

## **Minutes of the YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010  
Kingsgate Hotel, Wellington**

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### **PRESENT**

Andrew Brydon, Hilary Stubbs, Paul Tessier, Pauline Weir, Simon Norton, Nicola Connell (Hockey NZ) Saturday only Rochelle Retter, Paul Collins, Jonn Nicholson

### **APOLOGIES**

Alan Patterson-Kane

### **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Accepted as a true record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Further discussion on trying to reduce the length of the Hatch & Collier. There has been work looking at playing some of the final grading days on the Friday to allow the finals to start earlier on the Saturday. This should allow teams to travel if desired on the Saturday and still watch the finals.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was to deal in the dispensations section.

### **AGE GROUP TOURNAMENTS**

#### **Dispensations**

*St Paul's College School*

No dispensation was granted for the following reasons:

- Tier 2 tournament – no combined teams at this level.

*Western Heights High School*

This issue has been complicated with Tekura O Te Koutu being recognized as a hosted school with Western Heights High School by NZSSSC.

Initial Vote – Council Vote was

Vote for 5      Against 3

After further discussion and considering options like allowing a dispensation but the team cannot move up to a Tier 2 tournament it was decided not to grant a dispensation. This team however can enter a mixed school team into a tier 4 tournament.

### *Thames Valley*

No dispensation was granted.

Reason no guest player allowed at Under 15 as a maximum for Premier Tournaments.

### *Canterbury - Guest Player Age Restriction*

A dispensation has been requested from Canterbury to allow guest players under the age of 16, but who not eligible to attend an Under 15 tournament, to be released to Mid/South Canterbury (girls) and Taranaki (boys).

The current NZ Hockey rules do not allow this to occur. The rule was in place before the change to Under 16 age group.

A general discussion around whether this rule should be reviewed occurred. There was no feeling that the rule should be changed from the vast majority of the Council.

Dispensation was not granted with all in favour with one vote against.

Paul Collins did want it minuted that while Council could not grant a dispensation – that if a player has been talent ID'ed by NZ Hockey that that player should have the opportunity to approach NZ Hockey High performance for a dispensation to attend a Premier Tournament.

### **Team Numbers at U15 Tournaments**

- Total teams are not at 20 teams for the Boys Under 15.
- Feeling that we should again recommend a maximum of 16 teams at a Premier tournament at the next AGM. However there is a problem here with the AGM later now and this couldn't be changed now until 2012. Discussions with NZ Hockey maybe required.
- Nicola has asked all the next ranked Association A teams in the Under 15 Boys Championship if they would enter the Premier. None have accepted.
- A Association B team may need to be invited.
- Simon suggested that we should write a AGM recommendation that if Associations do not front with 20 teams this year we drop to 16 teams immediately for 2011. Again problems with AGM timing.
- Girls Under 15/18 Premier tournaments are full.
- Under 15 Championship – Boys are at 14 teams and girls have a full entries.

### **Under 18 Captains Meeting at National Tournaments 2010**

Decided it was important that meetings are organized and a list of questions and bullet points are sent to teams before meetings. Members of Youth Council will chair these meeting at both boys and girls Premier and Championship Tournaments.

#### *Topic Points / Questions examples*

- View of sport after school.

- Discussion around the issues with youth dropping out of hockey after they leave school.
- How many players do you know from your teams that are going to play hockey next year?
- How can we assist these people to play hockey?
- How do we contact you once you once you leave?
- Do you have views on the current Under 18 Premier tournament structure? Would you like to see other models? E.g. top 8 bottom 8 played at the same tournament.

Action step – A list of bullet points will be prepared and reviewed by Youth Council.

*Youth Council Members that will run Captains Meeting*

Pauline Weir – Dunedin - Under 18 Boys Premier

Paul / Paul – Tauranga - Under 18 Girls Premier

Simon – Auckland - Under 18 Championship tournament

## **TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION POLICY**

The draft policy from Hockey New Zealand were shared with the group.

Council discussed the implications of these policies and while they had a degree of logic it was also thought that they would be difficult to gain approval from smaller Associations.

Pauline expressed the concern that this policy would appear to suggest Hockey New Zealand is persuading further regionalization of Associations and rep teams.

This did bring about the discussions that this type of stream lining of tournaments and venues could lead to the development of cost equalization for all teams. Maybe tournaments could be contracted to be held in one venue for a number of years (or one venue could be guaranteed three Premier tournaments) and Associations could even tender for tournaments. Forward planning of these types of events could allow greater cost savings.

