



SYDNEY MASTERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (Inc)

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held at the Acacia & Banksia Rooms Sydney
Olympic Park
Monday 7th December 2020**

Meeting Opened: 7:10pm.

1. Attendance:

Board: David Alexander (Chairman and President), Stephen Reilly (Deputy President), Rohan McCoy (Director Finance), Edward Gallagher (Director Administration), James Fordham (Director), Craig Millar (Director) and Robbie Sutton (Director)

Life Members: Tony Cohen and Greg Kay

Voting Members: Adam Schasser (Briars), Mike Dennis (Briars), Darren McGiffen (Easts), Kevin Rule (Gordon North Sydney), Daniel Forman (Macarthur), Ian Jessup (Macquarie University), Ben Murray (Manly), Chris Jenkins (Northern Districts), Mike Cooke (Northside), Patrick Hurley (Penrith), Mark Richard (Ryde), Steve Graham (Ryde), Glenn Crowhurst (Sutherland), David Hart (Sydney University) and Sacha Overhoff (UTS).

Attendees: Glen Pearce

Apologies: Keith Millar, Godfrey Phillips, Phil Retford, Pete Krepp, Peter Hayes, Greg Robinson, Rob Heasman and Simon McCoy.

2. Conflicts of Interest:

NIL

3. Unfinancial Clubs / Teams

NIL to report

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were taken as read and no discussion was generated from members. Moved that the formal minutes of the AGM 2nd December 2019 be accepted as a true record

Moved: Stephen Reilly

Seconded: Daniel Foreman

Carried

5. Business arising from Annual General Meeting Minutes

NIL

6. 2020 Annual Report:

President's Report & Administration/Competition/ Representative Report.

The Presidents Report was written by David Alexander. No changes were made to the report. Report was taken as noted in the 2020 Annual Report.

The Administration/Competition/ Representative Report was written by Simon McCoy. Simon was unable to attend the meeting and the report was taken as noted in the 2020 Annual Report.

Financial Report

Director of Finance, Rohan McCoy spoke to the report.

Please note the report presented was unaudited. The report should be audited in January 2021.

As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic the 2020 playing season was extended beyond the Association's fiscal year end of 30 September 2020. Rohan explained that the transactions from the close of the fiscal year until the completion of the 2020 playing season at the end of October 2020 have been included in the report.

2020 year resulted in a small operating loss (\$1,721.58)

Moved: Rohan McCoy

Seconded: Mike Cooke

Carried

7. Election of Officers

The constitution requires rotation and re-election of specific board positions each year. This year the President and one Director position were due for re-election. The position of Deputy President was also vacant due to Stephen Reilly resigning from the position.

Nominations for the advertised Board positions received prior to the meeting were:

President: David Alexander and Greg Kay.

Deputy President: James Fordham

Director: Glen Pearce and Glenn Crowhurst.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

Election of President:

Each nominee was given the opportunity to speak to the meeting attendees.

Dave Alexander spoke to the success of the 2020 year and his involvement with the Board. He addressed his recent ill health and how he had fully recovered and could take on the president role again. He mentioned it was a role he enjoyed doing.

Greg Kay spoke to his previous experience on the Board as Director of Administration and how he had taken on several other roles in helping to develop Sydney Masters Hockey. He said his focus would be on growing playing numbers again and increasing the number of teams in the premier division.

The election of president was held by secret ballot. Tony Cohen and Craig Millar were the scrutineers and tallied the votes.

Greg Kay was elected president.

Stephen Reilly thanked Dave for his contribution and efforts.

Election of Deputy President:

There was only one nomination for Deputy president: James Fordham. As per clause 24.2.2.2 of the constitution, as there was only one nomination, James Fordham was declared duly elected.

As Stephen Reilly served one year as Deputy President, James will serve in the position for the remaining two years of the term.

