

MINUTES

of the Veterans Committee Western Australian Hockey Association (Inc)

Meeting held on 3 March 2009
in the Board Room at Perth Hockey Stadium, Bentley

PRESENT: Peter Westlund (Chairman), Ian Arblaster, Lorraine Browning, Bill Campbell, Kerry Foote, Rob Lawson, Jane Marshall, Andrew Rahim, Fiona Stuart, Barb Jenkins (Operations Manager).

APOLOGIES: Mal Skinner, Sally Bell.

OPENING AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

09-0377 Peter Westlund opened the meeting at 6.35pm and welcomed those in attendance. He thanked the committee for electing him to the position of Convenor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

09-0378 Members of the committee advised that there needed to be some amendments made to the minutes of the last meeting.

IT WAS MOVED THAT

Item 08-00359 be appended to also read *'the committee should approach Hockey WA's Audit, Finance and Governance Committee in regard to booking of accommodation for travelling spouses/ partners, a deposit of \$500 be paid for the spouse/partner at the time when team members are required to pay their \$500 deposit.'*

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Andrew Rahim
Carried unanimously***

IT WAS MOVED THAT

Item 08-0366 be amended to read *'New procedure, policies and guidelines related to residency of players has yet to be received from the Australian Women's Veterans Committee. Lorraine Browning and Kerry Foote are to review the current state player eligibility when received, and provide feedback to Australian Women's Veterans Committee.'*

***MOVED Kerry Foote SECONDED Lorraine Browning
Carried unanimously***

IT WAS THEN MOVED

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 FEBRUARY 2009, AS AMENDED, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Ian Arblaster

Carried unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING:

08-0359 **State Team Invoicing**

The Convenor advised the committee that he had had a meeting with the new CEO and they had agreed some work is required on the issue of travel and accommodation for Veterans state teams. The Convenor stated that the Committee needs to make some decisions on the criteria by which accommodation can be selected, and that these criteria would then be provided to the travel and accommodation provider and retained by Hockey WA to ensure consistency of standards. The Convenor further stated that the current policy for state teams was the reverse of what Veterans teams require, in that other teams generally require accommodation to be as close as possible to the hockey venue and that the proximity to entertainment venues was low priority, whereas Veterans need to have proximity to entertainment and services to be high priority.

Lorraine Browning commented that for the Women's Veterans teams, accommodation has never been a problem and she believed this was related to the smaller numbers of people travelling and the consistency of room configuration, which could not be guaranteed with the Men's teams because of their traditional requirement for a variety of configurations to accommodate spouses, etc.

The Convenor advised the discussion needs to be forward looking and that either the whole committee or a sub-committee should decide the criteria for accommodation, flights and local transport. It was agreed that the document should be brief (the Convenor suggested one page), and include timeframes. It was also agreed the sub-committee should have the power to seek other veterans' views on this matter.

IT WAS MOVED

THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF BILL CAMPBELL (Chair), ROB LAWSON, FIONA STUART AND KERRY FOOTE, BE FORMED TO REVIEW THE VETERANS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND LOCAL TRANSPORT CRITERIA AND FORMULATE A POLICY DOCUMENT, AND THAT IT WOULD REPORT ITS PROGRESS TO THE APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING AND PRESENT A FINAL REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE IN MAY.

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Rob Lawson
Carried unanimously***

The Convenor advised that the Managers' Convenor for the Women has been appointed – Lyn Bengston, and they are scheduled to meet on 4 Mar. He also advised that there has been no appointment for the Men's Managers' Convenor as yet and they will have to meet again to appoint a Convenor.

08-0366 **Australian Women's Veteran's Delegates Meeting**

Kerry Foote advised that the paper was expected to be distributed within the next week.

08-0375 **State Off Field Team Nominations**

HWA office sent to the sub-committee members an email advising all the nominations received to date for the outstanding positions. This item will be discussed in State Teams section.

09-0379 **Memorandum of Understanding – AVHC - Host State.**

Bill Campbell and Andrew Rahim have sent comments to Mal Skinner.

Action: Committee Members

09-0382 **O55M Outstanding Invoices**

The Staff Liaison discussed the information provided by email to committee members on the breakdown of the outstanding debts from O55s State team members. She advised that an out of session vote had been called to approve the debt being paid from the Veterans Reserve Account,

but since two committee members had requested further information, the out-of-session vote was not valid. She asked committee members if they could elaborate on what kind of further information they felt was necessary. Rob Lawson advised the committee that he was concerned that the information provided did not explain how or why these adjustments were required. He was also concerned that this would set a precedent for individuals to believe they could avoid paying debts if such debts could be covered by the Reserve Account. Ian Arblaster stated his concern that if part or all of the adjustments were as a result of a clerical error, the Veterans Reserve Account should not be used to cover this part of the debt. There was general agreement from the committee on this point. The committee requested that they be provided with adjustment invoices (including who they would apply to and how they had come about) for review prior to them being sent out to individuals.

