

MEETING OF: Competition Committee
DATE: Wednesday April 12, 2023
TIME: 7.30 pm
VENUE: Stead Park, Corio



MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 7.35 pm with A. Climpson presiding.

2. ATTENDANCE

S. Climpson (Saints), S. Calder (Geelong), K. Maloney (Kardinia), G. van der Meer (Golden Plains), A. Crowley (Torquay), D. Crowley (Newtown), C. Barnes (Newtown), A. Climpson (Chairperson)

APOLOGIES

G. van Beek (Newtown), K. Caldow (Saints), S. Lucas (Torquay)

PROXIES

G. van Beek to C. Barnes

K. Caldow to S. Climpson

S. Lucas to A. Crowley

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion: that the Minutes of the Committee of Management meeting held February 13, 2023 be accepted.

Moved: G. van der Meer

Seconded: S. Climpson

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:

4.1 None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Newtown City Hockey Club – U8 and U10 competitions. See General Business.

5.2 Geelong Hockey Club – team entries for men's competition. See General Business.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 U8 and U10 Competitions – venues and times.

- Letter from Newtown City Hockey Club outlining the pros and cons of Lloyd Reserve as the base for these competitions.
- Email from President of Geelong Hockey Association, E. Shand, with Executive Committee recommendation that the U8 and U10 competitions be played at Lloyd Reserve for 2023.

Motion: that the U8 and U10 competitions for 2023 be played at Lloyd Reserve, with U10 at 9 am and U8 at 10 am.

Moved: A. Crowley

Seconded: G. van der Meer

CARRIED

ACTION:

- Explore potential opportunities to play U10 informal exhibition games at Stead Park on Friday nights.
- Consider Stead Park as a venue for U8 and U10 competitions in 2024, either as an alternative to Lloyd Reserve or as an additional venue.

6.2 Geelong Hockey Club – team entries for men's competition.

- Letter from Geelong Hockey Club requesting to enter two men's teams in Division 2 instead of 1 in D1 and 1 in D2

Note: the meeting on February 13 agreed that if there are less than 4 teams in a division, the competition would revert to a combined competition as in 2022

Motion: that the Men's competition be played as a combined competition of the 10 teams, and split after round 9 into D1 (4 teams) and D2 (6 teams), and that a 6 teams finals series be conducted over 3 weeks for D2.

Moved: C. Barnes

Seconded: A. Climpson

CARRIED

6.3 Match times for 2023 junior competitions will be:

- U17 – 9.05 am – allows for U17 players also playing in Sharks teams to do both for most weeks. Some games may require fixturing on Sunday due to travel commitments for Sharks games.
- U14 – 10.10 am – allows U14 players to double up for U17
- U12 – 11.15 am – allows U12 players to double up for U14

6.4 Pre-season competitions. Teams are required to organise their own umpires for the pre-season games.

6.5 Umpires Committee report. No report.

6.6 Alteration to By-laws

6.6.1 **Motion:**

That By-law 11.6 be altered to

In the event of a draw in a semi-final or preliminary final match, the Tie-Breaker Rule as described in By-law 11.8 will apply and the winner of the tie-breaker will progress to the next final.

And

That By-law 11.7 be altered to

In the event of a draw in a grand final match, the Tie-Breaker Rule as described in By-law 11.8 will apply and the winner of the tie-breaker will be the winner of the Premiership for that competition. If a draw still results in an U12 grand final competition, the two teams are declared equal winners of the Premiership of that competition.

Moved: G. van der Meer

Seconded: S. Calder

CARRIED

6.6.2 **Motion:**

That By-law 10.1 be altered to

10.1 The Match Committee will have the authority to cancel matches in the case of extreme weather conditions as specified in the 'Geelong Hockey Association Extreme Weather Policy', as approved by the Executive Committee of the Geelong Hockey Association, or if the grounds are unfit for play.

10.1.1 In the event of cancellation of matches, the Match Committee should notify the Umpires Convenor and affiliated clubs.

Moved: D. Crowley

Seconded: K. Maloney

CARRIED

Note that the 'Geelong Hockey Association Extreme Weather Policy' is yet to be finalised. However, having it noted in the By-laws means that whatever policy is in place at the time, as decided by the Executive Committee, will apply.

6.7 Hockey Geelong Member Recruitment report.

13 schools participated in the Term 1 Roadshow visits to local primary schools. We have EOI from a further 13 schools to host a Roadshow program in Terms 2, 3 or 4. These schools will be contacted to confirm program details. We also have Sporting Schools programs scheduled in 2 schools, which will provide sessions over multiple weeks for the same classes.

Golden Plains Hockey Club have a kit of sticks which may be borrowed if required.

6.8 Geelong Hockey Club are seeking female goalkeepers.

6.9 Umpires fees for the combined rounds 1 to 9 of the men's competition will be \$40 for all games. Rounds 10 to 15 will be \$45 for D1 and \$40 for D2.

Best and Fairest votes for Rounds 1 to 9 are given for the game, not for each team.

6.10 A free HG Sharks Skills Clinic for U8 to U12 players will be conducted from 10.15 to 11.00 am on Saturday May 20 at Stead Park.

There are no fixtured games for U8 on this weekend, but U10 and U12 games are fixtured as normal.

Next Meeting to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.