

**MINUTES OF THE 20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WAIRARAPA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 3rd
2009, 7.00PM IN THE VINTAGE CAR CLUBROOMS, CLAREVILLE.**

The President Paul Redwood welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for apologies:

PRESENT: P. Redwood (President), K.Govan (Executive Officer), S. Caldwell (Finance Officer), D.Blackwood (Carterton Vets / Committee), G.Miller (Dalefield H.C), M.Hodgkiss (Committee), Shellie McAnulty (Committee / Douglas Park / MIS), D. Knox (Rathkeale College / Committee), Lindsay Annear (Committee), Chris Hicks (Dalefield), M Nielsen (Dalefield H.C), C. Chapman (Featherston H.C), M.van Woerkom (Wai Coll & Committee), K Saxton (Dalefield Women) Maree Eastwood (Chanel), R. Retter (Committee), Scott Wildman (Kia Kaha), P. Presow (Solway Primary), Toko Winiata (Makoura), Andy Wilson, Jim Hoskin (Wai Coll / St Patricks), Dave Finlayson (Opaki).

APOLOGIES: Judy Brown (Red Star), Abby Hill (St Matts), Peta Campbell (Lakeview), Mark Fenwick (Dalefield H.C), Matthew Spicer, Geoff Ewington (Dalefield H.C.)

Moved D. Knox / M Nielsen Carried

MINUTES: The minutes from the 2008 AGM were read and passed as a true and accurate record.

Moved M. Van Woerkom / M. Hodgkiss Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

There was no discussion arising from last year's minutes.

TABLING OF GENERAL BUSINESS:

Scott Wildman from Kia Kaha H.C had two issues to bring to the attention of those present.

- 1.) Umpires, especially for 8 and 11 a side games were proving to be increasingly more difficult to organise. Parents of players were very reluctant to help with this problem. Scott asked about the possibility of young umpires being available to referee Saturday morning games. Kia Kaha as a club would be happy to pay these umpires. Kelly acknowledged that this was sometimes a problem for teams and it would be a good thing to be able to set up a pool of youngsters who were keen to be involved in umpiring junior games. This would be discussed further by the Committee in the hope that something could be organised before the start of the season.
- 2.) Scott expressed concern that an intermediate semi final in which one of his teams was involved last year had been decided by taking penalty strokes. The game had resulted in the goalkeeper of the losing team being very upset that he had let down his team. 2008 was the first year that this process for deciding winners had been used. It was agreed that perhaps it would be better to remove players during extra time in the hope that a result during the game be achieved. The Committee would discuss this further and decide on a format prior to the start of the 2009 competition.

Kelly pointed out that with 2 turfs semi finals could be allowed extra game time in order to get a result. She also said that perhaps the introduction of a junior committee to help decide competition formats etc could benefit the way in which the different competitions ran from year to year.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Paul Redwood presented his report for discussion. There was no discussion. Paul thanked the Committee for all their work over the year. Paul moved the adoption of his report.

Moved P Redwood / M. Van Woerkom Carried

RDO's REPORT:

Unfortunately Jesse Workman was unable to attend the meeting. His report for the 2008 season was read to all present .

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial Statements were presented to the meeting for discussion. Sally pointed out that the Association had made a loss in 2008 of \$24,000, although the \$20,000 from Trust House to be spent on the RDO position in 2008 was actually banked in the 2007 financial year.

Last year saw a \$10,000 reduction in the grants received by the Association to those received in 2007.

Paul thanked Sally for her work on the Association's finances.

It was moved for the adoption of the Financial Report.

Moved S. Caldwell / M. Van Woerkom Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Patron: Ann Booth

Moved R. Retter / M. Hodgkiss Carried

Paul Redwood was standing down from the position of President and from the Committee.

President: Lindsay Annear

Moved D. Blackwood / M. Van Woerkom Carried

Vice President: M. Van Woerkom

Moved D. Blackwood / L Annear Carried

Management Committee:

David Knox, Tracey Hare, Michelle Hodgkiss, Leonie Linton and Carol van Woerkom would not be seeking re – election to the Committee.

Existing members Shellie McAnulty, Rochelle Retter and David Blackwood were happy to remain.

Moved M van Woerkom / L Annear Carried

New Officers:

Sally McQuade, Dave Finlayson and Geoff Ewington.

Moved R Retter / D Blackwood Carried

Both Lindsay & David thanked Paul for all his hard work for the Association over the year's.

Lindsay thanked all those for their nominations and welcomed the new members to the committee. He also said that if anyone present knew of someone who may be interested in taking a place on the committee to please contact one of the members. It was very important to encourage new faces to support local hockey.

GENERAL BUSINESS:**Amendment to constitution:**

Those present were informed that the Association had been advised by the IRD that certain small changes had to be made in their constitution in order that their "tax free status" be maintained. Lindsay briefly explained what this meant and said that a more detailed letter from the IRD could be read if necessary. All present were in favour of these changes being made.

Moved D. Blackwood / L. Annear Carried**Turf Update:**

Lindsay reported that the turf was on course to be completed by the start of May. There was a slight short fall in the cash needed to complete the project but this was being managed with a bridging loan for 5 months from WBS. This was necessary because the cash received from the local Councils to cover this shortfall would not be made available to the turf trust until later this year. Cash from the replacement fund for the existing turf was also being used to complete the project. It was hoped that once the new turf was playable the existing turf would not be used quite so heavily thus, lengthening the period of time before replacement was necessary.

Pavilion Update:

Lindsay informed those present that the plan was to construct the pavilion in 3 stages. The timing of this however was completely dependent upon available funds. The first stage would be the concrete pad and ground floor block work, including pipe, cable installation etc. Second stage to include: enclosure of ground floor, first floor constructed to shell only, and building left water tight. Stage three, complete building fit-out.

The projected total cost is expected to be approximately \$450,000. The first stage was initially estimated to be around \$120,000 but due to generous discounts from material suppliers, costs could be reduced to approximately \$80,000.

Mike stressed that it was vital that everyone present took the message back to their clubs, schools or team. The only way that the pavilion would happen was if the hockey community got behind the fund raising efforts being made by the Association. He thanked those people who had already joined the Supporter's Club and bought a hoarding.

Fee Schedule:

The 2009 fee schedule was presented and explained by Sally. All affiliation fees were to go up by the CPI. All turf and practice fees are to go up \$10.00 per session.

6 a side and 8 a side entry fees were to be increased. A lot of time had been spent looking at fees for similar competitions run by other Associations. It was found that Wairarapa was well behind others and these fees had to be raised.

The last main increase was that primary 11 a side teams would now be charged a turf fee for every game played as well as their entry fee to the competition.

There were no objections from anyone at the meeting to the rise in playing fees.

Before the meeting closed Lindsay asked if anyone had any ideas for a game fixture for the opening of the turf, to please contact the hockey office.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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