



SYDNEY MASTERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (Inc)

Minutes of General Meeting Held at North Ryde RSL Club
Monday 23rd June 2020

Meeting Opened: 7:20pm.

1. Attendance:

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

2. Apologies:

Rohan McCoy	Director Finance
Craig Millar	Director

3. Conflicts of Interest:

NIL

4. Acceptance of Minutes

Moved: Robbie Sutton

Seconded: Dave Alexander

Carried

5. Business arising from Minutes

NA

6. Finances

A full financial report was unavailable. However, it was advised that Sydney Masters Hockey Association (SMHA) has [REDACTED] in the bank.

No hockey fees have been billed to clubs or teams due to the postponing of the season for the Coronavirus pandemic.

James requested that it be minuted that we see a proper financial report for the next meeting or to potentially attach to these minutes.

Action: Rohan to send out financial report.

7. Business arising from Financial Report and 2020 Budget

NA – as above

8. Competition Restart Discussion.

- **Main Competition Restart and Draw Planning**

It was agreed that the season should restart on the 14th July. Potentially, a full season could be played with the season ending on the 24th October. This is taking into consideration the games already played in the first three weeks before the postponement. There are 162 games left in all grades to complete a full season.

The idea of using other fields to complete games in order to finish the season was discussed. The preference was to use Sydney University's Lidcombe field as this is close to the current venues at Sydney Olympic Park. Potentially Premier Grade could be played exclusively at Lidcombe on Tuesday nights, with the finals still to be played at Sydney Olympic Park.

Depending on the draw and taking into consideration the games already played, the finals format will be reviewed. I.e, there is the potential to reduce the finals by one week by returning to the 1v4 and 2v3 format, with the winners playing in the Grand Final. The board may opt for the current or shorter finals format depending on a review of the revised draw.

Fees will be finalized based on the new draw.

Action: Robbie to work on the draw to determine if the above dates and proposals are feasible.

- **Web Based or Match Cards**

Depending on the new draw and the implications it may have on the current web based system the board will determine if we should continue with the current web based match cards or return to paper based match cards for the remainder of the season.

Action: The board to determine which format for match cards will be used for the remainder of the season once they have reviewed the new draw and received advice from James about the impact on the website.

- **Representatives**

NA as the rest of the representative season has been cancelled for 2020.

9. General Business:

- **Umpires**

Can a third umpire be utilized as a Covid Safety Officer (CSO) for each game? Secondly, can the CSO be paid a reduced amount for the games where they are performing CSO duties based on the assumption they are being paid in full for umpiring other games on the same evening?

It was agreed that:

- SMHA will cover the additional costs of paying CSOs for each game to be played.

Action: Discussion with umpires about taking on the role of CSO's. This is dependent on finding out the latest details from SOPA (and potentially Sydney University for their Lidcombe field) in relation to Covid-19 safety policies and the venues.

Meeting Closed: 8:30 pm

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Monday 20th July 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

