



Northern Sydney and Beaches Hockey Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Monday 26 November 2018, 7.00pm
42 Daintrey Street, Fairlight NSW 2094

Meeting opened at 7.18pm

1. Attendance

David Johnston (GNS / NSBHA President)
Sue Pickering (Manly / NSBHA
Representative Convenor)
Sharon Johnston (GNS)
Suzi Litchfield (NSBHA)
Christine Cannon (NSBHA Treasurer /
Mosman)
Diana Brown (NSBHA Secretary)
Jeremy Boyse (Manly)

Nick Johnston (GNS)
Kim Dunkin (Manly, NSBHA Masters)

Mark Hewitt-Park (Mosman)
Becky Brand (Manly)
Catherine Mantis (GNS)

Nicky Coghill (GNS)
Sarah Evans (Terrey Hills)

2. Apologies

Paul Economides (UTS)
Annelie Kruger (Mirrabooka, Wahringah,
NS)
Dallas Demeny (Hornsby)
Celeste Upton (Hornsby)

Cathy Clark (Wahringah)
Karen Champion (Mirrabooka)

Pauline Coates (NSWHA)

3. Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 20 November 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed : Christine Cannon

Seconded : Suzi Litchfield

Result: Moved and passed unanimously

4. New Business

a). Presentation of 2018 Annual Report

The 2018 Annual Report was presented at the meeting. Key areas highlighted :

DJ acknowledged the incredible contributions Sue Pickering has made to the Representative program since NSB's inception in late 2014. Sue provided DJ with unwavering support and performed a mountain of work in establishing the program. Sue grew the junior girls program



to its current level of 3 teams across U11, U13 and 2 teams in U15 and U18 girls; and the boys program from one age group in 2014 to now teams in U11, U13, U15. Programs are offered both for Field and Indoor.

Sue's effort and achievements were recognised and congratulated by everyone present at the AGM.

Treasurer's Report as tabled. CC explained NSB's Membership fees are used to assist the junior program with the majority set aside for future facilities.

On the cost side, NSB pays \$8/member to Hockey NSW as an affiliation fee for the RCC development program. This totaled \$14,000 for 2018. The committee asked if NSB can get more leverage out of the \$14,000, such as the successful clinic days at Wahringah.

ACTION : DJ to re-distribute the Development Plan amongst the member clubs to remind them of the RCC program.

Women's Masters Report – as tabled

It was noted the success made by the NSB Women's Masters, particularly at the State and National level. It was noted that nothing like this exists for NSB Masters men.

ACTION : Jeremy Boyse to investigate developing NSB men's masters to compete at Men's Masters State Championships.

Motion 2 :

That the 2018 Annual Report be accepted as tabled and be posted on the Association website.

Proposed : Becky Bland

Seconded : Catherine Mantis

Result: Moved and passed unanimously

b). Election of office bearers for 2019

Positions on the 2019 Executive Committee were declared vacant (unless continuing) and voted on as follows:

2019 President

Nomination received by David Johnston

Seconded by: Jeremy Boyse

Outcome: There being no other nominations, David Johnston was elected as President

2019 Treasurer

Christine Cannon is continuing in the role.



2019 Representative Convenor

Nomination received by Sharon Johnston

Seconded by: Mark Hewitt-Park

Outcome: There being no other nominations, Sharon Johnston was elected as Representative Convenor

2019 Development Convenor

Nomination received by NIL

Seconded by:

Outcome: There being no nominations, the role of Development Convenor remains vacant.

2019 Secretary

Diana Brown is continuing in the role.

