



BAULKHAM HILLS FOOTBALL CLUB
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
BAULKHAM HILLS SPORTS CLUB – 29th June 2020



Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Steve Durante, Bronwyn Henson, Jason King

1. Keith Vallis – Peter McLoughlin

We were devastated to learn of the passing of Life Member Keith Vallis last week. Keith is well known to many of the sporting divisions of the Sports Club, particularly the Cricket Club and the Football Club. Keith was a Life Member of both and also the Founding Chairman of the Sports Club. Keith was also a long-term member of Ted Horwood 355 committee working to upgrade facilities at Ted Horwood Reserve. As a dedicated volunteer for over 6 decades the Council named the Keith Vallis Picnic Area named in recognition of his service.

Keith held numerous positions over the years in various Sports Clubs – Cricket, Football, the Sports Club and the Sport & Recreation Club. Keith and his wife Connie were always at Ted Horwood, watching their son Rob and their grandchildren in summer and winter.

We will miss Keith and pass our condolences to Connie, Rob and his brothers and their families.

A memorial service for Keith will be held at Ted Horwood Reserve on Wednesday 1 July – 10am for 10.30am. Members are invited and asked to come dressed in either Baulko club or Parramatta Eels colours.

2. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020

Moved – Tony Hughes seconded Wendy Gardner. Resolved that the minutes be accepted.

Noted that copies of minutes are shown on our web site bhfc.org.au

3. Business arising from the minutes

None.

4. President's Report – Peter McLoughlin

We have finally arrived at the start of our season, be it shorter than normal.

It has been a very long and arduous pre-season and many thanks to those who have worked so hard to get us ready: -

- Cath Hughes – assisting with teams, clothing, equipment, uniforms, Covid issues, website.
- Tony Hughes – field set up, Council liaison
- Wendy Gardner – registrations/deregistration's
- Steve Durante – refunds
- David Burns – new goal storage, storage
- Greg Islip – assembling new goals, storage
- Terry Minton – line marking/field set up
- Mitch Deprez – line marking/field set up
- Gerard Chevalier - for taking over Rosters
- All those who assisted with original set ups'
- Thanks to everyone who has complied with the Guidelines for Return to training.
- Whilst you may think the Guidelines are excessive, if we do not follow them, we risk the competition being stopped or abandoned. And you are risking the health of others.

5. Covid-19 Issues - Peter McLoughlin

- a) We have gone through complete shutdown, to Level B - Return to Training and now Level C – Return to Playing & are finally ready to play.
- b) We have a Safety Plan in place. It is on the BHFC website.
- c) The Return to Play Guidelines are on the website.
- d) All players, coaches and managers must be registered on PlayFootball
- e) If anyone in your team has symptoms of COVID-19 they **must not** attend games or training. They must go home immediately.
- f) There are other documents on the website for your information

- g) Everyone is asked to comply with the Guidelines. Whilst they are not Law, they are Guidelines which FNSW has set and we show follow them.
- h) From July 1, full training can resume, including contact/tackling etc. But you still need to complete and return the Attendance sheet, observe hygiene protocol (sanitizer, wash your hands), get in train & get out, no socializing before or after training, no handshakes.

i) Game day.

- The NSW Government has limits of 500 at outdoor events – including football.
- We have 5 fields at Ted Horwood so to comply with the above, and Football NSW Guidelines, we asking only 1 parent to attend games. This should keep us below the 500 limit. 2 parents will likely push us over the limit. Police may attend venues to check if regulations are being observed
- Observe the signs at Ted Horwood.
- There is NO attendance sheet on game day. If contact tracing is needed, the team sheet will give the authorities the player names and hence family members who need to be checked. Hence the 1 parent limit.
- **Canteen** will not be open but all teams will be rostered on for field set ups and take downs.
- **Team protocols:**
 1. No handshakes.
 2. No team huddles.
 3. Limit goal celebration.
 4. Players to take home their playing shirt, wash and bring to next game or training if not playing the following game.
 5. No bibs
 6. Bring your own drink bottle, with your name. NO SHARING
 7. No Spitting.
 8. No sharing pens.
 9. Change rooms – only essential use. In the sheds behind field 2 there will be one dressing room for males and one for females, clearly marked. Only 4 persons at any one time. Showers are not to be used.
 10. Player equipment bags should be spread out.
 11. Coach or manager should bring their own whistle in case they need to referee (no sharing)
 12. Social distancing on the bench. Player seat 1.5m apart.
 13. Social distancing of spectators (family members from same house exempt).
 14. Teams should arrive as close as possible to start time, allowing for warm up/team sheet prep.
 15. Benches should be sanitized by the manager/coach before and after games. There will be a bucket with spray bottles and clothes at each field. Do both benches/ team seat. Do both home and away. There will also be a small plastic container of cloths to wipe down benches/seats. Please dispose of used cloths.
 16. Players, coaches and managers should use the hand sanitizer provided to teams before and after games.
 17. Match balls should be sanitized before and after games

