



SYDNEY MASTERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (Inc)

Minutes of General Meeting Held at North Ryde RSL Club
Monday 17th February 2020

Meeting Opened: 7:15pm.

1. Attendance:

David Alexander	President
Stephen Reilly	Deputy President
James Fordham	Director
Craig Millar	Director
Robbie Sutton	Director
Eddie Gallagher	Director of Administration
Rohan McCoy	Director Finance
Simon McCoy	Competition Manager

2. Apologies:

NIL

3. Conflicts of Interest:

NIL

4. Acceptance of Minutes

Moved: Dave Alexander **Seconded:** James Fordham **Carried**

5. Business arising from Minutes

NIL

6. Financial Report

Moved: Rohan McCoy **Seconded:** Robbie Sutton **Carried**

7. Business arising from Financial Report

- o Aged receivables: Manly player to be refunded \$180 for State Championships that he did not attend.
- o Aged receivables: 4 players to be chased for outstanding monies.
- o Smaller amounts are to be written off.

Action – aged receivables to be paid/resolved.

8. Competition / Administration / Representatives Discussion.

- **Pre Season Competition Draw**
 - Draw not being altered for week 3 and sticking with original draw that was published.

- **Main Competition Draw Planning**

Premier League

- Target 1: if Ryde does not field a team in premier league: 4 games x 4 rounds = 16 games if it fits into overall season.
- Target 2: If Ryde does field a team: Robbie to devise draw to suit.
- Ryde to provide an answer by midday 18th February.

Sydney Cup – 8 teams, 7 games x 2 rounds = 14 games.

Masters – 7 teams, as per last year, target 6 games x 2 rounds + two extra games = 14 games.

Legends - As per last year the teams will all play each other, have a cross over and split for finals. Draw is dependent on number of teams.

Action: Ryde to confirm team and draw to be developed.

Number of Games all Grades and Breaks

- Based on the overall draw without a Ryde premier league side the number of spots for field hire required is 48 less than last year. Costs of running competition will be less and therefore team fees will be less.
- Robbie is working on the draw and at this stage there is a scheduled three week break in games during the period that the National Championships are on. There is also a break either side of State Championships.
- No games to be scheduled during State of Origin games.

Action: once the draw is confirmed the slots to be cancelled can also be confirmed.

- **Competition Restructure**

- Rohan presented a 3 grade, 9 team per grade competition. The idea is sound and warrants further discussion. The board agreed that it was too close to the start of the 2020 season to introduce such a radical change. To be discussed and potentially presented and voted on at the annual AGM 2020.

- **Website Draw Preparation**

- As a minimum James needs the number of rounds per division asap. He needs this information so that he can set up the main season competition online.
- Once Ryde responds about having a Premier League side, Robbie to provide first few weeks of the draw asap. The remainder of the draw to be released a couple of weeks later.

- **Web Based Match Cards**

- Match cards have to be filled out prior to games & match cards have to be closed out at the end of the game. If a match card is not closed out it has ramifications for both teams and on future games. Some leeway is to be given for the first infraction of not closing out a match card. After the first

infraction a penalty may be issued. At this stage the penalty would be forfeit of the match and loss of points to the infringing team.

- Umpires are to check match cards prior to the start of a game. If the card is not filled out then the team coordinator or nominated replacement will be required to sit out starting the game until they have filled out the match card properly.
- Further discussion is required around qualification of players for finals and for promotion to a higher grade based on players who were available for a forfeited game.

- **Team Lists**

- Need to have team registration sheets updated and back to Jimmy / Simon by 20th February 2020. Simon has sent the email out to all team coordinators advising of this.

- **Representatives**

- **Over 50s and Over 65s**

- Simon is chasing up players to field A and B over 50's teams at the upcoming State Championships. Based on feedback two teams will be fielded.
- Mark Matheson is going to be manager for the A team.
- Over 60s is ok and sorted out numbers wise.

- **NSW registration number**

- The current representative nomination form does not record the association that the player plays with or the player's NSW registration number.

Action: At the time of formalizing these minutes Jimmy has updated the nomination form to include both the association and the NSW registration number.

