

# Central Districts Hockey

## Minutes of Board Meeting 11am, Sunday 17 June 2007

### Hockey Manawatu Pavilion, Palmerston North

Present: David Annear (Manawatu), Allister Thomas (Taranaki), Jennifer Banfield (Rangitikei), Don McCallum (Wanganui), Stuart Ashby (CHB), Douglas Reid (Manawatu).

Apologies: Donna Dougherty (Ruahine-Dannevirke), Jude Rawcliffe (Hawke's Bay), Sharee Lane (Horowhenua).

Gareth Reidy from College Hockey Club (Manawatu) attended at the beginning of the meeting. A Letter from Craig Turner, President of High School Hockey Club (Manawatu), was tabled. Discussion took place on the protest entered by Wanganui Collegians Women with respect to the CD League semi-final game between Wanganui Collegians and College. The email from Wanganui Collegians was phrased as a complaint about the draw and the scorecard did not include a protest. As no protest had been lodged the result of the match would stand (4-2 in favour of High School Hockey Club).

The Women's final would be held in Napier on Sunday 24 June.

Allister Thomas commented that Tupaka were not aware that they would be travelling to Napier for semi-finals and finals on 23/24 June. Stuart Ashby commented that Bay Independent appeared to be unaware also.

Douglas Reid departed the meeting for another appointment.

The trophies for the competition were discussed with the Men's Trophy handed to Stuart Ashby. The trophy contained winners from 1997 to 2003 but did not contain winners for 2004, 2005 or 2006. It was thought that Varsity were the 2006 winners.

The Women's Trophy would be tracked down by David Annear and brought to Napier.

#### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 29 April 2007.

Having been circulated taken as read. Passed as a true and correct record.

#### Matters Arising:

It was noted that there was a lack of umpires travelling to fixtures with little or no notice of no umpire. Allister Thomas advised that Taranaki charged teams \$25 per game where they did not supply an umpire.

Commencing with the under 11 and under 13 programme Host Associations are advised that the policy of CD Hockey is to charge teams \$25 per game where no umpire is supplied. Host Associations may apply the policy as they see fit.

Jennifer Banfield advised that Rangitikei Hockey had secured a \$6,000 grant from the local Council to compile a feasibility study for a turf.

The amended Constitution had been rejected by the registrar of incorporated societies due to the omission of the word "incorporated". This despite the original accepted Constitution also missing the word "incorporated". An updated version was signed for filing.

## 2. Financial Report.

Due to limited information from Hockey Manawatu no financial report could be presented. Stuart Ashby advised that the bank balance was approximately \$9,000.

Carlson Wagonlit were reportedly owed about \$24,000 but his figure differed considerably from the quote received for under 21 tournament.

Stuart Ashby requested that as Chairman he be added to the signatories on the bank account with David Annear and Bruce Cousins. Don McCallum/Allister Thomas.

Stuart Ashby requested that additional accounts for the Men and Women be opened with the respective team managers to operate the accounts for general team expenses with EFTPoS facilities. This would remove the need to issue cheques to team managers for incidental expenses and provide an audit trail. Don McCallum/Allister Thomas.

## 3. CDH Annual Financial Statements.

Stuart Ashby spoke to the 2006 Annual Financial Statements as circulated. The meeting unanimously approved the accounts.

## 4. CDH U21 team review.

Jennifer Banfield noted that Shane O'Brien's report was scathing of CD Hockey in it's lack of support to the team. Shane's report was comprehensive and he should be thanked for his input.

The financial situation was discussed and it was noted that the expectation of Gaming Trust money was unrealistic but that the need for the team to be self-funding had perhaps not been communicated.

The team selection with such a number of young players may have been as a result of the earlier tournament. In future teams would only be finally selected once Massey University players had returned and had the chance to be included. The need to talent ID players in the preceding year was necessary with Coach appointments in September with information going to Associations and identified players.

The lack of Gamebreaker was noted and it was decided to acquire a video Camera, Laptop and the software for CD Hockey. Gaming Trust applications for the equipment to be progressed.

The value of the massage therapist was discussed. Comment was made that no Board member had been aware that a Massage Therapist was part of the management team. Complete staffing arrangements should be advised with the naming of the teams.

The uniform problems were unavoidable due to the timing of the delivery of the uniform. Uniform requirements for NHL to be established in early July.

The use of a Travel Agent had incurred additional cost. In future direct booking would be undertaken to reduce cost and ensure suitable accommodation was obtained.

