



MINUTES OF THE WAIKATO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (INC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT GALLAGHER HOCKEY CENTRE
Monday 27th March 2023 at 6.30pm

Present

Robyn Polley, Mervyn Fernandes, Jamie Guthrie, Caleb Laurent, Hadon Westerby, Bevan Sam, Truman Wee, Peter Cawkwell, Heather Junge, Rhys McLachlan, Brendon O'Reilly, Stu McIntyre, Linda McLachlan, Ethan Hohneck, Ash Burkhart, Hemi Webber, Des Meads, Kirsten Brinkworth, Shelley Bishop, Jerram Clulow.

Apologies

Polley acknowledged apologies.

Past members acknowledged, Peter Cawkwell (life member, present) and current Board members.

Quorum met.

All 3 divisions are represented (as above) and have been granted voting rights by their respective division.

Votes determined as per constitution, however not voting required at this meeting as per the Agenda.

Umpires; Caleb | SD; Jerram | JD; Merv

Minutes

Minutes from last AGM were circulated (with quorum met).

Moved that *the minutes of previous AGM (held on 27 March 2022) be approved as a true and correct record.*

Moved Polley / Seconded Peter Cawkwell - Carried

REPORTS

Chairpersons Report

Ethan summarised his report, as per tabled annual report.

Thank you again to Jenny Barkle, who finished her term at the last Board meeting.
First year completed as a new board and going well.

Polley thanks Ethan for a great year, first year as Chairperson after a tumultuous year.

Polley moved acceptance of his report.

Moved Polley / Seconded – Stu McIntyre - Carried

CEO's Report - as per annual report. Hemi summarised his report.

Thank you to the Board, a mix of experience and fresh faces and ideas. A well run board and enjoying working with them.

Peter – thank you to Hemi and changes you have made, good to see things moving ahead, given the financial position WHA is in.

Polley moves the acceptance of his report.

Moved Polley / Seconded Peter Cawkwell - Carried

Financial Accounts - as per annual report.

Hemi speaks to the loss and expresses that WHA is on a journey to turn it around. Funders and sponsors are coming in now to change the position.

NHC costs went up due to funding players to get to tournament in Dunedin in 2022. Pay parity between coaching staff of the teams.

Requested by the floor that the contribution financially of the divisions financially into the report for future.

Sponsors have increased, confirmed \$98k for the year ahead. Target of \$120k with the season only just started. Community support is coming back to the Association.

NHC hosting here in 2023 – more funders on board for this event, so looking to at least breakeven from this event. Promotions to start around May once our own season well underway.

Grants received in advance plan has been developed to keep on top of funding for the year to ensure the system works better. Future is looking bright.

Polley moved that the audited accounts from year ended 30/11/2022 are accepted as true and correct.

Moved Polley / Seconded Rhys McLachlan - Carried

Audit Report - as per annual report.

Thank you to Kirsten Brinkworth for a fantastic job to get everything ready and working alongside PKF to compile.

Polley moved that the Audit Report from PKF is true and correct.

Board Elections

No elections as Board has current quota.

2022 elections – this was determined by the constitution. Constitution is being reviewed and this process is being reviewed. Acknowledge Truman for starting in 2021, held up due to changes in law. Reviews are being put on hold and are beginning again. Incorporated Society laws are changing, so awaiting direction from this from Hockey NZ to follow their direction through their lawyers.

Election of President

Congratulations to Robyn Polley, President for 2023.

Ethan spoke to this – Board voted to keep Polley as President for 3 years. This is Polley coming into her second.

Moved Ethan Hohneck / Peter Cawkwell - Carried unanimously

Auditors

Appointed PKF as auditors for another year.

Moved Robyn Polley / Rhys McLachlan - Carried

Solicitor

Appointed Truman Wee and Associates.

Moved Robyn Polley / Rhys McLachlan - Carried

Association Secretary

Appointed Craig (Hemi) Webber as the Association Secretary.

The liquor licence is now a general licence in line with requirements of the LL Authority.

Moved Robyn Polley / Rhys McLachlan - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

WHA Structure (Hemi Webber)

- Hemi spoke about his discussions with Hockey NZ and that WHA are the only association to operate separate committees for the JD, SD, U, others run advisory groups.
- History of WHA is that this is because previously the WHA was run by volunteers, whereas now WHA has paid staff in place.
- WHA Staff have the capacity and know how to handle decision making with advice from Advisory groups rather than through a Committee discussion of Volunteers.
- Proposing to make committees into advisory groups. As it is in the constitution now – a would need to be done to make a change.

- Accountability structure – committees as stand and many personal voice and biased hat. Advisory would be one from each club to discuss.
- So new structure would fall on WHA to be accountable.
- WHA would work out nuts bolts, work with Advisory group to bring ideas etc to WHA to build .
- Clubs to have a representative at the SD committee.
- Services of WHA are changing and are capable and make these decisions efficiently and quickly.

Truman raises that the roles would need to be defined clearly. Lawyers would be required to define these legally for WHA via the WHA Board.

Des – Spoke about changing the operation before modified constitution is not able to happen. This would require a Special General Meeting and require a remit to be done.

Des proposes to move tonight that the message that this is being considered and the intention moving forward.

Polley moves that the intent of the division (JD, SD, U) structure of committees be under review for a remit the constitution.

No vote required at this stage.

Waikato Hockey Charitable Trust (WHCT) – Des Meads (Chair WHCT)

Discussion about the valuation of the site at \$10million. Insurance now covers this new value and the fees have gone up, looking at a new premium of \$20k+ for insurance per annum.

Jerram asked about possibility of 3rd TURE

Hemi spoke to this that it is on council plan. 3-year process and \$4-5 million dollars. HCC plans have been on hold due to Covid and hoping to be at the forefront of HCC for upcoming review of plans.

Growth – Ethan pointed out our Growth. Club hockey has grown this year and using a 3rd turf now for Reserve hockey, showing the real need.

Jerram asked about the usage of satellite turfs – Hemi explained how this works and that WHA maximise usage.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.32pm

Signed

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