



SYDNEY MASTERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (Inc)

**Minutes of General Meeting Held at North Ryde RSL Club & Via Zoom
Monday 20th July 2020**

Meeting Opened: 7:08pm.

1. Attendance:

i. At North Ryde RSL

David Alexander	President
James Fordham	Director
Robbie Sutton	Director
Eddie Gallagher	Director of Administration

ii. Via Zoom

Stephen Reilly	Deputy President
Rohan McCoy	Director Finance
Craig Millar	Director

2. Apologies:

Nil

3. Conflicts of Interest:

Nil

4. Acceptance of Minutes

Moved: Steve Reilly **Seconded:** Dave Alexander **Carried**

5. Business arising from Minutes

Nil

6. Finances

Rohan has sent out invoices for pre season. Expected total of invoices for pre season is [REDACTED] including GST.

It was agreed that due to the nature of this season that invoices would also be sent out for the season covering games till the end of July. Robbie will supply Rohan with a list of games played.

Rohan sent out the trading account post pre season billing – see attached with these minutes (Appendix 1).

Action: Robbie to send Rohan list of games played.

Action: Rohan will then send out invoices for the season played so far and for games till the end of July.

7. Business arising from Financial Report and 2020 Budget

NA – as above

8. I.T Report

- **Website Update.**

There are a few games outstanding that need to be closed out. Apart from these the website is up to date.

James will null out the UTS 2 games from the draw as UTS 2 has withdrawn from the Sydney Cup competition.

Action: James will update the website and remove UTS results from the Sydney Cup competition.

- **Team Updates**

There have been several player movements and withdrawals during the enforced postponement of the season.

Action: Simon to communicate with all Team Coordinators to provide updated player lists as soon as possible.

Action: James to update the teams on the website as per the new playing lists.

9. General Business

- **Covid Safety Officers (CSO's)**

For the first round of games for the season restart SMHA had 2 CSO's per timeslot. One per game on Olympic Pitch and one per game on Pitch 2. This will be continued for the second round of games. As per SMHA's COVID Safety plan, from round 3 of the restart there will be only 1 CSO per timeslot. The CSO will cover both games per timeslot.

- **COVID-19 and Crossover of Games – Olympic Pitch**

As CSO on Olympic pitch for the first round of games Steve noted a concern that during the crossover of games that players could potentially come too close to each other.

Action: Simon to send out a note to Team Coordinators to advise that when their team heads down to the playing field that rather than congregate in or around the dug-out, the team should pass through the dug-out and wait in the "moat" section of the field. One team can be in the left "moat" and one in the right "moat".

- **Games Not Played Due to Flu Like Symptoms**

The Board discussed the options for games where one team cannot field enough players due to some players having flu like symptoms. The options discussed were:

- a) Forfeit. Depending on timing this could be a no fee forfeit or if the ground cannot be cancelled in time then a forfeit with ground fees to be paid by the team that forfeits.

Sydney Hockey and Sydney Women's hockey both consider the game a forfeit.

- b) Replay. The concern with holding replays is that if multiple games are cancelled then there may not be the capacity to fit all the replays in and finish the season on time.

If the number of games that are forfeited is minimal then the Board will review each game at its discretion. This affected one game last round where Macarthur had to forfeit its game due to a number of players having Flu Like Symptoms. The board has reserved its right to make a decision on this game at this stage.

If a large number of games are forfeited and the season is adversely affected then the Board will review the situation again at the next Board Meeting.

Action: The Board will review the numbers of games forfeited due to Flu Like Symptoms and assess at the next Board Meeting.

Action: Dependent on the review at the next meeting the Board will advise on the "forfeited" game by Macarthur in Sydney Cup.

- **Review of "play up" Rule**

At the moment Rule 3.2 of the Competition Rules 2019 states that:

A player registered in a "Sydney Cup" Division team may play up to six (6) games in "Premier League" Division after which he will automatically be re-graded to "Premier League" Division status. A player registered in "Masters League" team may play up to six (6) games in total in either "Premier League" or "Sydney Cup" after which he will automatically be re-graded to the team in the Division in which he has played the 6 games or otherwise the team in the next highest Division. A player registered in a "Legends" team may play up to six (6) games in total in either "Premier League, Sydney Cup or Masters League" after which he will automatically be re-graded to the team in the Division in which he has played the 6 games or otherwise the team in the next highest Division

There was a request that the number of games a player can play up be increased during this season to help with the reduced number of players.

The Board agreed that there was no change to the rule. However, Team Coordinators can apply to the Board for exemptions to this rule. The Board will determine allowances at its discretion.

- **Player Registration/ Insurance**

Players need to be registered with Hockey NSW so that they are covered by insurance whilst playing hockey.

Action: Steve will add a rule to the 2020 Rules advising of the above. Once this rule has been added the Rules can be published and sent out.

10. Competition Discussion.

- **Draw Planning**

The full draw is finalized and will be sent out. It will be sent with a caveat that it is subject to change. Changes are dependent on NSW government regulations and restrictions in relation to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: Robbie to release the complete draw.

Action: Simon to publish to team coordinators.

Action: James to publish the full draw online.

- **COVID Safety Contact per team**

All teams are meant to have returned their COVID team checklist to Simon. Not all teams have done this yet. It is important as it nominates who the Safety contact per team is.

Steve also sent updated communication to team coordinators. This included links to known NSW hotspots. This has been sent to the Board.

Action: Simon to chase the teams that have not returned the document yet.

- **Lidcombe Ground Games**

Games originally planned for 9:00pm have been moved to 9:15pm. This is so that the facilities can be cleaned in between games.

- **UTS 2 Withdrawal from Sydney Cup**

UTS 2 has withdrawn from the Sydney Cup competition. The results from games that they previously played will be nullified. UTS 2 will be removed from the rest of the draw for games not played.

Action: updated as per IT report Action.

Meeting Closed: 8:13pm

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Monday 17th August 2020
North Ryde RSL Club
27-41 Magdala Rd, North Ryde NSW 2113

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

- 18 May
- Tuesday 23 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