Director:

There were two nominations for the vacant Director position: Glen Pearce and Glenn Crowhurst. However, Glenn Crowhurst withdrew his nomination for Director and stated that Glen Pearce was a good nomination. As per clause 24.2.2.2 of the constitution as there was now only one nomination, Glen Pearce was declared duly elected.

The 2021 Board will be:

President	Greg Kay
Deputy President	James Fordham
Director of Administration	Edward Gallagher
Director of Finance	Rohan McCoy
Director	Craig Millar
Director	Robbie Sutton
Director	Glen Pearce

8. Election of Auditor

Ken Carter was confirmed as the association's auditor for 2021. Motion was that this be accepted.

Moved: Rohan McCoy

Seconded: Stephen Reilly

Carried

9. Election of Life Members

The Board received three life member nominations. All three nominees met the criteria set out in the constitution. The three nominees presented to the meeting for voting were:

Stephen Reilly (Ryde)	Nominated by Rohan McCoy and David Alexander
Mark Brookfield (Sutherland)	Nominated by David Campbell and Noel French
Kevin Rule (GNS)	Nominated by Greg Robinson and Rohan McCoy

A formal vote by show of hands was conducted and was unanimously affirmative for the nominees.

Life Membership is bestowed upon:	Stephen Reilly	40 th Member
	Mark Brookfield	41 st Member
	Kevin Rule	42 nd Member

10. Notice of Motion

There were no notices.

11. General Business

Moorebank Field

Danny Forman noted that during the 2020 season fields other than Sydney Olympic Park P1 and P2 were used (i.e., Sydney University field in Lidcombe and Briars Cintra field). Danny enquired if Moorebank fields could be considered for games during the 2021 season. He noted that they had significantly upgraded their facilities and carpark. The suggestion was that maybe at least games between Macarthur and Sutherland could be played at Moorebank.

Darren McGiffen requested on behalf of Easts that they play all games at Olympic Park.

Over 34s in Premier Division

Dave Alexander as president announced that the age group for Premier division would be lowered from Over 35's to Over 34's. This would bring the age group in line with upcoming representative championships.

Main Competition Planning and Discussion

- Based on the planned dates for the Master's National Championships, the likely date for SMHA Grand Finals is the 8th September 2021.
- Most clubs indicated that they will keep the same number of teams for the 2021 season. The only potential extra teams could be:
 - Briars – currently fields three teams but indicated that they may be able to enter a fourth team in the Masters division.
 - Greg Kay – indicated that he may have a new team to play in premier division. At this stage it may be a Barbarians team.

- Ryde – currently fields teams in all divisions bar premier division. They will now promote a side to premier division.
- Mike Dennis put forward that the Legends division should not be split mid-season and that instead the competition be split into two divisions.
- Robbie Sutton announced that for underage players who have been granted exemption to play in the Legends division, that those players will need to seek exemption again for the upcoming season. This is so the Board can review who has been granted exemptions.
- Chris Jenkins noted that Northern Districts had not performed well in Sydney Cup. He mentioned that they were intending to improve their player roster and stay in Sydney Cup.
- It was noted that Pitch 2 at Homebush will be re-laid. This may disrupt games for the pre-season and the early part of the main season.
- There was also discussion about the association supplying 3 match balls to each team. This is a cost of approximately \$1000. It was generally felt that this was a responsibility of each team.

Pre-Season Discussion

There was discussion about whether pre-season should be a proper competition as it has been in the past or whether it should be a chance for teams to trial players.

- **Web Based Match Cards**
 - The online portal experienced challenges due to the many manual interventions performed as a result of Covid 19, and subsequent draw changes during the 2020 season. It is expected the system will be fully operational , ready for the 2021 season.
 - Team Coordinators will be required to upload photo ID for each of their players. This will allow umpires to ensure that players on the card are the same players that take the field.
 - There will a stricter enforcement of the rules around properly filling in match cards prior to games.
 - Teams and umpires are advised to bring some paper match cards to each game in case the system doesn't work on the night.

Meeting Closed: 8:05 pm