

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Gill Green, Andrew Nolan, Kevin Robinson

1. Minutes

a) Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023.

Moved – David Hood, seconded, Tony Hughes.

Resolved that the minutes be accepted.

b) Meeting held on Monday 27th March 2023.

Moved – Cameron Hume, seconded, Wendy Gardner.

Resolved that the minutes be accepted.

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

2. Business arising from the minutes

- a) **Jewellery** – any player refusing to remove a wedding band and thus being unable to play will be given a registration refund. This ruling was in place prior to the beginning of the season.
- b) **O35's Men Recovery Session** – not going ahead for season 2023 but will be reviewed at the end of the season.

3. President's Report – Tony Hughes

- a) **Smoking/Vaping** – within the park precinct there is no smoking (Council ordinance). Please let your players/spectators know that Ted Horwood Reserve is a smoke free zone. Council has been contacted to have more signs placed throughout the park.
- b) **Hot Water Service to canteen block** – has been replaced and old one removed.
- c) **Playing Strips** – Club policy is they are only to be worn on game day, not at training, home or elsewhere (more a junior issue than senior). Coaches and managers to remind their players if they see this is happening. Training shirts available from the club shop, contact by email (see web site).

Round 5 – we are now up to round 5. No excuse for any player not to be in full club uniform (more a senior issue than junior). Anyone not wearing club shorts, socks will be asked to leave the field. These can be ordered in good time through the club shop, not 5 minutes before game time).

- d) **1/ Pack Up/Set Up – instructions on the web site.**

Thanked Gerard Chevalier again for organising the canteen/ground rosters. Thanked those teams who have completed their scheduled rosters so far.

2/ Pegs – use the containers supplied with every field storage bins. Do NOT throw the pegs on top of the nets as it wastes valuable time in untangling them. Pack nets in first, peg/hammer(s) in container, and ladder next. Lastly the 6 corner/halfway flags. New nets will be available soon.

3/ U10's, 11's and 12's Goals – these need to be folded away properly prior to storage then chained up and locked away. Anyone unsure of what to do please ask. If no one is available on field 5 go to the canteen and ask for Tony. He will show you how to do it.

Do not mix up equipment; these are in specific bins i.e. field 4 orange bin, field 5 full field yellow bin. **No flags** to be taken from these bins for any mini roos games.

Remember two people are required to move each goal.

Thanked David Hood who had laminated a set of directions, these are in field 5 bucket.

- e) **Rosters** – teams require 5 persons i.e. 2 on the BBQ, 1 in the canteen (16 yrs old with common sense only) and 2 on ground duty. Information on ground official duty is on the web site and also every week on the small table outside the equipment room.

- f) **No Play Zones** – information signs set up each week. All spectators to be behind the fence on fields 2 and 3. Players, coaches/managers/referees and IR's support only in the areas between the Mini Roos fields. No spectators allowed
- g) **Sports Club Membership** – senior players, no membership no play (there is no joining fee). Membership is our support of the club who provide us with support during the year.
- h) **SES** – on Wednesday night the local reserve will be carrying out a training exercise in the reserve. They will have vehicles in the bottom car park so be careful when dropping people off.
- i) **Suspension/Red Cards** – no right of appeal on minimum suspension charges e.g. two yellow cards – one week. A wish to appeal a suspension costs between \$250 - \$300 with only two rights of appeal i.e. 1/ mistaken identity 2/ exceptional circumstances.
Grounds to appeal are on every suspension notice. Disagreeing with a referees report is not grounds for an appeal.

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

- a) Most discussion items already covered by the president's report.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Danny Yu

- a) **Club accounts** - now placed on Zero software. Has taken some time in setting this up and connecting to the bank. Now registered under the Bankstown Sports Clun account. All banking upgrades are free and we can use their technical support.
- b) **Last Year's Financials** – have been submitted for audit. We have ended up with a break even situation. Following the audit the financial statements will be made available.
- c) **Club Grant no.2** – received last week. This covers the cost of new nets and line marking paint.
- d) **IR's Payments** – uplifted to \$17 per game.
- e) **Family Discounts** – to be processed in the next week or two. Any claim to be directed to Danny.