j) Team Official - each team MUST appoint a Team Official. This person is responsible for monitoring/controlling their team – behaviour, compliance with regulations etc. Team officials will be identified from the team sheet. Team official vests must not be shared.

HFI have scheduled games with min 10 min gap between games.

Spectators are required to leave the park ASAP after the game completion.

Spectators to observe no go areas – inside the fence or black line

When playing away, follow their protocols as well.

k) **Defibrillators** – there is one in the sheds behind field 2 and one is to be installed in the change shed on field 4.

6. **Rosters** – Peter gave a Power Point presentation on the requirements for teams rostered on game days.

- All teams will be rostered for goal set up, take down (all fields) and ground official duty.
- **Goal Setup** - set up & take down for mini roo fields were detailed in the Power Point Presentation. (fields 2 & 5 have different requirements. There are new goals for field 5).
- **Ground officials** - will be rostered for a period of 1hr 45 - 2 hrs to supervise the grounds. 2 officials are required.
- Teams who fail to carry out their roster may be stood down from their next game.
- Vests - vests will be in a tub at the dressing room. No sharing of vests. Each team will use separate new vests. Used vests to be taken home, washed and returned to 8 Witonga Crescent Friday.

- Ground officials must SMS their name and team to the child protection officer during their duty. The purpose of this is to ensure we have tracing if required and to confirm attendance.

7. **Secretary's Report** – Tony Hughes

Peter had thanked various people in his report but one person who deserves thanks for the immense amount of work he has done to make sure we are ready for the season it is Peter. Peter, a very big thank you from all of us.

- Training Nights** – if there is any team whose has not yet arranged a training night or who wants an extra night see me tonight or email me. They are one hour sessions and on shared fields.
Nights Available - Monday – 5.30pm, 7.30m and 8.30pm. Tuesday - 5.30pm, 7.30m and 8.30pm. Wednesday – None. Thursday - 5.30pm and 8.30pm.
- Field 4** – please use agility poles for training, don't take the corner flags from the set up bins.
- Duties** – the stand down rules apply this season for any team that fails to attend to their rostered duty.
- Junior/Senior Presentations** – 70% - 80% will not happen.
- Field Use** – U6's/7's on field 1, U8's/9's and seniors' field 2, seniors' field 3 and 4, U10's - 12's and seniors field 5.
- Field 5** – Council have promised that the field will be rolled this week to flatten the ruts and ridges caused by the heavy grass cutters (thanks to Tony's persistence in badgering Council to get this done). Permission has been granted for a new electrical substation to be installed to boost the power supply to Ted Horwood. This will probably be in 5 to 6 months with the added possibility of having lights to train by. Mick Hollins asked for a bigger ladder for installing the new nets. A screwdriver will be provided in order to free the post/crossbar net holders.
There is a mud patch in the middle reportedly caused by the heavy mower (Editor's note; it is in fact a faulty sprinkler head and should be fixed by this Friday).

8. **Treasurer's Report** – Steve Durante is an apology

No report received but funding/budgeting is pretty tight as no money is coming from Bankstown Sports or will be from the canteen this season. We have spent over \$2000 on sanitizer. Bought equipment – buckets, mallets and provided refunds to those who opted out/deregistered

9. **Competition Secretary's Report** – Cameron Hume

- Uneventful start for me but the last 7 days have been difficult.
- Draws – please continue to check as things can change very quickly.
- Electronic Time Sheets – Logins for coaches/managers should be out by tomorrow. Try on Wednesday. Make sure you complete your entries in time. Borrowing of players will be easier using these sheets. Numbers on team sheets have been increased.
Referees will not start the game until he sees both green ticks.
- Match booklets are going to be emailed out and hopefully will arrange a zoom meeting for managers.
- Forfeits and rescheduling of games – no change from previous years.
- Association By Laws – 'Force Majeure' for this season.
- Regrades – maybe.
- Registrations – last registrations 19th August.
- Borrowing – maximum increased from 4 to 6.
- Training registers – keep sending them in. Thanks to those who have done so.
- Grand Finals – to be held on the Saturday, October long weekend.

