



Meeting Minutes

Date	Mon 28 Nov 2022 19:00
Type	Annual General Meeting
Location	Forestville RSL & Online

Attendees

Berwick, Mark	Bishop, Martin	Boyse, Jeremy
Brown, Diana	Calderwood, Eilidh	Cannon, Christine
Cannon, Cristina	Clark, Cathy	Evans, Christine
Evans, Sarah	Gibbons, Sarah	Godfrey, Jane
Hale, Stuart	Hewitt-Park, Mark	Johnston, David
Mitchell, Charlotte	Shephard, Austen	Simons, Charlotte
Trueman, Lisa	Whelan, Gabrielle	Williams, Lynette
Worner, Heidi	van Son, Jeroen	

Apologies

Bewsher, Elizabeth	Dunkin, kIM	Economides, Paul
Gilbert, David	Johnston, Nicholas	Kruger, Annelie
Sewell, Tam	Simpson, Matilda	

Meeting items

Item #1. Nominated Delegates (raised by Sarah Gibbons)

The nominated delegates for the clubs are:

- David Johnstone: Gordon Hockey - present
- Christine Cannon: Mosman Juniors - present
- Charlotte Simons: Mosman Harbourside Hockey - present
- Charlotte Mitchell: Hornsby Hockey - present
- Heidi Worner: Manly Juniors - present
- Stuart Hale - Manly Warringah Hockey Club - present
- Tilly Simpson: Mirrabooka Hockey - apology
- Dave Gilbert: UTS Hockey - apology

A quorum was established.

Item #2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (raised by Sarah Gibbons)

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting:

Diana had committed to update the business plan but this has not been completed and will roll forward to 2023.

Motion #1. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM Meeting

Moved by Diana Brown; seconded by Cathy Clark

Carried? Yes

Votes: All in favour

Item #3. Presentation of Annual Report (raised by Diana Brown)

Diana Brown presented the Annual Report to the attendees and noted specifically:

Rep program:

It was fabulous that we had a full year of hockey in the Rep Program in 2022. When NSBHA started in 2015 we had about 25 teams but we only had 1 men's team and a small bunch on U11 boys. This year we had more than 41 team with a boys team in every age group of indoor and outdoor which now provides gender balance in every age group. Maxed out with 3 girls teams in each age group and the boys teams have at least 1 team in every age group. Masters has steady 5 or 6 teams, so all in there are roughly 450 families that participate in the entire Rep program

The kids are reaching high levels of selection as well as having loads of fun and developing their skills with several selected at very high levels of ability.

A huge thanks to the army of support, particularly Mark Berwick and Mark Hewitt-Park who manage out door and indoor, along with the sub-committees and their huge group of supporters. An enormous thank you from the entire NSBHA community!

Competitions:

Local competitions improve our grassroots participation and is critical to the growth of the game. This year we have had consistent competitions as well as our small sided comps. None of these comps are on hockey facilities, they are on Futsal courts and tennis courts.

The main comps are:

- Molly Dive school girls - 10 teams with 130 school girls. Thanks to Belinda Kellerway for running this. This year Barker and Monte won the junior comp after many years of dominance from PLC.
- Waringah Grass comp - after 2 years of COVID they struggled with huge amounts of rain. A huge thank you to Sue, Becky, Kylie, Sarah and the team who managed to stay alive during the difficult times. About 48 teams and about 500 players who took part.
- Social 5-a-side fun comps - Cath Clarke runs the Harborside comp that has been going for 15 years. Opened up in Avalon this year, Alex Murray is helping there. Diana runs the comp at Middle Cove at the tennis courts. It is run term-based and has been very successful with hundreds of people playing.
- A huge thank you to everyone who helps with the local competitions and keeps hockey alive in the local areas.

Development:

A big focus this year has been promoting and increasing awareness hockey at grass-roots particularly through the schools.

Thanks to Andy van Pelt who attended all the events - he is the Regional Coaching coordinator from Hockey NSW. He has given huge numbers of hours of his time as well as equipment which has been fabulous.