Action: Staff Liaison

IT WAS MOVED

THAT THE STAFF LIAISON INVESTIGATE THE REASONS WHY THE ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE AND PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH THIS INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE OUTSTANDING DEBT FROM O55 MEN'S TEAM SHOULD BE WRITTEN OFF TO THE VETERANS RESERVE ACCOUNT

***MOVED Ian Arblaster SECONDED Lorraine Browning
Carried unanimously***

REPORTS:

All reports were held over until the next meeting.

STATE TEAMS:

09-383 The Staff Liaison advised that a late nomination had been received for each of the positions of Manager and Coach of the O40 Men. The committee reviewed the nominations and agreed they would recommend the following appointments:

Manager O40 Men Paula Dick

***MOVED Kerry Foote SECONDED Rob Lawson
Carried unanimously***

Coach O40 Men Alan Dick

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Rob Lawson
Carried unanimously***

The sub-committee (Ian, Jane, Fiona, Lorraine, Peter, Mal) met last week and deliberated on nominations received. The sub-committee made the following recommendations:

Coach O60 Women Don Smart

***MOVED Lorraine Browning SECONDED Andrew Rahim
Carried unanimously***

Manager O55 Men Len Collier

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Andrew Rahim
Carried unanimously***

As she had nominated for the position of Manager O60 Women, Kerry Foote was asked to leave the room while discussions took place relating to the appointment (Kerry Foote left the room). The sub-committee advised that they had not been able to gather enough information

to make an informed decision on the Manager of the O60 Women, and after some discussion, the committee requested that the sub-committee seek further information before making a recommendation to the committee within seven days of this meeting, which would then be voted on by out-of-session vote.

***MOVED Rob Lawson SECONDED Ian Arblaster
Carried unanimously***

Kerry Foote returned to the meeting. The sub-committee advised that there were some nominations for the positions for Managers of the Men's O60, O65 and O70. The committee discussed the best combination of appointments to these positions. Discussion ensued about Bill Williamson's important role to date in organising O65 Men's accommodation; however, it was agreed that he had already progressed the planning to a stage where someone else could take over and that he would likely maintain an interest in the O65 accommodation being finalised but that he would be interested in the O70 men's team role. It was agreed that Committee would recommend the appointments as follows:

Manager O60 Men Ashley Challenor

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Ian Arblaster
Carried unanimously***

Manager O65 Men Brian Soares
Manager O70 Men Bill Williamson

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Andrew Rahim
Carried unanimously***

The committee renewed their request that an acknowledgement email be sent on receipt of all nominations for all state teams and advice on when appointments should be known.

Action: Staff Liaison

- 09-0384 Coaching meeting. Peter Westlund advised that he has spoken with the sub-committee and Fiona Stuart about arranging for coaches to come to a meeting chaired by a committee member to discuss issues relevant to appointed state teams coaches, in a similar fashion as is currently done with managers. Discussion ensued about what form this meeting would take and it was agreed it would be a collegiate dialogue with high level coaches who understood the particular needs of veteran players and might provide induction into the selection processes for new coaches as well as other coaching issues. Peter Westlund suggested there would be separate meetings for men and women and asked for support from committee members to formulate the structure of, and convene, the meetings. Fiona Stuart and Rob Lawson agreed to assist.

IT WAS MOVED

THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF PETER WESTLUND, FIONA STUART AND ROB LAWSON BE FORMED TO DETERMINE THE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE OF AND CONVENE A VETERANS STATE COACHES MEETING

***MOVED Lorraine Browning SECONDED Ian Arblaster
Carried unanimously***

- 09-0385 Accommodation and Transport for the Touring Parties. Peter Westlund advised that the flight options for the men's teams had been decided through out-of-session discussions and that it was also agreed that the accommodation for Men's O60, O65 and O70 teams would be booked by the teams separately from the group booking via Rising Stars. The remaining five men's teams had been booked into Flemington Apartments. Women's teams had been booked into a combination of apartments in Salamanca Place and New Town. The Staff Liaison advised that flight bookings would need to be made soon and numbers would need to be provided as soon as possible. Peter Westlund reminded the committee that it was still necessary to develop a model for accommodation and transport plans for future years.

