



Sydney Womens Hockey League

Minutes of the Meeting: 28 June 2010, 7:30pm
Eve Redfern Room, Olympic Hockey Centre

1. Present

SWHL Committee in attendance: Robin Gorton (Chairperson), Rebecca Teece (Treasurer), Janet Adams (Secretary), Megan Cotterill (Registrar), Sue Briggs (Fixtures), Gill Burns (Publicity).

Clubs represented: Bankstown, Baulkham Hills, Briars, Canterbury, Canterbury Vets, ED Vets, Esquires, Glebe, Harbourside, Macarthur Vets, Manly, North Shore Vets, Ryde Hunters Hill, Strikers, UNSW, Wentworthville.

Please see attendance sheet for further information.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Micheal Gunner (Registrar), Janet Tancred (Registrar), Lisa Roach (Umpires), Paul Economides (Website), Colin Smith (GNS), Judy Huk (Illawarra Waves), Zac Smith (Macarthur), Emma Howard (Macquarie Uni), Sue Cotterill (Moorebank), Lynne Roberts (Nepean Vets), Teresa Clews (Sutherland), Katie Burgess (Sydney Uni), Sandra Glasscock (Western Districts).

Moved: Jane Spalding. Seconded: Tracey Lane that the apologies be accepted. CARRIED.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Rachael Powell. Seconded: Kara Retford that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. CARRIED.

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided a written report to all clubs present. A number of fines have been issued for submitting match cards out of hours or failing to submit a match card. There is also one fine for failure to provide an umpire. Second instalments are due by 26 July. The Treasurer thanked all clubs who made prompt payments for their 1st instalments.

Moved: Gill Burns. Seconded: Robyn Collings to accept the Treasurer's report. CARRIED.

6. Chairperson's Report

No report.

7. Correspondence

The Secretary presented a Communications report. Recent correspondence concerned Hockey NSW's proposed White Paper, incident reports and changes to parking due to major events in Homebush.

Moved: Sally Richardson. Seconded: Liz Daly to accept the Correspondence report. CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

8. Fixtures Report

The Fixtures Coordinator reminded all clubs of the recent adjustments to the draw which have been distributed:

Change of date:

Sun	18 July 0900	F2	R11	ML3	GNS 2	vs Moorebank 3
Sun	18 July 1030	F2	R11	ML3	Ryde HH 2	vs Macquarie Uni 1

6 June games at Bankstown to be now played on 18 July at Homebush:

Sun	18 July 0900	OP	R10	ML1	Sydney Uni 1	vs GNS 1
Sun	18 July 1030	OP	R10	ML1	UNSW 1	vs Strikers 1
Sun	18 July 1200	OP	R10	ML1	Baulk Hills 1	vs Esquires 1
Sun	18 July 1330	OP	R10	ML1	Moorebank 1	vs Western Dist 1
Sun	18 July 1500	OP	R10	ML1	Ryde HH 1	vs Briars 1
Sun	18 July 1630	OP	R10	ML2	St George	vs Briars 2

An international mens match has been scheduled for Sunday 12 September on Olympic Pitch with the booking being from 1300 to 1600. This is our Finals day.

The Fixtures Coordinator asked clubs if they wish to play through the international match or schedule games around this match which would lead to late night games. It was agreed matches would be played on Field 2 throughout the day and would not stop for the international mens match.

In regards to Vets, Round 5 on 26 May for Div 1 and 2 was cancelled due to weather and pitch conditions. All teams were notified and the situation was managed as per the wet weather rule.

9. Registrars' Report

Now that Round 11 of Opens has passed, new player registrations will need to be requested to the Secretary AND the relevant Registrar by email. Such requests should be made no later than the Tuesday prior to the match the player wishes to play in, to ensure the Committee has enough time to make their decisions. It was noted Opens rounds have been out of order however the Committee advised the wording of the rule was specific to Round 11 which has now been played, but the Committee will be reasonable for all requests received before the next round.

Clubs were advised if the result of a match does not appear on the website, this will indicate one or both match cards are missing for that game. Some clubs are using the same shirt numbers within their club, and on occasion within their own team. Clubs are reminded players within the same team need to have different shirt numbers, and ideally a unique shirt number within their club.

The Vets registrar has noted a high number of match cards showing injured players but with no additional information. Clubs will need to provide evidence of players who are injured but who request special permission to play in finals matches. New registrations for Vets Div 1 and 2 will now need to be requested in writing to the Vets Registrar and the Secretary.

It was also noted players should be reminded to remove jewellery before they enter the field.

10. Umpires Report

No report.

11. Website Report

No report.

12. Publicity Report

Gill Burns advised two dates were available for the Loretta Dorman Presentation Evening: 14 September and 21 September ie. the Tuesday before grand finals and the Tuesday after grand finals. Gill asked Clubs to decide which date would be preferred. It was agreed to hold the event on 14 September in the hope this will maximise the number of attendees and result in a good flow into grand final day.

Moved: Rachael Powell. Seconded: Sherrill Parker that the Committee Reports be accepted.
CARRIED.

13. General Business

The Chairperson advised the SWHL Committee had recently met with Paul Bruce and Jeff McEwan of Hockey NSW to discuss their proposed White Paper. Hockey NSW were advised by the SWHL Committee they would be progressing "business as usual" in 2011 based on the feedback from their clubs and the insufficient information provided in the proposal.

The Chairperson confirmed the meeting was a positive one and many ideas were shared. Hockey NSW and the SWHL Committee agreed a common set of By Laws between Associations would be beneficial as would a number of common fixtures to allow clubs to have "club days". While SWHL are willing to assist to work towards these goals, we believe SHA are not interested in making any amendments to their competition to achieve any of the goals highlighted by the White Paper.

Hockey NSW will be holding an Open Forum on 30 June which anyone can attend then will go away to decide how to proceed. It is the SWHL Committee's feeling that the proposal as it currently stands will not go ahead.

Clubs were advised a number of players have reported theft of belongings in the Field 2 dugouts. All players should ensure their gear is placed well inside the dugouts and not left near the door or in the entrance to the dugouts. Only players, coaches, managers and officials are permitted to enter the dugout and any other persons may not enter.

14. Next meeting

The next SWHL meeting will be held on Monday 23 August from 7:30pm at the State Sports Centre. (This meeting has been moved one week forward from Monday 30 August).

15. Meeting close

The SWHL meeting was closed at 8:15pm.