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

- a) **Team Sheets** – **1/** ensure you submit your team sheet, **2/** confirm your opponents at least 10 to 15 minutes before kick-off and **3/** remember to enter the score at the end of the game.
- b) **Forfeits** – can be submitted through Dribl after 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon but you must notify Cameron so the association, referees and opponents can be informed.
- c) **Regrades** – round 4 now completed. Check your team draw in case there has been a regrade.
- d) **Hills Cup** – we have 4 teams nominated. Games to take place over the next couple of weeks.
- e) **State Cup** – we have one team taking part. First game in round 2.

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

- a) **Coaches/Managers** – has found that any problem with access to Dribl is due to them not having a WWC number. The members on the executive do not have the time to keep chasing this up. Next year no consideration will be given to place any coach or manager in a team with junior players unless they have a current WWC number.
- b) **Dual Registrations** – don't leave it until Saturday morning to let Wendy know.

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

- a) **Women's World Cup** – This Thursday night the U9's and U11 girls will be photographed holding a 20 days to go sign. On the 30th June, if selected, that photo will appear on the FNSW and HFI's social media as a promotion for the World Cup.
- b) **Hosting** – BHFC will be hosting the girls/ladies games on Sunday. Working on a duty roster for the day.
- c) **U9 Girls Kerr team** – still needs one or two players. If anyone knows of anyone who could play please let us know.
- d) **Female Only Coaching Course** – to be held over three Thursday's in May at Balmoral Reserve. Advertised on the clubs Facebook with a link in the chat.

9. **Coaching – David Burns**

- a) **Course** – apart from the course already mentioned there is another one for U9's upwards (including All Age) starting on the 9th May at Holland Reserve, Glenhaven. Participant numbers for both these courses a little down. Dan Shepherd keen to have more.

10. Equipment Officer – Cath Hughes

- a) **Match Shirts** – please keep as a set so that borrowed players are able to have a shirt within your team range. This will help to prevent the experience of lost shirts/mixed up shirts (see last month's minutes).
- b) **Fun Skills**
 - 1) Thanked the premier youth league team for mentoring the young players during the first two rounds. Thanked Jake McGaulley for organising this. If anyone team, U12's and up, is interested in mentoring, any week, please let Cath know.
 - 2) **U7's Program** - being organised for next year to help the transition to playing U8's on a bigger field.
We need someone to take over the running of the Fun Skills next year. Anyone interested please see Cath who wishes to pursue other things.
 - 3) **3, 2 & 1 points** – sending by text is working well.
 - 4) **Photos** – of players, any age, with their mum's for our Facebook page would be appreciated.
Send by text.

11. Web Master – Stevie Taylor
Nothing to report.

12. Member Protection Officer – David Hood

- a) **Smoking** – recently had an adult team training near his team. Reiterated our Presidents message regarding smoking/vaping. Please discourage any player/spectator from doing this.
- b) **Behaviour/Abuse of Referees** – recent incidents has highlighted problems being experienced by our referees. Pleaded with coaches/managers for all players and spectators to respect all referees as without them we would not have a game.

