



Maitland Hockey Association Inc.

November 2011 General Meeting

General meeting held on Sunday 20th November 2011 at Maitland Hockey Centre , commencing at 4.40pm.

Present: Joan Hart, Ros Sherlock, Sally Carratt, Gabe Noronha, Kym Noronha, Morgan Sherlock, Sophia Noronha, Helen Curran, L.Blunden

Apologies:

Troy Martin, Steve Orchard, H.Wilcher, K.Goodwin

1.0 Confirmation of minutes of October '11 meeting.

Moved:M.Sherlock Seconded: S.Noronha Carried.

2.0 Business Arising from previous minutes:

2.1 Child Protection: President to ask for clarification of process with HNSW at their AGM.

2.2 AGM notice placed in Mercury and bill paid.

3.0 Correspondence:

MHA November Correspondence.

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Response</u>
	Hockey NSW	MHA AGM – delegate nomination	Returned
	Hockey NSW	MHA AGM – motions for AGM	F/ward
	Hockey NSW	MHA AGM – AGM Agenda	F/ward
	Hockey NSW	Annual Financial Report	F/ward
	Hockey NSW	Confirmation of delegate nomination	
	Hockey NSW	Position Vacant in Hockey Australia	F/ward
	Hockey NSW/ Oz sport	Development camp nomination forms.	F/ward to Steve & Joan
	Stephen Orchard	Coaching Course	F/ward to MHA/ Junior Coaches. Etc.
	Maitland Hockey Club	2012 Junior Proposal	
	MHTA Inc.	Turf Repair	
	MHTA Inc	Turf availability for Thursday	
	HockeyNSW	E News	F/ward
	Hunter Power Conference	October Meeting Minutes	
	Eve Peters - RTHS	Information regarding school sport	Resp.
	Stephen Orchard	Coaching Course – reminder. Placements for Saturday.	F/ward to MHA/ Junior Coaches. Etc.
	<u>To</u>		
	MHTA Inc., Secretary	Clarification of Turf usage on Thurs. 17/11/11	Sent
	MHTA Inc., Secretary	Confirmation of Turf Booking for 17/11/11	Sent
	Hockey NSW/Ozsports	Nominations for Junior Development Camps	Sent
	Eve Peters - RTHS	Contact for school sport 2012	Sent

4.0 Reports:

President's Report: Nil Tabled

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

Balance:

Junior Officer Report: Development Camp Nominations have been submitted

Indoor Committee: Nil

Hunter Power Conference Report: October Minutes tabled.

Maitland Sport and Rec Advisory Board:

Turf Committee:

Masters (Vets) Report:

Umpires Convenor's Report : nil

5.0 General Business:

5.1 MDHC - 2012 Junior Proposal

Maitland District Hockey Club's Proposal for the 2012 MHA Junior Season.

Following discussions at the Maitland District Hockey Club (MDHC) November meeting, the club would like to table the following proposal to Maitland Hockey Association (MHA) for the 2012 junior season.

This proposal has come from MDHC's experience over recent years (since the installation of the turf) and will hopefully address some of the 'issues' associated with organising the junior teams and competitions.

The aim of this proposal is to increase the involvement of MDHC in the development of junior hockey players in Maitland, with the goal of developing teams in future years that are capable of competing at higher levels of competition (Newcastle Association competitions, regional carnivals or possibly state championships)

MDHC's proposal is as follows:

- All junior players will register directly with MHA. This is to avoid the confusion which we have seen in recent years (especially for new players) associated with having 'Maitland' teams in the competition. All registration forms and details can be completed and handed directly to the MHA.
- All junior fees are to be paid directly to MHA. Again, this will avoid the confusion which has been experienced in recent seasons, where some fees were paid direct to the association, with no record of payment at the club. It also ensures that fees are consistent across all teams within the competition.
- MDHC will provide 4 coaches for the junior competition, who will be committed to attending all match days, as well as the weekly MHA scheduled training sessions. The 4 coaches can be allocated to the teams by the MHA, and not restricted by club allegiance (i.e. they can be allocated to Norths, Royals, Joeys etc. etc.) (The only restriction to this allocation is for the Port Stephens / Raymond Terrace teams who have their own plans for club development, and MDHC do not want to be seen as impinging on these plans.)
- Once allocated to their respective teams, the 4 MDHC coaches will endeavour to recruit a parent from each team to act as manager for that team.
- Other benefits for this arrangement will include freeing up time for current team coaches to focus on the administration involved with running the competition. MDHC recognises that current volunteers have to spread themselves between their coaching duties and association duties. By allocating coaches, this should free up their time to focus on the association duties (e.g. getting games started on time, collecting fees, organising umpires etc.etc.)

MDHC hope that MHA can consider this proposal positively and recognise the benefits associated with this arrangement. MDHC are making an increased commitment to junior hockey with this proposal, both in resourcing and financially (as the coaches will be compensated with discounted fees), with hopefully the benefits bringing through the Rams of the future. MDHC looks forward to your positive acknowledgement of this proposal.

Regards,

Troy Martin

and

Committee of Maitland District Hockey Club

Suggestion

As a suggestion for the 2012 season, it was also discussed at the MDHC meeting that it be considered to change the MHA competitions back to Primary and High School competitions (with High School restricted to males U/15 only)

This arrangement should see an increase in the players participating in the primary school competition, by attracting some of the younger players (9-10) to step up from the Hook into Hockey and U/11 programs.

This competition structure seemed to work positively in the past.

It was decided to discuss this proposal at the January Association meeting.

5.2 Fund Raising: Discussion re funds needed for the MHA, so that MHA can have an overview of funds available for Junior Development/sponsorship, etc. K.Noronha will fulfil this role and will liaise with Treasurer and President re applying for grants and organising Association fundraising eg Bunnings Barbeque.

Meeting closed at 5.20pm.

Next meeting: Monday 16th January 2012 at 7pm at 32 Nillo Street Lorn

NB All teams are expected to send a Representative to meetings. There is a proposal (to be discussed in January) to implement a fine of loss of competition points, if teams are not represented at meetings!