

Meeting commenced: 7:30pm  
Attendance: As per Appendix A  
Apologies: Jason King, Gerard Chevalier, Andrew Nolan

### 1. **Minutes**

Terry mentioned can't accept the AGM 2023 minutes in general meeting. Scratched the motion to approve the AGM meeting minutes for 2023.

Motion to accept the minutes of last meeting.

Moved – Wendy Gardner approved, seconded by Cam Hume

### 2. **Business arising from the minutes**

Nil.

### 3. **President's Report** – Tony Hughes

- Thank you to David and his helpers for grading the mixed competition and Stevie for grading the female teams.
- Thanks for the volunteers that have put up their hand to be coaches and managers for season 2024.
- Field setup on field 4 and 5 this Saturday (9<sup>th</sup> of March) from 8am. Just requiring to setup the posts, fields will be marked week starting the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Training, thank you to everyone for adhering to the temporary timetable for March.
- After the meeting tonight, Tony will be accepting training requests for the upcoming season, timeslots will be 5-6, 6-7, 7-8 and 8-9:30. If you would like to train 2 nights, please put in your email your preference 1 and preference 2 and Tony will approve once all teams are in. Email Tony at [president@bhfc.org.au](mailto:president@bhfc.org.au)
- Thanks to Lasith for coming onboard as our trial coordinator.
- Thanks to Cath for organising all the gear for trials and team bags. Asking for patience with Cath as she is organising the gear.

### 4. **Secretary's Report** – Jason King

- Apologies.
- No report.

### 5. **Treasurer's Report** – Danny Yu

- Bankstown provided BHFC a cup grant, it's the first win for the club for 2024.
- Active Kids Voucher. Danny has worked through the requirements of registering BHFC with ServiceNSW which is now active.
- All bills currently up to date. 9 de-registrations have been processed.
- 26 players eligible for long service status meaning they are entitled to free registration their fees are subsidised by the club. Danny would like to validate and re-check validity.
- Tony thanked Danny for his work in re-establishing the AKV program and getting his grant for the club.

### 6. **Competition Secretary's Report** – Cameron Hume

- Reminder to all coaches and managers to register themselves as a coach/manager in PlayFootball. As of Saturday, only 50 coaches and managers, we are expecting 80 to 90.
- Grading should be out within the next 48 hours.
- Cam to send all coaches/managers an email on how to use DRIBL.
- Question: can you share management of a team. Wendy confirmed you can have more than 1 coach/manager per team. However only 1 coach and manager in the technical area on match day and they all need a Working with children check.

### 7. **Registrar's Report** – Wendy Gardner

- Tony thanked Wendy for getting everyone registered for season 2024.

- Wendy thanked Cath for her assistance.
- Wendy thanked David and Stevie for grading and David's wife Jo for all the paperwork.
- All teams are in, if for any reason you need to swap teams, please refer to David Burns.
- If you receive an email from Wendy about requiring a photo, please do not ignore. If the photo isn't right, the player won't be put into a team.
- Last day to register to be eligible to play round 1 is Saturday is 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. However, this isn't guaranteed earlier the better.

#### 8. **Vice President, Ladies** – Stevie Taylor

- Ladies/Girls are all complete and given to Wendy.
- We ended up with 2x U8G (new comp this year), 1x U9G, 3x U11G, 1x U12G, 2x U13G, 1x U15, 2x YLG, 2x AAG and 3x O30 ladies. 2 more teams than last year.
- 11 female manages and 1 female coach.
- We need a few more U11G and for Youth Girls.
- Tony thanked Stevie again for all his work.

#### 9. **Grading** – David Burns

- David at a coaching clinic

#### 10. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes

- Thank you for everyone returning the gear from grading. There are still some bibs still missing from grading, the bibs are used for a lot of different things, and they have numbers on the back, If you have them please return them.
- Regarding the grants that Danny has applied for, we have purchased several things from the last 2 grants. We have bought: Balls, training ball bags, new sets of goals for walking football, flat markers etc. The new alpha bags for the juniors are colour coded to the size ball you use. The girls are colour coded as they slightly different balls. The new bags are better than last years.
- Training gear is now ready to be picked up. Training gear will only be handed to a registered coach/manager due to the number of items that go missing.
- From next week, the jerseys will start to go out. You will only get the number of jerseys for the number of registered players. Please ensure that a player is allocated the same number each week for accountability. This doesn't mean they keep the shirt all year.
- Seniors will only get a shirt when they are registered and a valid sports club membership. For any new player please have them take a photo and send to Cath, please do not her a complete list, she has everyone from last year already.
- There will be an incentive program this year between Baulkham Hills Sport club and our Football club. The sports club will ask players to activate their card with a QR code which will give help Bankstown Sports see our membership to help the club with grants.
- We have a waitlisting for AAM and U21s we need some more players, so if you have anyone who would like to play, please send them through.
- Thank you to Shana for coordinating the Fun Skills. We need more players for fun skills, we are so low on numbers, we need more players.
- Our club is becoming Senior top heavy which isn't going to help with the growth of our club.
- Danny touching on the club grant. The club grant 2 is now open and ends 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. If anyone has any spending ideas, please pass them onto Tony or Cath. We are looking for ideas around the promotion and development of sports. Any revenue raising ideas will not be included.

