

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

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
HNZ Offices, Mt Eden, Auckland**

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**Before the meeting was opened a minute of silence was held in respect of Noelene Stafford and Andrew Brydon's mother, who passed away recently.**

### **PRESENT**

Andrew Brydon, Nicola Connell (Hockey NZ), Paul Collins, Denise Hill, Jonn Nicholson, Simon Norton, Alan Patterson-Kane, Rochelle Retter, Hilary Stubbs Pauline Weir

### **APOLOGIES**

Paul Tessier

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Pauline Weir nominated Hilary Stubbs to the position of Youth Council Chairperson for 2010/11.. No other nominations were received. The meeting approved the nomination and confirmed Hilary as the Youth Council Chair for 2010/11.

### **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Accepted as a true record, except for Jonn Nicholson's name to be added to Present list.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Gisborne Girl's High School Letter re Federation Cup  
Matter deemed to have been resolved successfully by Nicola's response.

NZSSSC Notification of new quota rules  
Accepted, noted that rules will need to be updated.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM HOCKEY LEADERS CONFERENCE**

Pauline Weir and Denise Hill, who attended the Hockey Leader's Conference reported back on the outcomes.

The recommendations relating to the Youth Council were:

U18 Guest Player Rules: Recommendation was passed. Age was changed from 16 to 15 years of age

Tournament Hosting Criteria: The recommendation that Associations should not host a tournament if they had not had a team in that tournament the previous year was not passed

Tournament Fees: Both turf charges and tournament entry fees were increased.

The Youth Council had no comments on most of the recommendations, but did note that they agreed with the fee increases.

## **TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS**

The council discussed the tournament allocation issues around the number of tournaments in Invercargill and the affect the Rugby World Cup was having on some of our tournaments. It was agreed that Collier should be shifted to Palmerston North.

The Youth Council discussed the idea of Rankin Cup being shifted to Invercargill. Their main concern with this allocation was that there would be no host school involved.

Simon Norton raised the allocation of the second eleven tournaments to Auckland and why we couldn't allocate them so they were alongside the Tier 1 tournaments. Nicola explained that this option had been investigated but was seen as unfeasible.

## **2010 NATIONAL AGE GROUP TOURNAMENTS**

### Review and Recommendations

The reports and recommendations from the 2010 National Tournaments were discussed.

One of the issues brought up by the council was team's having more personnel than declared on the Team Registration form, as people were standing behind the goal and interfering with the game.

It was recommended that teams must declare all team personnel on their team registration form to prevent these issues from happening.

Hilary recommended that if teams are using video people, their names should be on the Team Registration form.

Simon suggested that guidelines should be given at Tournament Briefings on how team personnel should behave.

Denise Hill added that if team personnel were not on the Team Registration form sent to HNZ that they could be added at the Tournament Briefing so that the Tournament Director is aware.

The Council discussed whether coaches should be allowed out of the dugouts during the game. Hilary suggested that team personnel are not allowed to stand on the backline as a rule.

It was recommended that Nicola talk to Craig Gribble about this situation and make sure that all Tournament Directors are clear on the outcome.

The recommendation from Otago that match balls should be provided by the Host Association to prevent sub quality balls being used was accepted. Cost would be oncharged to Associations.

Certificates were discussed and Nicola advised that HNZ were working on a way to manage this issue.

It was recommended that the Under 15 Premier Tournaments be reduced to 16 teams. It was noted that this was quickly skipped over at the Hockey Leaders Conference. The Youth Council generally agreed that it was for HNZ to make a decision and change it.

South Canterbury recommended that the host responsibilities document needs updating, Nicola advised this is updated annually and possibly just needs reformatting.

There were no further recommendations from Host Associations however Simon Norton recommended that at the Championship tournaments 'B' teams should be referred to as such unless there are two teams from one Association.

## U18 Captains Meeting

Each of the three meeting facilitators discussed how their meetings went. All agreed that these meetings should continue however there needs to be outcomes from the Captains meetings that get put forward to HNZ.