1. First holiday camp at Middle cove, in the September holidays - 80 kids attended, a lot of them first timers, and they all got a hockey stick, bag and ball, sponsored by Tim James, state member for Willoughby. A lot of them joined the in-door development

program. which was great cross-collaboration.

2. Hockey in Schools came back this year after COVID. Middle-Harbour schools, Manly West, Manly Vale, Narrabeena, St Lukes (Manly), St Martins (Davidson), Mimosa (Frenchs Forest). About 20 NSB coaches with Andy van Pelt helping.

- Allowed us to be exposed to 100's of kids
- Everyone received a certificate of attendance with details of local clubs and link to the website
- Has been hugely promising to see this at so many schools

3. Last month (November 2022) we had a Catholic Schools gala Day. This was attended by 6 Catholic Schools down in Curl Curl and more than 300 kids attended. They had an absolute ball. Diana spoke and met with all the Principals on the day who were very impressed with the program. They were impressed with the gender balance and we hope to hold that again This was spearheaded by Nicky Frost and Libby Adler - a huge thank you to them

4. Goal Keeping and Goal Shooting clinics at KHS was hugely popular. The kids loved it. We will hold this again and break it down into age groups. Again Andy van Pelt ran this. There is a plan to do more of this next year. Thanks to Andy van Pelt for running this.

Facilities:

For Indoor facilities we are doing really well. We run out of Marie Basheer Mosman and a couple of courts at Willoughby Leisure Centre as well as some courts at St Leonards. Indoor hockey is going gang busters. Willoughby Leisure centre is going great. Currently running in-door state champs and multiple teams in every age group with great success. Running U11 development clinic every Sunday at Willoughby Leisure Centre.

Very happy with In-door and where it is heading. We encourage all clubs to get involved it really helps grow the numbers and then allows the kids to move to outdoor.

Outdoor facilities - NSBHA has been working on this for more than 20 years. It is the most challenging part of our business. We have secured a grant to upgrade KHS. Today schools infrastructure and DOE have signed the funding agreement for the project, which is wonderful progress. We will go to tender through the legislated tender process and we are trying to fast track it. Construction may start around end January. The turf manufacturers are working over time to fix hockey fields affected by the floods so there may be delays. KHS will be closed for the best part of 2023 and at the very earliest will be available July 2023.

The upgraded infrastructure will be a fabulous outcome when it happens. The total project is 4.2 Million with 3.2 M coming from hockey and 1 M coming from Ku-Ring-Gai Council this will also be upgraded as part of the project.

The funding from hockey for this we would like to acknowledge Mosman, Manly, Gordon and Women's Masters who all contributed \$10K. North Shore Womens' contributed \$250K and NSBHA have contributed 240K plus a million volunteer hours.

We are desperately trying to find facilities on the beaches - might have some interesting developments at the Narrabeen Sports Academy in the new year.

In the mean time without KHS we are trying to get hours out of Barker and Pennant Hills, there are some small synthetics that might be able to be used at Lindfield as well as other venues. We will keep you posted.

Member Numbers:

Member numbers have dropped due to COVID and facilities issues. We need to get our member numbers back up to pre-COVID numbers and more. We will be working hard to assist clubs to increase membership in the next year.

Financials:

We are either at break-even or small surplus on all the events held. Any surplus from Membership fees or events is ploughed back into facilities and Development.

Communications:

Diana discussed the Channel, which is our hockey quarterly Newsletter and promotes hockey on multiple levels. Thanks to Heidi Tobin for her assistance in producing. Thanks to Heidi Tobin and Sasha Berwick for their help with the Social Media channels as well.

Thanks to the Exec committee for all the assistance over the year.

Motion #1. Approval of Annual Report

Moved by Diana Brown; seconded by Mark Hewitt-Park

Carried? Yes

Votes: All in favour

Item #4. Election of Office Bearers for 2023 (raised by Sarah Gibbons)

Acknowledge people standing down, a huge thank you to everyone!