#### 11. **Facebook/Web Master** – Stevie Taylor

- Nothing to report
- Facebook (Cath): When on Facebook, please share the ad on your feed as we are getting some good results. This allows us to extend our reach.

#### 12. **Trials Coordinator** – Lasith Anand

- Week 1 schedule will be out shortly.
- Schedule will be broadcasted via newsletter and our website.
- Lasith to speak to Mick for procedure for last year.
- Once the schedule is up, there will be no changes. If you can't make it, you need to let Lasith know ASAP.
- If you are playing at Northmead High (which is a sort after ground, we lost the Sunday last year) They have been generous with Tony this year and given it back to us. The rules are: Take all

rubbish with you, do not leave any rubbish. If you have kids, they are not to wonder the grounds and stay away from the animals. There is no drinking at all.

- You must finish at the time scheduled to be fair to the other teams.
- Lasith email is [trials@bhfc.org.au](mailto:trials@bhfc.org.au)
- First trials will be 15<sup>th</sup> of March.
- There are no referees, typically for Seniors. There will be a few IRs for U8 through to U11.
- Games that are between non-Hills Football teams, they need to fill out a trial game sanction form.

13. **Member Protection Officer** – David Hood

- New laws for 2024 which effect Active Kids Voucher.
- For new coaches and managers, David will be chasing your WWC number and name which needs to match your name you have registered with via PlayFootball.
- On March 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation to meet the new requirements.
- Children in sports, need to look at revisiting our policy regarding photos and photography. Will discuss with Hills about their policy.
- Tony reconfirming the process about WWC and new rules. Please ensure you attend the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March to watch the video. If you can't attend, then you need to complete module 1 of a government run course.
- WWC needs to be renewed every 5 years.

14. **Hills Football (HFI)** – Tony Hughes

- The meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.
- The bylaws have been amended on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January. If you want them, please review them on Hills Football website. It's a good idea to print them and keep with you.
- Strong numbers for the U18 Men's and U8 Girls
- Registrations are up from last year. Currently 10,500 registered players as of 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 500 to 600 more than this time last year. HFI forecast 1300 extra players from last year.
- You are not registered, until you pay.
- Respect campaign, no tolerance for abuse to referees, minimum 8 to 10 weeks with no way to appeal. "NO RESPECT NO GAME". BHFC will also not tolerate any abuse.
- AGM for HFI will be on 20<sup>th</sup> of May. 3 positions on the board for reelection.
- Referee training on now.
- Pathways, AYL which lies behind MPL has started.
- New GDR for judiciary will be out just before the competition starts.
- Finance, the association is in good stead.
- We are still not fully associated with Football NSW, we have ticked 5 from the 6 boxes. Matt P (Chairman of Hills) has said to get the 6<sup>th</sup> tick Football NSW re-zoning their boundaries. The only issue with not being associated yet is that we can't vote in Football NSW matters.
- Question about what they can say to a referee. Parents and coaches shouldn't talk to the referee. If the coach and manager can talk calmly then OK. If not, please speak to referee coordinator.
- Ground allocations, new grounds are for new clubs.

15. **Canteen – Tony Hughes**

- Nothing to report. It will be open for Round 1.

16. **Referees** – Jimmy Moreland

- Lots and lots of training going on at that the moment.
- IR program is different this year with age changes. Lots of new IRs but older in age 13/14, association is pushing 14 year olds to complete level 4.
- BHFC attended the IR course on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March with our IRs, along with Jimmy, Terry, Peter and Jason.
- Jimmy is catching up with Hills about how we support our IRs.
- Biggest problems we had last year was with wearing of jewelry and glasses.
- Jimmy to ask all coaches and managers for BHFC teams to help and ensure all players are to have rings and glasses are checked and removed.
- If IRs are doing trials and doing non BHFC games, can we please ensure a BHFC representative is present from BHFC. Cath to provide a list to Jimmy.

17. **Coaching Committee** – David Burns

- David at a coaching clinic with Peter they will look forward to helping our coaches.

### **18. General Business**

- If you have a junior team, do you have to have an over 18 coach and manager. Cam will check with Hills. When you are 17 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  you can apply for a WWC.
- Coming up there will be more ground setup for fields 1,2, and 3. Cricket grand final will be 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of March so we should have a week to setup the fields.

Meeting closed – 8:35pm

### **Appendix A – Attendance**

Cameron Hume YL4/Red  
Stevie Taylor O45/3 Blue  
Tony Hughes 2023 AAM4 Blue  
Cath Hughes – Equipment officer  
Wendy Garnder – Registrar  
David Hood 13/3  
Deprez O45/3  
Terry Minton O45/3  
M. Dunstan U11G A&B  
Lasith O45/3  
Wayne Norman 18/1  
Ronald Alexander AAM12  
Julian Doyle U13/A  
Paul Laskarides U13G A  
Ben Jamieson U18  
Jennifer Lawrie U21 and O30L/3  
B Clucas U12/2  
Belinda Howard YG  
M White AA  
A Murray AAL3  
Kellie Heuston YG  
Danny Yu - Treasurer