



Sydney Womens Hockey League

Minutes of the Meeting: 1 March 2010, 7:30pm
Waratah Room, Olympic Hockey Centre

1. Present

SWHL Committee in attendance: Robin Gorton (Chairperson), Rebecca Teece (Treasurer), Janet Adams (Secretary), Micheal Gunner (Registrar), Megan Cotterill (Registrar), Janet Tancred (Registrar), Sue Briggs (Fixtures), Lisa Roach (Umpires), Paul Economides (Website), Gill Burns (Publicity).

Clubs represented: Bankstown, Briars, Canterbury, Canterbury Vets, ED Vets, Esquires, Glebe, Harbourside, Macquarie Uni, Manly, Moorebank-Liverpool, North Shore Vets, Revesby Workers, Ryde Eastwood, Ryde Hunters Hill, St George, Strikers, Sutherland, Sutherland Vets, Sydney Uni, UNSW, UTS, Wentworthville, Western Districts, Wests Rugby.

Please see attendance sheet for further information.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Helen Topolski (Baulkham Hills), Campbelltown City, Colin Smith (GNS), Zac Smith (Macarthur), Robyn Collings (Macarthur Vets).

Moved: Janet Tancred. Seconded: Di Hawking that the apologies be accepted. CARRIED.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Gill Burns. Seconded: Sandra Glasscock 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 presented the budget for 2010. Ground hire has increased after 7 years of consistent pricing by the Sports Centre.

Moved: Lorelle Byers. Seconded: Janet Tancred to accept the Treasurer's report. CARRIED.

6. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson provided an update on the ongoing review of hockey in Sydney by Hockey NSW. It is confirmed that the re-structure will proceed and SWHL have been represented at discussions by Robin Gorton and Micheal Gunner. Henny Oldenhove is currently co-ordinating the review and will conduct consultation meetings with clubs throughout Sydney region by region. It was proposed SWHL also conduct a consultation meeting with between SWHL clubs and Henny.

The Chairperson confirmed SWHL would continue through 2010 "business as usual". Hockey NSW are looking at commencing the new structure in 2011. SWHL may elect continue competitions in 2011 regardless but this may be dependent on field availability in Sydney ie. Hockey NSW control the Homebush fields.

Hockey NSW will release a white paper in April where all clubs can make comment. It was agreed SWHL's proactiveness in requesting a meeting with Henny will be a positive step.

The Chairperson requested a motion to request Henny conduct a consultation meeting with SWHL clubs. Moved: Lisa Roach. Seconded: Sandra Glasscock. CARRIED. The Secretary agreed to contact Henny to organise. The proposed date of this meeting is Monday 12 April.

7. Correspondence

The Secretary presented a Communications report. Recent correspondence concerned the SWHL pre-season competition and the upcoming 2010 season.

Committee Reports:

8. Fixtures Report

Round 1 will now be a split round due to the City/Country tournament. ML1, ML2 and ML3 will commence on Sunday 21 March while ML4, ML5 and ML6 will commence on Sunday 28 March.

Key dates for no play include:

2-5 April	Easter
11-13 June	Queen's Birthday Weekend
25-27 June	Under 17s
23-25 July	Vets

Opens finals games are scheduled for:

5 September	Semi finals
12 September	Finals
19 September	Grand finals

It was noted, however, Homebush may be unavailable on 23 May in which case the round will become a split round and the above finals dates will be pushed back one week.

The Veterans competition will commence on 12 April for Div 3 and Div 4 and 14 April for Div 1 and Div 2.

Vets finals games are scheduled for:

1 September	Semi finals for Div 1 and Div 2
6 September	Semi finals for Div 3 and Div 4
15 September	Finals
20 September	Grand finals

Juniors have now been moved to Mondays which has resulted in 2 weeks of Vets being played at Bankstown. Under 13s and Under 15s will both run for four weeks.

It was noted Ryde-Eastwood have withdrawn their nomination for the Vets 3 competition. A decision will be made regarding this vacancy following the meeting.

9. Registrars' Report

Micheal Gunner advised he has a new fax number: 9684 5684. Janet Tancred advised she also has a new fax number: 4382 4394 and a new email address: janettancred@gmail.com. This will be displayed on the 2010 Matchcard.

ML1, ML2 and ML3 team lists are due in by Thursday 18 March while ML4, ML5 and ML6 team lists are due in by Thursday 25 March.

10. Umpires Report

The Umpires Convener confirmed there are no rule changes for 2010. The wording has changed regarding the "self hit" rule. The player must travel 5 metres in total but this does not need to be in the one direction. Free hits may now be taken as an overhead which travels across the circle so long as it is not deemed dangerous ie. the ball may leave the pitch, travel as an overhead over the circle and land outside the circle on the opposite side of the pitch.

The Umpires Convener reminded all clubs they should contact her for any issues relating to umpires. Umpires should not be approached by club officials to make comments or complaints.

The Committee were requested to consider purchasing new umpire shirts. Di Hawking confirmed Just Hockey they have current styles in stock and would happy to supply SWHL. It was noted all umpires should wear flouro yellow shirts.

11. Website Report

Paul confirmed the software developers have been unable to develop an electronic match system for 2010. As a result we will continue to use manually printed matchcards this year. Please note, match cards should not be faxed after 8pm or before 8am.

Paul requested all clubs provide updated photos of their uniforms, including both the front and back of the uniform. Photos should be taken as low resolution.

12. Publicity Report

It was advised a date for the Loretta Dorman evening will be decided upon by the next meeting.

Moved: Janet Tancred. Seconded: Gill Burns that the Committee Reports be accepted. CARRIED.

13. General Business

The Chairperson was asked to confirm if registration through Hockey NSW was compulsory for all players. The Chairperson confirmed it was as this is our mandate.

It was advised SWHL's Codes of Conduct were still in force and all players, officials and supporters should be reminded of their existence.

The Chairperson was asked to advise if SWH have an agreement for the bar and canteen to be open during SWHL matches at the Olympic Pitch. The Chairperson advised there was no formal agreement however advised we would request the facilities be open for key dates during the season.

14. Next meeting

The next SWHL meeting will be held on Monday 19 April from 7:30pm at the State Sports Centre.

15. Meeting close

The SWHL meeting was closed at 8:30pm.