- Jeremy Boyse - Jez has been with hockey for more than 30 years as an administrator on the Beaches. He has been instrumental in the facilities program for over 20 years.
- Daniele Leong - Development program and coaching
- Jay van Son - general committee member, coaching for the Rep program, instrumental in getting Grant for the Job-saver program.

Positions on the 2022 Executive Committee were declared vacant (unless continuing) and voted on as follows:

- 2023 President - Diana Brown is continuing in the role as President.
- 2023 Treasurer - Gabbie Wheelan is continuing in the role as Treasurer.
- 2023 Secretary - Sarah Gibbons is continuing in the role as Secretary.
- 2023 Representative Convenor: Mark Berwick is continuing in the role as Representative Coordinator
- 2023 Development Convenor - Nomination received from Stuart Hale as Development Coordinator. See below for motion.
- 2023 Facilities Convener - Austen Shephard has nominated for the role going forward. See below for motion.
- 2023 Competitions Convenor - Cathy Clarke is continuing in the role as Competitions Convenor.
- 2023 General Committee Members:

Nomination received from Jane Godfrey as General Committee member. See below for motion.

Nomination received from Tory Thompson as General Committee member. See below for motion.

Motion #1. Propose Austen Shephard as Facilities convenor

Moved by Diana Brown; seconded by Cathy Clark

Carried? Yes

Votes: All in favour

Motion #2. Propose Stuart Hale as the Development Convenor

Moved by Diana Brown; seconded by Christine Cannon

Carried? Yes

Votes: All in favour

Motion #3. Propose Jane Godfrey as General Committee Member

Moved by Diana Brown; seconded by Gabrielle Whelan

Carried? Yes

Votes: All in favour

Motion #4. Propose Tory Thompson as a General Committee Member

Moved by Diana Brown; seconded by Cathy Clark

Carried? Yes

Votes: All in favour

Item #5. 2023 Membership registration and Fees (raised by Diana Brown)

NSB fees are to remain unchanged.

Current NSB Membership fees are:

- Over 18 - \$50
- Under 18 - \$33
- Under 11 - \$22
- Under 9 - \$11

Of these fees:

- About 25% goes to Hockey NSW as an affiliation fee
- A small % goes to Admin expenses
- The rest goes into our savings account for facilities

We are proposing that the fees are NOT increased for the next year. We are not aware that Hockey NSW will be raising their fees for 2023. There may be a small incremental rise from Hockey NSW and Hockey Australia.

Question from Sarah Evans: Would NSB support a submission to Hockey NSW to get a reduction for Waringah Womens. Fees are putting women off playing the grass comp on Saturday afternoons. Possibly have a similar fee to Masters? Diana will discuss with Sarah Evans off-line.

Motion #1. Propose fees to remain the same as 2022 for 2023

Moved by Diana Brown; seconded by Gabrielle Whelan

Carried? Yes

Votes: All in favour

Item #6. Development Plan for 2023 (raised by Diana Brown)

Our focus for next year involves updating the NSB Business plan - it was done pre-COVID and needs updating.

Strategic goalposts remain the same:

- Facilities
- Competitions
- Development
- Volunteers
- Collaboration

Part of the development plan needs to include finding a replacement for Diana Brown, who will resign at the end of 2023. One option is to have a paid administrator come on board. As the facilities role winds down other roles will require more attention. This needs to be considered carefully.

Item #7. Next meeting (raised by Diana Brown)

Propose 27 November 2023 depending on SWHL AGM date

Item #8. Questions (raised by Diana Brown)

DJ: Thank you to the committee for it's work over the past year and especially to Diana for her work at KHC.

CC: How do sub-committees get elected? This is the election for the executive committee, the sub-committees will be formed over the next few weeks.

Mark Berwick: The calendar for the Rep program will be announced soon and we will start the process moving. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

Item #9. Meeting Closed (raised by Diana Brown)

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Merry Xmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.