- **Socks**

- Board agreed to order new socks for the Sydney State teams.

Action: Robbie to order and purchase new socks.

9. General Business:

- **Wi-Fi Connectivity at Homebush Park**

- Wi-Fi at Pitch 2 and Olympic Pitch is unreliable. As such a dongle will be bought for each laptop. This should ensure that match cards can be maintained and games closed out.

Action: Rohan to purchase 2 dongles.

- **Photo IDs**

- Photos of all players are to be provided to the board by team coordinators. The purpose of this is so that umpires can confirm that players on the pitch are the same as listed on match cards.

Action: To be discussed. This is not time critical. Umpires and team coordinators to focus on using the system and getting this right as a priority.

- **Manly / GNS**

- Manly and GNS wish to be considered one club. Manly will play in both Premier division and Masters division. GNS will play in Sydney Cup. The

Board agreed that if they are to be treated as one club and players are therefore allowed to be used as substitute players between the grades then they must register as one club. This would mean that they would be listed as one club in the SMHA web portal. This would also mean that GNS/Manly will need to register one uniform.

- Once notified of the above they will have 6 weeks to wear a consistent uniform over the three grades they are in. This is consistent with Rule 3.7 of the current Sydney Masters Hockey Association Rules.

Action: Simon to send an email to GNS and Manly requiring them to determine what name they will choose under the new system and what uniform they will wear. The email will also advise of the timeline for this to happen. Or they can choose to remain as two separate clubs.

- **Decision Making**

- Steve raised the concern that over email it has been difficult to gain a consensus or decision on issues that are time sensitive.

Action: Where a decision needs to be made, Eddie will organize a vote via email in order to get a consensus.

- **Administrator email**

- As Director of Administration, Eddie has now received email login details for the admin@smhockey.com.au email and will start to monitor and respond to emails from this address.
- There was discussion about what should be sent to and from this address and where it should be published. There was no change as at this stage Simon as competition manager is happy to maintain the status quo. Most emails are being sent and received by Simon as competition manager.

- **Umpires**

- Craig mentioned that currently 2 umpires were available for each age State Championships.
- Potential 3rd spot could be organized. Dave to advise of his availability.
- Robbie has been selected to umpire at the Masters World Championships in South Africa.
- Craig and Dave Coles have been extended expressions of interest for the World Championships in Japan and South Africa.

- **Pitch 2 Issues**

- **Scoreboard**

- The main scoreboard on P2 does not work. The temporary scoreboard that has been provided is an adequate scoreboard but is located in a spot where it is not visible.

Action: Eddie to chase up when the main scoreboard will be in working order again.

Robbie to provide details of who to contact.

- **Watering the Pitch and Lights**

- During pre-season the ground was not watered in a timely fashion. Umpires were calling to get the ground watered.
- During the pre-season it was noted that the TV lights were not being used. Umpires were calling to get the TV lights turned on as per the bookings and what was paid for.

Action: If TV lights were not used during a pre-season game then the fee for lights should be refunded.

- **Spitting**
 - During pre-season games some players were advised not to spit on the pitch. This was a rule which was strictly enforced during the 2019 season.

Action: Umpires to remind the players during first round games not to spit on the ground.

- **Update Rules for 2020**
 - Tony Cohen will assist in updating the rules for 2020.

Action: Steve to send draft of revised rules to Tony to work on.

- **Penrith / Ryde Player**
 - A player who currently plays for Ryde in the legends O55 team helped out his former team (Penrith) by playing for them as well as Ryde during pre-season.
 - He has sought permission to help Penrith out during the main season if required.
 - This opens the door to other clubs and players seeking similar leniency.
 - The board has discretion to allow this, but in this case the decision is to refuse permission.

Meeting Closed: 9:05 pm

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Monday 16 March 2020
North Ryde RSL Club
27-41 Magdala Rd, North Ryde NSW 2113

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month generally as below:

- 20 April
- 18 May
- 22 June – normally would be 15 June (SHA effect Robbie and Rohan is this date as 08/06 Long Weekend + June has 5 Mondays)
- 20 July
- 17 August
- 21 September
- 19 October
- 16 November
- 7 December AGM