10. **Registrar's Report** – Wendy Gardner

- Every team must have a coach/manager. Logins should go out but if not it could be a photo missing or WWWC check not done or number not supplied.
- Special thanks to both Sophie Bremner and Cath Hughes for the amazing work they have done. Also thanks to the coaches and managers.
- Coaches/Managers cards – don't know if they will be issued but highly unlikely.

11. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes

- Clothing – Purchases now all online. Information is on our website but from 2021 all clothing will only be available from an off-site supplier. If you want shorts there is a link on our web site. You can purchase your maroon socks from most sports stores or online sports stores (plain maroon only, no banding).

- b) **Spare shirts** – Cath has contacted teams who have lost players this year for the return of their shirts. Spare shirts provided will be at Cath's choosing.
- c) **Team Kits** - will be available soon. Junior teams will be released shortly and kits will be matched to registrations.
- d) **First Aid Kit and Ice** – provided on a table in front of the sheds on field 4. You are not expected to provide first aid.
- e) **Sanitizer** - for each field there will be a bucket with a spray bottle of surface sanitizer and a small plastic container of cloths to wipe down bench seats and plastic chairs. Please dispose of cloths after use.
- f) **Information** – club members are advised that both our web site and Facebook is used for messaging and information. It is important to check as there will be no individual messages sent.
- g) **Succession Planning** – it is proposed that many of the jobs, presently carried out by a small number of volunteers, are to be split up to lessen the load. A volunteer list is being drawn up so, if you can help out in any capacity, large or small please email Cath at roundball@bhfc.org.au.

12. **Hills Football (HFI)** – Peter McLoughlin

- a) **Directors** - those elected at the AGM were Matthew Perram, Mick Pawelko and Gabrielle Dracopolous.
- b) Many meetings of Presidents and Committee members during the journey back to playing.
- c) **Competition** - had to be modified due to withdrawals.
- d) **Withdrawals** – approximately 11% overall but up to 24% in ladies

13. **Vice President, Ladies** – Sophie Bremner

- a) **Players** – we have 204 female players and no loss of teams. Everyone has been placed in a team.
- b) **Thanks** – Peter thanked Sophie for the tremendous job she has done.

14. **Round ball** – Cath Hughes

Teams Sportsperson – any team wanting to do it must email their 3, 2 & 1 points each week to Cath who will keep a record of them.

15. **IT Officer** – Mick Hollins - Nothing to report

16. **Website** – Peter McLoughlin

- a) New tab for COVID on website.
- b) Hoping to complete requirements to become a FNSW 5 Star club.

17. **Member Protection Officer** – Bronwyn Henson is an apology

Where applicable coaches and managers must make sure they forward their date-of-birth and WWC number to Bronwyn by email to childprotection@BHFC.org.au

18. **Publicity** – No report received.

19. **Canteen** – Tony Hughes - Nothing to report

20. **Referees** – Peter McLoughlin

- a) Law changes – all new law changes now on web site and Facebook page.
- b) Jimmy Moreland is back as Supervisor.
- c) 19 referees who have completed course.
- d) Mary Elizabeth doing allocations.
- e) Tim Denmark also mentoring/ assisting when ref duty allows.
- f) COVID Safety for refs
- g) no handshakes, no sharing pens, shirts whistles, drink bottles
- h) support these instructional referees. Do not yell at them. They are young and learning
- i) games on #2 & #5.
- j) in answer to Bill Griffith, Premier team coach - NO SPITTING.

21. **Premiers** – Bill Griffith

Pleased with the young side. Going well.

22. **Coaching** – Peter McLoughlin

- a) We organised for Hills to run an “Introduction to Coaching” Webinar last Wednesday. About 14 people joined in.
- b) Hills want to run coaching course – we may put in for a Grassroots Course.
- c) Coaching Resources on website.
- d) Club does not intend to run goalkeeper training this season.

23. **Fun Skills** – Cath Hughes

Starting this Saturday volunteers are needed to help with coaching fun skills.
Under 7's playing 8.30am – 9.30am. Under 6's from 10.00am – 11.00am

24. **General Business**

- a) Playing Shirts – to be given to each individual team member for the season.
- b) Coffee Cart – No.
- c) Field 5 Goals & Nets – thanks to all those who helped out in assembling the new goals and nets for field 5.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 3rd August 2020.**

Venue: Downstairs Baulkham Hills Sporting Club

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)