilion extension for safety reasons.
- NZ Masters Tournament WHA's proposal to host Masters Tournament in 2015 / 16 on a profit share basis was not successful. 2015 Hawkes Bay 2016 Nelson.
- Friends of Waikato Declan presented proposal to establish FOW under the Charitable Trust. This would include Buy a Brick concept, membership, equipment recycling, donations and sponsorship. It was proposed that 70% of sponsorship be allocated to WHA and 30% go to an endowment fund. The Board sanctioned the project.
- Midlands Hockey – WHA Board had proposed to nominate 2 of their Board members to the Midlands Board at Midlands Hockey AGM. After consultation with the other 4 Midlands associations it was felt that there was general approval as regards pathways and high performance, and that with the existing proposed changes to the Midlands board we would hold off making any additional nominations.

It was acknowledged that the Midlands Association Group (MAGS) which are representatives from each of the 5 association has not been operating and therefore have not been giving Midlands's direction. Owen undertook to work with the other associations to get the MAGS group running efficiently so that at Midlands next AGM they will be in a position to fulfil their constitutional role.

Midlands have agreed to provide accounts and minutes monthly to the MAGS group to keep them informed.

They have agreed to complete the constitutional review this year. It was made clear to Midlands CEO that WHA would only support proportional voting in the constitution.

Midlands will be advised that in relation to community sport WHA was self-sufficient in the coaching area but would appreciate help with our umpires.

- Board Governance Owen redistributed the 9 steps to governance and Board Code of Conduct reminding all Board members of their responsibilities.
- Extended Development Committee Doug asked for a committee meeting to be scheduled in the near future.

Meeting closed 9.15am

Next meeting 7.30am Monday 12th May 2014.



Owen Embling  
Chairman Waikato Hockey.