LOCAL COMPETITION:

09-0386 The Staff Liaison advised the nominations for grading for men's and women's veterans' competitions had been received and it was now important to progress the process of draft and final grading as quickly as possible.

The Staff Liaison provided the committee members with nomination information for all men's and women's grades, the 2008 ladders and the 2008 automatic promotion /relegation details. The committee then worked through the information and decided the following:

O40 Men's Mid-week Competition. Discussion ensued about the umpiring arrangements for mid-week men which were agreed to in the previous minutes (09-0380 of 3 Feb 09). Peter Westlund advised that mid-week men's veterans players would umpire back-to-back as was stated in the Hockey WA Umpiring Discussion paper and that having an umpiring bye was unnecessary.

IT WAS MOVED

THAT HAVING REVEIWD THE FEBRUARY MINUTES, PLAYER UMPIRES WOULD BE PROVIDED BACK-TO-BACK FOR THE O40 MID-WEEK MEN'S VETERANS COMPETITION

***MOVED Rob Lawson SECONDED Andrew Rahim
Carried unanimously***

Women's Competition. The nominations received for the women's competition were lop-sided across the divisions and need to be re-allocated to meet the principle of 9-team grades. The committee agreed that with the number of teams that had nominated, the best solution would be 8 teams in Division 1, and 9 teams in Divisions 2 and 3.

Women's Division 1. Women's division one consisted of only 5 teams and it was generally agreed this was an ineffective option and that teams should be promoted from Division 2 to make the division viable.

IT WAS MOVED

THAT YMCC NOT BE RELEGATED FROM DIVISION 1 AND THAT CANNING AND WASPS BE PROMOTED TO DIVISION 1 AND THAT SHOULD ANY OF THESE TEAMS BE UNWILLING TO BE PROMOTED, THE PROMOTION BE OFFERED TO THE NEXT TEAM ON THE 2008 DIVISION 2 LADDER.

***MOVED Ian Arblaster SECONDED Fiona Stuart
Carried unanimously***

Women's Division 2. Eight teams had nominated for Division 2; however, with the need to fill Division 1, three teams would need to move up from Division 3 to create a nine team grade.

IT WAS MOVED

THAT NCR 2, NEWMAN KNIGHTS AND LAKERS BE PROMOTED, AND THAT SHOULD ANY OF THESE TEAMS BE UNWILLING TO BE PROMOTED, THE PROMOTION BE OFFERED TO THE NEXT TEAM ON THE 2008 DIVISION 3 LADDER.

***MOVED Ian Arblaster SECONDED Fiona Stuart
Carried unanimously***

Mens Competition. The Staff Liaison confirmed with the committee their understanding of the umpiring situation for Men's Saturday afternoon veteran's competition. On the basis of the committee's understanding, the following motions were moved:

IT WAS MOVED

THAT THE MEN'S O40 GRADE REMAINS AS NOMINATED.

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Ian Arblaster
Carried unanimously***

IT WAS MOVED

THAT THE MEN'S O50s DIVISION, OGMHC AND WASPS WHO HAD BEEN RELEGATED AT THE END OF 2008 BE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN IN DIVISION 2, LEADING TO 9 TEAMS IN DIVISION 2.

***MOVED Bill Campbell SECONDED Andrew Rahim
Carried unanimously***

It was generally agreed among committee members that Divisions 1 and 3 be left as even grades and the committee accepted that O55Men and O60 Men should be graded as nominated.

The committee requested that these draft gradings be circulated to club veterans' contacts as soon as possible.

Action: Staff Liaison

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING DATE:

Meeting closed at 9.17pm and the next meeting will be held on 7 Apr 2009 at 6.30pm in the Board Room, Perth Hockey Stadium.

The CEO, Kevin Knapp, and Gemma Francis, the State Teams Admin Officer, will attend the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Minute Number	Action Required	Responsibility
08-0359	Document to be created regarding the level of support for booking of state team travel.	Committee Members
08-0366	Review current state player eligibility.	Lorraine Browning/ Kerry Foote
08-0375	Send acknowledgement email to nominees for all state teams and advise when appointments should be known. Further urgent meeting of sub committee to be called to finalise OFT appointments.	Staff Liaison Mal Skinner
09-0379	Comments on Memorandum of Understanding – AVHC – Host State	Committee Members
09-0382	O55M outstanding invoices – detail of adjustments breakdown to be provided to committee.	Staff Liaison

	Any future adjustments to be provided to committee for review PRIOR to being sent out to individuals	Staff Liaison
09-0386	Circulate draft grading to Club Veterans contacts	Staff Liaison

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