

9 February 2021

**Present** Rhys McLachlan (Chairman), Bruce Rosemergy (Secretary), Richard Baggs, Ryan McLachlan, Jamie Millar, Peter Cawkwell, Bevan Sam, Tim Woods, Dan Goodman, Owen Pratt, Brett Sanders (WHA officer)

**Apologies** Des Meads, Luisa Balsom

## Matters Arising

- Scoreboard malfunctions resolved
- Maori tournament staged at GHC in 2020
- Club appointments for club finals – satisfactorily sorted
- Umpires Awards – sorted
- Umpiring Payments – made for 2020 with no discussion of procedures or changes for 2021

## General Business

- Brett Sanders addressed the meeting covering a number of issues, including changes for 2021 season and the role of Ryan McLachlan .  
These will include :
- Ryan providing umpiring support for 25% of his time – which will include support, recruitment and development matters
- WHA are hoping to develop a “hockey community pathway” for umpires and have long term development of umpiring quality and resource management
- Ryan’s Job description includes work on Umpire development locally and with North Harbour and other associations
- Improving the functioning and performance of Sunday umpires
- Providing workshops for rule interpretation – after issues were identified in 2020 including dealing with overheads and dangerous tackles .
- Follow up to Umpire abuse and on- field cards

## Other Umpiring Issues

- Looking to develop a unified approach and WHA has ideas how these might be developed
- Sponsorship for umpires with expectation of wider involvement, support and participation with Umpires Association to contribute to support and development
- Further development of mentoring and buddy system both n field and theoretical
- Ryan is now taking umpires’ emails at [umpires@waikatohockey.org.nz](mailto:umpires@waikatohockey.org.nz)

Brett Sanders then left the meeting

## Other Business

- Umpire Workshop – 11 March 6:30pm @ GHC to be lead by Bevan N and Lani J
- Sunday Mentoring 2021 – Jelena has offered to help with Sunday umpire development and mentoring with assistance from Tim Woods and Dan Goodman
- Appointments – Some concerns were expressed that inexperienced umpires were being recruited/appointed, especially for Sunday matches. The Des Meads Umpires Association and clubs are to try and address this.
- Log Books – Jamie Millar is developing an Umpires Log and plans to present a draft before the end of March
- Umpires apparel – New shirts for umpires due in March in yellow/purple hues
- Premier Hockey – Premier hockey umpires will also operate a “Blue Card” system relating to umpire abuse. It was also noted that “Experimental Rules” may be trialed.

**Next meeting 11 March, 5.30pm**