The lack of training equipment was mystifying. Stuart Ashby advised that Dan McAleese had not received any balls, bibs or cones for the 2006 NHL campaign. Lorraine Emery had

also not received any equipment but CD Hockey had paid for 6 dozen balls, 40 cones and 40 bibs.

It was noted that Sam Hughes had attended under 21 tournament carrying an injury and had not played. This was unacceptable as another player could have taken her place and gained experience.

Stuart Ashby presented draft financial summaries for the under 21 teams. These indicated that losses of approximately \$500 each team (subject to final confirmation) had been incurred. Discussion on how this shortfall was to be covered took place.

It was agreed that teams should be self-funding and in future a 10% retention from Gaming Trust funds would be made to cover unbudgeted costs. Don McCallum/Jennifer Banfield.

#### 5. CDH NHL Coach Appointments.

Stuart Ashby advised that Dan McAleese and Dean Hulls had withdrawn prior to their interviews. During the interview process Darryl Heaphy and Tony Brougham had expressed concern about the time involvement and had subsequently withdrawn. Abraham Pourau had not been considered suitable due to a lack of experience at this level. An attempt to find a mentor had not been successful. It was recommended he not be appointed.

The interview committee had approached Douglas Reid to be the Men's coach to which he had agreed. Hockey Manawatu had consented to his involvement. Allister Thomas expressed concern that an employee of Hockey Manawatu would be coach and administrator which could be misconstrued by the public. Stuart Ashby advised that in discussion with Ramesh Patel this had been canvassed and it was essential that an independent CD Hockey administrator be appointed to remove this perception.

The appointment of Douglas Reid as CD Hockey NHL coach was accepted. Allister Thomas/ Stuart Ashby.

Stuart Ashby advised that in discussion with Ramesh Patel a potential Women's coach had been approached but had not yet confirmed their availability. This would be finalised in the next few days.

David Annear advised that Linda Berg had indicated interest in the Women's Managers position.

It was suggested that Abraham Pourau, Darryl Heaphy or Tony Brougham may be interested in the Women's Assistant Coach position.

#### 6. CDH NHL Preliminary Budget.

Stuart Ashby spoke to the circulated budget. The budget did not include any contribution from Associations as the philosophy was that each team be self-funding. No sponsorship money had been included. Grants would be sought for equipment, the September Taupo tournament and the NHL entry fees.

Don McCallum commented that the cost of a Physiotherapist should be included in the budget as this would be necessary for the opening and finals weekends. Suggestions included Fiona Cook, David Warburton and Simon ? (Marton).

An application to New Zealand Community Trust for Hockey New Zealand National Hockey League fees of \$36,000 (excl GST) is to be made. Stuart Ashby/Allister Thomas.

7. CDH Kukri Contract.

The contract circulated by Douglas Reid was discussed. No one had been aware of the contract. Stuart Ashby advised that Bruce Cousins had informed him that there had been no agreement for 3 years but that a one year term had been agreed to with possible extension.

Douglas Reid to be asked if the contract had been signed, and by whom.

8. CDH League Progress.

Don McCallum advised that Massey (2 teams) and Broadway (1 team) had still not paid their entry fee. Scorecards had not been received for all games and the cards had not been filled in completely by the umpires making administration of penalty points difficult. The appointment of umpires needed to be looked at in the future.

It was agreed that umpires travelling from Palmerston North and Gisborne to Napier for the finals would receive \$50 travel reimbursement while umpires travelling from Hawera would receive \$75 travel reimbursement per vehicle.

9. CDH U11/U13 Rep Programme Progress.

Entry fee invoices would be mailed next week and the various tournament allocations would be advised in the next week.

10. May Regional Forum Conference Call.

Dave Annear noted that the Tournament Review Committee report had been presented as a Fait Accompli rather than a consultative document. Stuart Ashby advised that the Hockey NZ Board had approved the final report for circulation and discussion to be voted on at the next Hockey NZ AGM.

It was noted that under 15 and under 18 regional coaching clinics would be continuing and not conclude as previously indicated.

11. General Business

Stuart Ashby advised that in discussion with Ramesh Patel that Hockey NZ was in a position to provide funding to CD Hockey for the Administrator. A small committee to oversee the administrator was required.

A committee of David Craven, Dennis Slade and Stuart Ashby be appointed to oversee the CD Hockey Administrator. Jennifer Banfield/Allister Thomas.

A first trial for the CD NHL teams to be organised for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The next meeting of the Board - Sunday 29 July 11am Hockey Manawatu.

Lorraine Emery indicated she would be available for the position of Women's Assistant Coach.