The key topic at the meeting in 2010 was school leavers, and why some choose to give up hockey.

### *Relocating for University*

A discussion was held around what HNZ and the Youth Council can do to assist school leavers in continuing with hockey if they move regions.

Below are some of the ideas that were generated:

- Contact information gathered from Age Group and Secondary School Tournaments
- Use social media and emails to contact school leavers
- The information gathered is sent to Associations who can contact any players who have moved to their region
- Get Associations/clubs to go to University open days
- HNZ to collate a database of secondary school leavers
- Brochure to SS players with Associations contact details
- Personal letter from HNZ

### *Cost to play hockey*

The Youth Council recommended that HNZ create a 'Leavers Fund' however noted that this would be a huge administrative task.

It was suggested that Associations should lead club trial days.

- One place where players can go to look for club trial dates.
- More coordination between clubs so that trials are on at different times.

### Possible Actions:

- Count school leavers from 2010 tournaments
- Get SPARC or a sponsor involved in the project
- Possibly give school leavers a 50% subsidy on affiliation fees
- Could be a project for a sports student

It was noted that it should be in Associations best interests to try and keep school leavers involved so as to increase their player numbers.

The Youth Council offered to make this their special project and collect the necessary data and figures.

The key points from the U18 Captains meetings should go back to Associations.

Overall it was agreed that the Captains meeting was a good initiative and it should continue each year, however needs to be communicated earlier to Associations.

## North Otago/Otago Issue at Hatch and Collier

There is concern over North Otago 'releasing' players to play for Otago in their Hatch and Collier teams when they have their own U13 teams, who still play in regional tournaments. It was noted that this is also an issue in other smaller Associations.

Action

A letter should go to all Associations containing the following:

- Clarifying the player eligibility rules at U15 and U13 level
- No guest players are allowed at these tournaments
- Asking for a response from Associations regarding whether they have inadvertently done this or have any other comments relating to this situation

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS**

### Review of 2010 Tournaments

The Youth Council discussed the recommendations from the Secondary School Tournament hosts.

It was agreed that the Umpires name and contact details should be added to the team registration form.

There was concern that some Association Tournament Administrators were using local rules instead of HNZ tournament rules. This needs to be clearly outlined in the Tournament Responsibilities document.

Paul Collins raised the issue of the qualification process for the Tier 1 and 2 tournaments and whether it should be three up, three down instead of four.

The Youth Council had a brief discussion around this idea but decided against putting it forward as a recommendation at this point as there were not enough support.

### **TOURNAMENT REVIEW**

Hilary Stubbs said that she did not have to be on the review committee however the Youth Council should be represented. Both Paul Collins and Denise Hill have been nominated for the review committee.

The process for the review is currently being confirmed.

### **TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION POLICY**

It was recommended that the draft tournament allocation policy be discussed by the Review committee and feedback gained from Associations.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR 2011**

- Leavers fund for schools
- School Contacts
- U18 Captains Meeting

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Youth Policy

Nicola to update and put on website

### Participation Programme

There was a brief discussion on the current stage of the participation programme developed by Brad Jensen.

It was agreed that the Youth Council should fully support the participation programme however they would like to know more about it.

### Minutes on website

It was agreed that the minutes of the Youth Council meetings should be put on the HNZ website and possibly also sent to Associations to raise the profile of the Youth Council.

It was also agreed that the Youth Council needs to keep a balance of small and large Associations, and a mixture of North and South Island people. Simon Norton agreed it was good to keep Primary and Secondary School representative as we are here for the Youth.

Hilary Stubbs made a point that as people retire from the Youth Council we need to keep ourselves valuable to the hockey community.

### Jackets

A sample jacket was tried on, some interest was shown in purchasing. Nicola to find out details.

### **2011 MEETING DATES**

Discussed meeting dates for 2011.

March 12 - confirmed

May - confirmed

November - unconfirmed as not sure if this meeting is still required.

Jonn Nicholson and Simon Norton were thanked for their time on the Youth Council.

Meeting closed 2.45pm.