2019 Facilities Convenor

Nomination received by Jeremy Boyse

Seconded by: Christine Cannon

Outcome: There being no other nominations, Jeremy Boyse was elected as Facilities Convenor

2019 Competitions Convenor

Nomination received by Cath Clarke

Seconded by: Sue Pickering

Outcome: There being no other nominations, Cath Clarke was elected as Competitions Convenor

2019 General Committee Member

Nomination received by Becky Bland

Seconded by: Diana Brown

Outcome: There being no other nominations, Becky Bland was elected as General Committee Member

2019 General Committee Member

Nomination received by Suzi Litchfield

Seconded by: David Johnston



Outcome: There being no other nominations, Suzi Litchfield was elected as General Committee Member

c). 2019 membership registration and fees

Motion 3 :

That the fee structure for 2019 continue as it has for 2018 and prior years.

Proposed : David Johnston

Seconded : Christine Cannon

Result: Moved and passed unanimously

d). Development plan for 2019

Areas of development covered in Other Business. Refer below

5. Other Business

Manly and GNS Men's Teams – item presented by Jeremy Boyse.

JB explained that Manly men and GNS men are discussing the merits or otherwise of collaborating, particularly for their top teams. It was noted that any such collaboration would need approval from Hockey NSW, not the NSB committee.

Facilities Update – presented by DJ

It was acknowledged that after decades of work done with various Councils across Ku-ring-gai, Manly, North Sydney etc, the biggest obstacle to our facilities development has been the lack of viable land. The Barra Brui Hockey Centre at St Ives is the most exciting prospect we have had for decades. NSBHA has kept the hockey community informed of this opportunity with particular reference made of the facilities meeting held on 31 July 2018 and numerous email notifications.

DJ advised the meeting that the Application made by NSBHA on behalf of all our members for the Greater Sydney Sports Fund Facility (GSSFF) for the Barra Brui Hockey Centre had been successful in Stage 1 and had been invited to participate in Stage 2. Our story is particularly compelling given we have a 75% female participation rate (looked upon favourably by the GSSFF); it is fully supported by Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council and has the full support from Hockey NSW. The Stage 2 submission is due by Friday 7 December 2018 – giving NSBHA only 10 days to communicate with the hockey community and gather their support. It was agreed to give this matter immediate attention.

Discussion focussed on how we get our members and local hockey community to address this matter urgently and express their support – both financial and non-financial. It was noted that several of our clubs are also meeting for their AGMs over the next week which will help with the cause. We now need to prove in our Stage 2 submission that our community supports the Barra Brui Hockey Centre and that we can close the funding gap of \$550,000 left from the Stage 1



submission (NSBHA's \$200k were the only funds on the table at the time. Total funds required is \$750k.)

We discussed that the GSSFF looks favourably on member clubs providing a small financial contribution – whilst they realise many clubs are without cash reserves – it certainly adds depth to the submission. It was proposed to seek support from the member clubs on a two tier basis - \$300 from the smaller clubs and \$3000 from the 4 larger clubs (GNS, Manly, Mosman, UTS). It was noted that the legacy Associations (NSWHA, WHA) certainly had the cash reserves to help bridge the funding gap and should be asked to pledge these funds as appropriate. For the local schools and school associations it was noted that the timing is difficult given they are finishing within a week or two. Financial support could not be sought at this time, but it was agreed to request non financial support in terms of utilisation.

ACTION : The committee agreed that:

DJ prepare an email to the hockey community to be distributed immediately informing them of the Barra Brui submission, the incredibly tight deadline and to ask every member for their support of the project ASAP. In particular Clubs be asked to consider a financial pledge (\$300 for smaller clubs and \$3000 for the larger clubs) and the Associations be requested to consider their own maximum financial pledge.

CC draft a letter to Mosman Hockey which is to be used as a template for other clubs/Associations.

Sharon Johnston to approach IPSHA and provide this proforma letter to CC for sending to other schools.

Northern Beaches Council – work is still continuing to pursue a hockey pitch in the beaches corridor. Two potential sites still for consideration are adjacent to Freshwater High School and Belrose.

6. Date of next AGM

That the 2019 Annual General Meeting be held on 18th November 2019, unless called earlier.

Result: Moved and passed

7. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

Kind regards

Diana Brown
Secretary
Northern Sydney & Beaches Hockey Association