

Nelson Bay Hockey Club Inc



Meeting Minutes – Thursday 10th August 2023

6:35 pm meeting opened

Present: Lindsay Brown, Vince Northwood, Roxanne Gwyn-Kabayama, Kate Collins, Juliet O'Rourke, Ian McLeod

Apologies: Cathy Churchill, Mark Williams

Previous Minutes: Thur 8th June 2023

Business Arising:

- CRM submitted to Council for disabled parking upgrade, discussed with Paul Burton

Treasurer's Report 10th August 2023: tabled

<i>Account</i>	Closing balance	<i>Opening balance</i>
▪ Nelson Bay General account		
▪ PSHA Investment – Future Turf Pitch – 20/3/24		
▪ Term Investment – 21/3/24		

Correspondence:

- HNSW
 - International games on TV channel 7+
- PS Council –
 - Field repairs – ongoing
 - Ramp reschedule? (GB)

Hunter Hockey Association:

- Representative team results – excellent
- Leigh McIntosh now running private coaching, not replaced by HNSW – we have not got anything this year in return for our RCC subsidy paid to HNSW

Sports Council: -

- Code of Conduct distributed to all members, following last meeting. Truly!

Carried over from previous meetings:

- Temporary ramp needs excess gravel removed
- Fair Dinkum Builds artwork for signage? (Nathan → Vince)
- Sign has been taken down for repainting – update and reinstall when our sponsors are settled
- Major Awards criteria to be reviewed this year → to GB
- By Laws updates – Code of Conduct. Carried over.
- Test and Tag due – for us to organise.
- Game timer – to investigate types, availability, costs.
- HNSW to advise us on policy re wearing glasses on field
- Continue discussions with Tomaree High School re proposed school half-field turf

General Business: -

- **Presentation planning**
 - **Junior Presentation** 26th Aug
 - Time sheet discussed, posted on noticeboard, webpage, communicated to players, comp co-ordinators
 - Free sausage sizzle and drink for players, extras available for others to buy
 - Food order to be made up (Juliet)
 - BBQ needs to be repaired
 - **Senior Presentation** 2nd September
 - Teams voted to have presentation at the fields straight after games
 - Food: burgers, beef and chicken – Juliet to organise food order
 - To seek donations from Woolworths, letter to Manager on Club letterhead
- **Major Award Procedure** - has been up for review since last year presentation. Discussed.
 - Agreed that we will change from a (secret) vote to a discussion between eligible voters.
 - No change to the list of eligible voters – Exec, coaches, captains, etc.
 - By-law to be updated. (Lindsay)

- **Maitland Carnival** – Sunday 13th August
 - Some players still to pay, list at canteen
 - Cathy and Juliet have organised shirts and socks – need for more socks. Agreed to repay Juliet for white socks obtained at bargain price, use these for rep players as needed.
 - Sean organising goalies and kits.
- **Sponsorship letters**
 - Letters have been sent to Johnstons, PS Coaches, Jax, Hogs Breath, NB Real Estate, 888 Survey, Chgeeky Grin, Salamander Village Butchery
 - Johnstons have sent \$2k already. Fantastic. Thankyou letter and receipt sent.
- **Email issues**
 - info@nelsonbayhockey.org.au – problems in managing the forwarding list due to Wordpress changes, to consult Wayne. Currently includes Nicole and Wayne, but not Juliet. Nicole has asked to be removed, but we are unable to make the changes needed. Perhaps minimise use of this address until it can be sorted.
- **Access Ramp**
 - Ramp on hold until field renovations completed.
 - Council have refused to build ramp while doing field renovation. Have not offered any assistance despite our postponement to allow their irrigation repairs.
 - Meeting general agreement that we should walk away from the project. Although acknowledged the importance of completing a Grant-funded project, especially if we will need to apply for more grants in the future.
 - Council suggested we complete the ramp after Oct 6th – Lindsay to discuss with contractors. Again. May require new quotes. To determine extent of funding shortfall at this time.
 - Will require another letter to League and Cricket seeking additional funds– not a good look.
 - To communicate with State Member, etc.
- **Future Planning? (Roxy)**
 - Need to take action to ensure we retain players into the future. Concern that Junior teams in Newcastle/Maitland comps may take players out of our competitions.
 - Noted that players with turf experience bring better skills back to our comp
 - Possible alternative formats discussed – e.g. A grade Hockey 5's mid week pre-season
 - Noted that we have considered similar ideas in the past, but that this year's reduced numbers indicate it is time to act.
 - We will need people to step up and run additional competitions, cannot continue to load more tasks onto existing core of workers. E.g. Hornets could run the mid-week A grade comp.
- **Coaching Equipment proposal (Sean)**
 - Items suggested: Deflector mat \$120, Rebound net \$150, Ball shooter \$4500
 - We need to establish a regular training schedule / routine next year, to get good value from such purchases.
 - Cheaper items could be purchased first, may need to apply for Grant funding for ball machine.
- **Meeting Closed 8:04pm**

Next Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Thursday 12th October - 6:30pm
 Salamander Sporting Complex Meeting Room