## **2011 TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS AND CALENDAR**

The Youth Council made draft allocations for the 2011 Domestic Tournaments, based on the current allocation schedule. They also took into account the timing of next years school holidays and the Rugby World Cup.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL TEAM ALLOCATIONS 2010**

There were issues with these allocations, with some schools entry forms not having been received, in particular for the Tier 3 tournaments.

Some tournaments were far more popular than others with numerous schools missing out on their first choice, and some tournaments having very few entries.

## **YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES**

There was discussion around how the Youth Council can assist Hockey New Zealand in the running of Youth Week. It was noted that for Youth Week to be successful Association buy in was needed.

The possibility of running a national recruitment drive in March was discussed, with the Youth Council driving this initiative.

The Youth Council also discussed the issue with players leaving secondary school, and not continuing to play hockey when they go to university.

Some suggestions were made on how to keep in contact with these players:

- Give club contacts to sports coordinators
- Players moving Associations – find out where they are going and how to contact them
- Develop contacts with kids leaving school, to get them into clubs
- Have an online registration for people if they want to play hockey – which HNZ passes onto appropriate Association
- Individual approach – phone call or email: ‘Hi...., we understand you’ve moved to ..... Our club open day is on...come along and have a go....’
- Have hockey people at University open days
- Take Yr 13s off Secondary School Registration Forms and compile a list of school leavers

## YOUTH COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT TOURNAMENTS

Tournament	Venue	Date	Representative
U18 Boys Premier	Dunedin	5 – 10 July	Pauline
U18 Girls Premier	Tauranga	5 – 10 July	Hilary, Paul, Paul, Nicola
U18 Championship	Auckland	5 – 10 July	Simon, Nicola
U15 Boys Premier	Wairarapa	12 – 17 July	Rochelle, Andrew
U15 Girls Premier	Napier	12 – 17 July	Hilary
U15 Boys Championship	Hamilton	12 – 17 July	Simon
U15 Girls Championship	Wellington	12 – 17 July	Jonn, Paul
Rankin Cup	Rotorua	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Nicola
India Shield	Nelson	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Johnson Cup	Ashburton	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Andrew
Mayhill Cup	Levin	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Coaches Cup	Cromwell	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Founders Cup	Carterton	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Rochelle
Olympic Stick	Whakatane	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Woolaston Trophy	Whangarei	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Galletly/Chris Arthur Cup	Wellington	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Hilary, Paul C
Federation Cup	Christchurch	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Simon
Marie Fry Trophy	Palmerston North	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Paul T
Audrey Timlin Memorial	Greymouth	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Chica Gilmer Trophy	Pukekohe	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Nicola
Eveline Hankers Memorial	Ngatea	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Jenny Hair Cup	Oamaru	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Jenny McDonald Cup	Dunedin	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Pauline
Kate Trolove Cup	Taupo	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Mary Clinton Cup	Stratford	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Rosemary O'Brien Cup	Auckland	30 Aug – 3 Sep	Nicola
North Island Mixed	Napier	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
South Island Mixed	Invercargill	30 Aug – 3 Sep	
Hatch Cup	Albany	3 – 9 October	Simon
Collier Trophy	Timaru	3 – 9 October	

## **YOUTH POLICY UPDATE**

This document has been updated, apart from the Youth Hockey Player Progression section which will come out of Brad's modules which he is currently working on.

The document also needs to be reformatted and presented in an easy to read way which matches Hockey New Zealand's current document protocols.

- To be put on website when finished.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Rule Change regarding Video Footage Access

Judicial Committee should request the footage not the team manager – keep manager to manager contact limited

### Email from St Matthews regarding placement of Wellington's school finals

Wairarapa played St Matthews (two Wairarapa colleges) in the final in Wellington instead of Wairarapa. This has been in the competition rules for two years.

It was decided that this was not a Youth Council matter.

### Information about Talent ID

YC would like current information about Talent ID process for age group tournaments, prior to tournaments, so that they can answer questions and let people know about it.

Clarify Talent ID attendance with all Associations/YC

It was suggested that for the RDC – one clinic plays against another as a 'trial'. Nicola informed the council that each clinic has 22-24 players, and play a game to finish, and that HNZ appoints head coaches that attend each of the five clinics.

### Jackets for Youth Council

Nicola to check with Lotto re sizing and cost.

Andrew  
Pauline  
Hilary – XS only (Childrens sizing?)

Meeting closed 11.30am