

Port Macquarie Hockey Association Committee Meeting 18/01/2023

Attendees: Simon Thresher, Ali Hudson, Richard Thomas, Tracey Holmes, Ashley Grummitt, Jeffrey Maker, Caroline Hill (Minutes)

Apologies: Graeme Ferguson

Club Representatives: Terry Rhook (CHHC), Robyn Charlesworth (CHHC), Catherine Carrol (CHHC), Michael Johnston (PCHC)

1. Appointment of Richard Thomas to PMHHA Committee as Ordinary Member under sect 3.2.8 of the constitution

Discussion prior to meeting with club representatives took place.

2. A Grade/Hockey league – Taree and Port Macquarie committed.
3. 2022 season – what worked/what didn't/general feedback:
 - Travel – if possible, can 2023 be week on/week off (one week in Taree, one week in Port Macquarie?)
 - B Grade affected when players were asked to play for A grade
 - Finding umpires
 - Clashes in women's comp as Camden Haven and Port City combined to make a team and forced to play A Grade team and premier league points.
 - Possible Super 9's discussed for Wednesday night, potential mixed comp or the last 4 weeks of winter season; women's super-9 comp can be held when fields will be available.
 - Grading structure to be stricter and enforceable. Discussion regarding 7 players per team to be graded and therefore can't play down.
4. Fee Structure – All committee members and club representatives were in favour.
 - Discussion on moving away from team-based entry fee to encourage more teams to enter (reduces costs for teams).
 - All fees are to be paid directly to PMHHA to reduce potential financial burden for clubs. \$20 per senior, \$10 per junior is paid to the club is taken from the registration fee.
5. Canteen Fee / Duty
 - Junior matches (Saturday) will still require a volunteer rostering system per club.
 - Canteen manager/supervisor will be advertised approx. 15 hours per week to work Friday night, Saturday afternoon and restock canteen (not to cover bar). A canteen fee will be charged to the clubs (via the player registration) to cover the "wage" of the canteen worker – this will be an honorary fee (similar to how the umpires are paid). The canteen worker will need to be a member

of the association and must commit to the entire season. Potential for multiple staff if unable to fill position. Canteen position will be emailed to all association members prior to officially recruiting.

6. SMC delegate update/information and JMC update and information

- SMC to be set up.
- Mikey suggested 2-way radios for umpiring to assist with junior umpires and so the 2 umpires can discuss decisions on the field. This could also encourage more players to volunteer to umpire as they will be supported on the field with decisions.
- JMC is set up and currently meeting regularly. Major focus on recruitment of juniors. 3 events are planned pre-winter season:
 - I. Mondays afternoons in February – for returning players and bring a friend, focused at primary and secondary school aged.
 - II. Wednesday afternoons in March – for new players, focused on the infant, early primary aged school children.
 - III. Summer social – 6 a side, Wednesday afternoon/nights in March for senior high school aged and adults. 3 grades.
- JMC supporting these events (above) and promoting these events are currently through Facebook (organised by PMHA). Possible avenue to further promotion is through local radio. Each club has agreed to a \$350 budget to cover radio, flyers and QR code for registrations. PMHA has agreed to boost the funding if needed to increase the funding to \$2000 (\$600 from PMHA).
- Richard is looking to contact schools in the district to encourage more junior registrations and hopefully have a teacher champion hockey in each school.

7. Budget Q&A / acceptance, Grants and works – Budget was approved by the committee.

- Budget may lead to a loss for the organisation.
- Things to remember – top field turf replacement required in 2-3 years, loan approval for contractors has been confirmed, \$64,000 carried over for changerooms and deposit has been paid, variation for funding to finish clubhouse is awaiting approval. It is estimated that \$150,000 will remain in the bank when all current works are completed.
- Additional works required include fencing behind clubhouse, gate replacement to enter carpark and to block off top field walking access to dugout – these costs are not budgeted for.
- \$11,000 grant received from Queen's Jubilee which will be used in the garden area throughout the carpark.
- Defect walk-through of clubhouse is occurring this week.

8. Policy updates

- Grading rules / Playing Rules:

1. Rep Policy Handbook policy requires updating to align with the 5 new pillars - (to reflect HNSW PRIDE pillars)
 2. Grading to be updated in policies – 7 players for team to be graded.
- Umpire payments – Simon will look after.
9. Calendar and season commence
- Winter season to commence 29-April and finish 9-Sept 2023
 - Registration cut off date will be 31-Mar to allow time to produce the draw.
 - Any late registrations will be assigned a place on a team requiring players – discussions with club/player and association.
 - Possible harsher fines to be enforced for clubs who have non-registered players on the field.
10. Other discussions
- Port Macquarie Hockey Academy was discussed as proposal received from Matt Butturini. This would be similar to the Central Coast Academy with a fee of \$12,000 per term (terms 1 and 4). This academy is to target state players/top tier players. Discussion over payment and clarification on if academy is required as 4 other academies are already up and running in the NSW Pathways Program. Simon to have further discussions with Matt and viability of program to be carried forward to next meeting.

Next Meeting: