



BAULKHAM HILLS FOOTBALL CLUB
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING (Zoom)
7th SEPTEMBER 2020



Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Victoria Oettel, Jade & Victor Araujo

1. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2020 could not be accepted as they had not been shown on the web site or circulated to the members for perusal.

2. Business arising from the minutes

Nil.

3. President's Report – Peter McLoughlin

- a) The season has been marred by the untimely death of 21-year-old Luke Gardoni of CH United Prems. He suffered a medical issue on the field and passed away a few days later. We pass our thoughts onto his family. His father Andrew is member of the CHU Executive.
- b) We have 2 more weeks of competition before finals.
- c) Good luck to all teams who play finals.
- d) Thanks to everyone who has helped run our club during the season.
- e) Compliance with the COVID-19 requirements has been generally good. Thanks to all.
- f) Last month I said that there had only been a couple of red cards. Unfortunately, the last month has seen about 6 or so red cards and subsequent suspensions, including juniors, senior & O35//45. Offences include abusive language & tripping. We need to be better than that.
- g) HFI last week advised there had been a number of issues relating to spectator/player behaviour and it is unacceptable. They may very well come down hard on anyone who appears before the judiciary or GPT.
- h) There have been abandoned games, parents fighting, and player misconduct! There needs to be zero tolerance. Hills advice: Calm down!
- i) The passing of Luke Gardoni shows us how unimportant winning or losing is. Some people need to have a good look at themselves and their behaviour and attitude.
- j) Funskills is running well – thanks to Cath and her band of helpers who have done a good job. They have a few more weeks to go and one last week later on to finalise their end of season.
- k) We are hopeful of getting some action from Council on field 5, it's maybe a bit more promising now the season is finishing but we will see.
- l) I have conveyed our disappointment to the Acting GM of the Hills Shire Council with regard to, in general, progression by Council to Ted Horwood.
- m) Our Treasurer Steve Durante has indicated he will be standing down at season end. Thanks to Steve for his 20-year tenure as Treasurer. He has done a great job. Thank you for all you have done Steve.
- n) Tony & Cath are re-assessing their multiple roles and stepping back from at least some of them.
- o) It is my intention to also stand down this season as I have served as President for the past 7 years and VP for the 4 years before that.
- p) We need more people to step up and help run the club.
- q) The Executive will be meeting in the next few weeks to look at how we move forward and create some new, smaller roles which members can take on.

4. Covid-19 Issues - Peter McLoughlin

- a) Please continue to follow the guidelines, protocols etc.
- b) NSW & HFI continue to update guidelines when things happen.
- c) Cath puts them on Facebook and emails them out.
- d) HFI have issued a QR code for all grounds. These are displayed around the entrances and you are encouraged to log on. It only takes a minute or so.

- e) Issues after the game. Multiple times we have been told to leave after the game. No drinks. Unfortunately many away teams and some of our teams are just ignoring it or claiming ignorance. I have had to tell a number of teams in recent weeks.
- f) We have had some away teams arriving up to an hour before their game. You are only to arrive 15 minutes prior. While this may be an issue for warm up and subsequent injuries, you should comply.
- g) Even if you are sceptic about COVID or whether the Government is tracking your movements through the COVID App, you should comply. We don't make the rules! The Health Department does.
- h) HFI are looking at possible penalties against players/teams/club who continually transgress.
- i) On average, more Red cards have been issued this year compared to last year.

5. **Rosters** – Gerard Chevalier

- a) Rosters are sent out for this weekend. I didn't do what I said I'd do as with the washouts and changes it has been difficult.
- b) Cath - we have an ongoing issue with teams not knowing what to do with setup in spite of lists and PDF's showing what to do. Everyone willing to help, that is not the issue.
- c) Tony – Can't stress enough how important it is to put the pegs in the bucket provided NOT on top of the nets. It is very frustrating for the teams carrying out a subsequent set up to untangle the pegs from the nets.
- d) Terry – also teams taking down the nets to check the ground for any of the black net holders that may have been pulled off and replace them. Please pick them up and replace them on the posts or crossbar.

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

- a) **Red/Yellow Cards** – as Peter said there has been an increase. Over the last month we have received several reports that have been dealt with. You are reminded that any reports must come through the club's executive. No-one can send a report direct to HFI. They will not take any notice of them. They will refer you back to the club's executive.
- b) **Season Pack up** - sometime on Saturday 10th October. Our lease finishes at the end of September. Hopefully Council will allow us to train for teams that are in the final series. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook page as we will need a few people to help pack up.
- c) **Local Government Sports Grants** – open at the moment. We will be looking at them.
- d) **Insurance Claims** – have had more injuries than usual. All injury claims to be sent in within 60 days. Don't wait. All claims are treated on their own merits. Any insurance queries please contact me
- e) **Council Hire Relief** – Applied as an executive for hire relief due to the shortened season. We also don't believe we should be paying for field 5 as we have had minimal use of it. Council already have quotes for the drainage on field 5 and have applied for Government assistance. In theory it has been approved for funding. Just waiting for written confirmation. Hopefully the work will be carried out in the off season and will make the field viable.
- f) **Suspension notices** – generally received on late Tuesday or early Wednesday and are forwarded to the particular team managers. Managers should make sure they have a record of any yellow cards received during the season. 5 yellow cards mean a week off. HFI keep a pretty good record and you would not want to play an ineligible player although he/she would be noted on the electronic team sheet. When a player is suspended and the opposition team subsequently forfeits a game then that game counts as one of the suspended games but not if his/her team forfeits.
Only two grounds for appeal – mistaken identity or exceptional circumstances. No right of appeal for swearing if the referee thinks it is aimed at him. Simple way to avoid this, tell your players not to swear.
- g) **AGM – Monday 26th October 2020**
- h) **Junior/Senior Presentations** – Both Junior and senior presentations for 2020 have been cancelled (have to work out what to do re medals etc.) Deposits have been transferred over to similar time frames in 2021.
- h) **Succession** – for the club to continue we need new people to come in. We have 6 to 7 weeks between now and the AGM. Both Cath and I will be stepping back. The executive will be meeting to break down the roles so that more people can become involved. If members have a particular flair in a particular area then come and talk to us.
- i) **Thanks** – to Peter for his 7 years as President especially this year. His leadership has been fantastic, being in the forefront in dealing with Covid-19 issues, representing our club with pride and his ability in dealing with people. Well done.

7. **Treasurer's Report** – Steve Durante

Pretty quiet with no canteen money and registrations coming in.

\$165,000 in the bank.

Paid all commitments up to date that included paying HFI \$183,000 (\$2,800 for HFI is included in the outstanding's).

Up to now we have spent \$25,000 of the money we had in the banks last year. With no presentations this year and depending on what money we spend on trophies it could be a similar expenditure.

Cash position is pretty strong even without receiving any money from Bankstown Sports.

Peter – Executive will be looking at the financial position going forward.

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

a) **Electronic Time Sheets** – going well. A first offence is a warning, second offence a \$10 fine, third offence is loss of one competition point, fourth offence is a loss of three points. So far we have had 2 fines of \$10 and only one point lost. Still waiting on the last two weeks.

b) **Training registers** – Going well, please keep them coming in.

c) **Forfeits** – couple of those to date. Please let me know within 24 hours of your game so that we can notify HFI in time.

e) **Catch Up games** – thanks to those teams that have been moved from fields 2 and 3 to field 1 for training to accommodate catch up games.

f) **Finals** – good luck to all those teams that have reached the finals and to those who are fighting to reach the finals.

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

Some coaches still trying to register. If they don't get approved they can't be in the technical area.

Thanks to Peter, Steve, Tony & Cath for all the hard work and to everyone else who have helped. It has kept this club running smoothly.

10. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes

a) **Return of Equipment/Clothing** – Be the same as previous years. Date to be arranged.

Warning - If you don't return your gear you will not be getting trophies or medals. We are not waiting until December.

b) **Set up, Field 1** – thanks to those teams setting up field 1 following fun skills, particularly to the two U15/2 teams. Much improved since our last monthly meeting.

c) **Team Photo** – please send me a team photo ASAP.

d) **Census of players** – if there is anyone currently appearing on your team sheet that shouldn't be on it or who has not played all year you need to get me that detail ASAP.

d) **Peter** – next year clothing supply will be similar to this year. We will not be doing it. Will probably be an external supplier.

e) **Trophies/Awards** – although there will not be presentations this year there will be awards. When these arrive they will be boxed up for each team separately and it will be up to each team's management to collect them on a day to be nominated. There will be no reissuing of trophies or medals.

11. **Hills Football (HFI)** – Peter Mcloughlin

a) The recruitment of a new General Manager is underway. Applications close 11 September.

b) A timetable is in place to have the new person in place around October

c) Eddie Palaci is acting GM in the interim, but has applied for the GM role. He has been doing a good job and has been very proactive.

d) As part of the Covid-19 restrictions the AYL, SAPG etc. have been redrawn as teams must stay locally not play Metro wide.

e) Have already mentioned behaviour.

f) After 8 rounds, 77 Reds, 48% of those were straight Reds

g) Strategy for Female Football in 2021 is being put together.

h) An issue with the Pathways Programme was raised by Kellyville Kolts as to why Hills United is not running the rep programme.

i) Tony - **Referees** – at the start of the year HFI had approx. 20% more referees than they had last year but unfortunately when we returned to play in July they were 25% of senior referees down.

There have been a few bugs in the system with referees being appointed on Tuesday but not being distributed to clubs until late Thursday/Friday. One way you can contribute to the game is to join the referees' ranks. We have had a few of our seniors join this year. It would also help if we respected them better too.

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

a) some good results. 12/2 girls had their first win of the season. Depending on what happens over the next few weeks we probably have 5 or 6 teams that could make the top four.

b) **O35 Ladies** – Of the 14 teams the top four will play a Division one final series, the next four a division 2 final series, the next four a division 3 final series with the bottom two missing out.

13. **Round ball** – Cath Hughes

Facebook - If anyone has photos they would like to put up on social media or quirky stories to share, send them in.

Covid-19 - updates are carried out when we are required to. On the whole our club handles it well but it's a bit futile when people coming to the grounds are the ones not doing what they are told.

14. **IT Officer** – Mick Hollins

Unfortunate problem with microphone.

Terry – can we make sure the minutes are put on the clubs website information page?

15. **Member Protection Officer** – Bronwyn Henson

Nothing to report.

16. **Publicity** – No report received.

17. **Canteen** – Tony Hughes

We need a canteen manager for next year. I'm happy to help train and transfer over but I won't be doing it next year.

18. **Referees** – Peter McLoughlin

Thanks to Jim for another magnificent effort this season.

a) Reasonable coverage at Ted Horwood, although some games not covered in recent weeks.

b) Referee withdrawals have caused issues as well. Jim is at Ted Horwood for every game day making sure games have a referee, finding referees where possible and at times refereeing 2 or 3 games himself.

c) Thanks to Keith Pierce, Cedric (Ric) Corner etc. who have also helped out.

Mini Roos

a) Jim & Terry are happy with the progress of the Instructional referees. Advice, feedback and instruction is provided each week to them.

b) Thanks to Tim Denmark who has assisted as a mentor.

c) Thanks to the Supervisors on each field carrying out the timekeeping.

d) Thanks to Mary-Elizabeth for the allocation work each week.

e) What we do not need is coaches make ill-informed comments about referees, rules etc.

They should learn the rules and encourage the referees. It's all about encouraging them so that they go on to referee at a higher level.

19. **Premiers** – Bill Griffith

We have had a lot of exposure on the HFI Match of the Day.

First team running 6th at the moment and can't make the finals. Very pleased to announce that on the weekend we played Kellyville who are top of the table with four 18 year olds in the team who had come up through our youth teams.

Reserves are in 4th place, it is going to be a tight finish.

Thanks to Peter as President for all his help and support.

20. **Coaching** – Peter McLoughlin

a) Dan Sheppard ran a Grassroots course on Saturday a few weeks ago. 7 attendees' including 5 or 6 from BHFC.

b) Going forward we need to draft a plan for coaching and goalkeeping.

21. **Fun Skills** – Cath Hughes

Going well. Really pleased this year with the numbers especially with the Under 6's. They have been able to bolster the Under 7's.

They will play 2 more weeks then have 2 weeks off for school holidays/long weekend then have one round to finish on the 10th October. Dates will be sent out but for that last weekend we may have to move them down to field 5.

Trying to keep as many of these fun skills players as we can to feed them through to our 8's and 9's and girls programmes.

22. **General Business**

a) **Final Series** – depends on how many fields are made available by Council. HFI have 6 fields available for semis and Grand Final. Ted Horwood 4 is one of them. HFI have been requested to ask Council for the use of TH fields 2 and 3 that have better ground cover but this depends on Crickets use. Have to wait and see.

Some teams may have to play on a Sunday.

b) **Playing Kit** – check and make sure you have your kit ready. If short of anything go onto the website for directions. Don't ring Cath on Saturday morning of the semi-finals.

c) **Keith Vallis** – having talks with the family regarding some sort of memorial at the ground. The Sports Club have also been approached.

d) **AGM** – Monday 26th October. How we hold it is the next issue.

e) **Goalkeeping** – Tuesday nights coaching with Bruno All ages welcome. Time 6.00 - 7.00pm on field 3, cost \$20. Contact David Burns if interested.

f) **Peter McLoughlin** - Good luck to all those teams who reach the final series and thanks to everyone for the season.

Meeting closed at 8.31pm

Next Meeting: **AGM - Monday 26th October 2020.**

Venue: TBA

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)