13. Hills Football (HFI) – Terry Minton

General Clubs Meeting 17th April

- a) **U12's Handbook** – HFI to confirm if there will be a handbook as in previous years.
- b) **Men's Premier League** – kicked off on 25th March.
- c) **FNSW Sapphire Cup** – two HFI clubs have entered this female version of the State Cup.
- d) **State Cup** – draw released. 35 HFI teams have entered.
- e) **Hills Cup** – draw released. 30 teams in total will be competing.
- f) **Grading** – HFI to provide a further update on how the new by laws will affect grading following round 4 regrades.
- g) **Referees** – registration numbers: - 304 in 2023, 263 in 2022 and 326 in 2021 (highest recorded year). Another course to be held in the week following the meeting. Coverage from round 1 was 73% because of impact from Easter and school holidays. New committee going well.
Volunteer AR's – their role is to call ins and outs only. By law was recommended by the Competitions Subcommittee and agreed upon by those involved.
- h) **Talented Players** – AYL round 7 completed. 4 of the 5 squads are in the top 4.
- i) **Coach Education** – courses going well. Female Only Skill Training and MiniRoos Certificate being scheduled.
- j) **National Volunteer Week** – email sent to all clubs regarding this.
- k) **Female Football Week** – coming up.
- l) **PlayinPurple Round** – scheduled for **15th/16th July** to raise awareness of Pancreatic Cancer.
- m) **Non Binary Players** – HFI to provide an update on state and National conversations that are happening. Currently there are no policies and/or guidelines from the state or national bodies. Any players transitioning are currently reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
David Hood – had received advice from the Dept. of Education a couple of years ago on how to deal with a transitioning player. Had to address the player as they wanted to be known and be consciously aware of their situation.
- n) **WWC Check Process** – original information provided by HFI on the process was incorrect. The process in place is a second check to ensure Clubs are following the right process.
- o) **Disciplinary** – Total red cards issued: - round 1 **sixteen** (half were 2nd cautions), round 2 **twenty two** (six for violent conduct).
No GPT's arising since the 2023 season commenced however there are some outstanding incidents from 2022.
- p) **Finance**- profit and loss statements for the last few months to be sent out to the clubs soon. Audit will be signed off next weekend.

- q) **HFI's Membership with FNSW** – the original changes to the FNSW Constitution were not approved so FNSW has now created a process that all Associations will need to follow to ensure they meet the requirements of an Association. HFI will be brought through this process however a time line has not been confirmed (the original timeline proposed was 12 months).
- r) **HFI AGM** – to be held by Zoom on the 15th May. Tony Hughes and Terry Minton will be representing BHFC. Each year there are three directors to stand down and new ones elected. As there were only three to nominate these three will be elected unopposed.

14. Canteen – Tony Hughes

- a) Up and running.
- b) Bella Hardy and Nicola Taylor have joined the team.
- c) No BBQ on a Sunday.
- d) Connie Vallis's Special Slice is now available.

15 Referees – Jimmy Moreland

- a) **Mini Roos Rules** – still having problems with some younger referees and other clubs coaches/managers of U12's/U13 age groups not knowing the rules. Congratulated the young referees who had been put up to referee higher age groups having only been AR's before. Coaches and managers asked to have consideration for these young referees.
- b) **Volunteer AR's** – only two games where AR's have been supplied.
- c) **Jewellery** – Terry - no discussion at the recent HFI meeting. Tony – the ruling is non-negotiable.
- d) **Abuse** – if this is experienced our advice to our referees is to blow the whistle and walk off the grounds. Ric Corner – not up to the young IR. Support to be provided by the ground officials or Tony Hughes, Jimmy Moreland, Terry Minton or Peter Mcloughlin, They will take action.

16. General Business

- a) **Line marking** – Thanks were expressed to Mark Crouch, Tony Hughes, Kevin Robinson and Greg Veitch for assisting Terry Minton and Keith Pierce in mowing and line marking the five fields over the last few weeks.
- b) **Rubbish** – Terry Minton – asked that all coaches/managers ensure their players clear up tape, bottles, wrapping etc. from the fields and/or changing rooms after their games/training. Older players to make sure their bottle tops are also disposed of in the garbage bins or taken away. At the end of the day to make sure the garbage bins are emptied before being put away.
- c) **Rosters** – Gerard Chevalier - make sure you look through the whole roster as you may have more than one duty. Rosters are emailed and on the web site each week. Will be splitting the U8's/U11's duties a little differently to provide a one hour slot aligned to their teams KO. In the next fortnight, following any regrades, greater visibility will be given to what is required for grounds duty/set up. As more future rounds are known more notice will be provided to teams.
- d) **Bottom Car Park** – state of the road surface to be brought up with Council.
- e) **Grass** – too long? Tony Hughes - No win win situation here as when the grounds are too wet we ask that they not be mowed. The heavy grass cutters leave ruts in the grass that can be a danger to players.

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 5th JUNE 2023.**

Venue: Zoom Invitation

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)