

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Bronwyn Henson, Danny Yu, Nicole Salonga, Peter McLoughlin, Ric Corner

1. Minutes

Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023.

There was no motion to accept the minutes.

2. Business arising from the minutes

- a) **Fines on Covid affected games** – no mention at recent HFI meeting regarding this for the upcoming season.
- b) **O55's Men, Over 45's Women Competitions** – not going ahead for season 2023 but will be reviewed at the end of the season.

3. President's Report – Tony Hughes

- a) **Insurance** – on FNSW website – offering an additional loss of income 'top up' cover. There is a cost.
- b) **Thanks** – to all those who have enabled the club to have all players and teams ready for the season:– David Burns-Grading, Stevie Taylor-grading Girls/Ladies, Mick Hollins-Trials, Cath Hughes-Gear, Wendy Gardner-Registration, David Hood-WWC, Terry Minton plus helpers-Fields, Grading coordinators and coaches/managers.
- c) **Spirit of the Game** – be competitive, be respectful of the referee and others and remember to enjoy the game. There will be zero tolerance for abuse of referees and third person coming into a melee.
- d) **Training** – commencing tonight and will be on fields 1, 2, 3 and 5. However as the lights to field 5 are not working field 4 will be used until they do. Allocations will be given to those teams that have requested a second training night and this allocation will start next week. If you have not yet requested a training night do so at the end of this meeting (about 6 teams still to do so).
- e) **Wedding Bands** – the mandatory rule via the FFA is that all male and female players must remove their wedding bands prior to playing. HFI association clubs must adhere to this rule. Earrings also have to be removed.
- f) **Rosters** – thanks to Gerard Chevalier who will be organising the canteen/ground rosters for the season. Teams will need 5 persons i.e. 2 on the BBQ, 1 in the canteen (16 yrs old with common sense only) and 2 on ground duty.
Any team that does not fulfil this duty will be stood down the following week. Make sure you have plenty of time for ground set up.
- g) **U10's, U11's and U12's** – must not take any gear from the yellow bins in the field 4 changing room. This is for set ups on the large fields. Their equipment will be stored in a dark green bin.
- h) **Wet Weather** – Hills Council make their decision around 3.00pm each afternoon. Our website will be updated accordingly. Check our website if Hills Council say grounds are open at clubs discretion.
- i) **Set up of Fields** – instructions on web site.
- j) **10's – 12's Goals** - thanks to Greg Islip who helped making sure the goals are ready. Important to have 3 or 4 people carry them for set up or take down. They can crack.

4. Secretary's Report – Jason King

- a) **Coaching Clinics** – Hills Football (HFI) are running one in the school holidays with another one in July. Information is on the HFI web site.
- b) **Giant Inflatable Weekend** – run by HFI. BHFC to express an interest but need feedback from members regarding dates.
- c) **Purple Socks Week Fund Raiser** – for pancreatic cancer to be held on 15th/16th July. Cost of socks \$2 or \$13. Link to be placed on our web site.

- d) **Recovery Session** – Physio run session on Tuesday Night (tomorrow) at 8.00pm between fields 2 and 3, initially for O35's. This, to look at reducing injuries, how to warm up/cool down, stretching etc. Depending on benefits, costing and funding will possibly extend this for other teams.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Danny Yu (apology)

- a) No report received

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

- a) Thanked Wendy and Cath for their help over the last month.
- b) **DRIBL** – hoping that most would now have access. Email will be sent tonight or tomorrow to all coaches/managers. Following this if you do not have access to your team sheet, please let Wendy and Cameron know ASAP. To get access both our club and HFI have to approve the coach or manager before access is enabled.
- c) **Mini Roos, By-Law 7.19 – U8-U11** - blatant offside will be penalised. This is at the discretion of the referee.
- d) **Assistant Referees, By-Law 8.10.4 – juniors (U12-U17)** - where Assistant Referee/s (AR) are not in attendance for a junior competition match, each team shall provide a volunteer AR to call ins/outs. Any volunteer must be entered into Dribl as well and, as these teams are juniors, people performing this role must have a current Working with Children certificate. It is up to the club to check this, not the referee.
If no volunteers the referee can continue with the game.
- e) **Jewellery, By-Law 8.1.17 All Players** - no jewellery allowed. This includes earrings and wedding bands.
- f) **State Cup** – only division 1 teams can nominate. Lowest age group starts at U13's.
- g) **Borrowing within a Division** – male and mixed teams cannot borrow within the same division. Female teams can borrow within the same division. However it is capped to the number of registered players in the team. Maximum of four borrowed players but only up to when your team has two substitutions e.g. thirteen players for an eleven aside game.
While it is not an exception to this rule, as the Friday/Saturday competitions are not the same division, O35 division 1 Saturday competition teams may borrow players from teams in the O35 division 1 Friday night competition and teams in O35 division 2 and lower Saturday competition may borrow from the O35 division 2 Friday night competition.
Tony - Make sure you double check on the borrowing status of a borrowed player before entering on a team sheet.

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

- a) **Players** – If a player is not in your team you should inform Wendy ASAP. Late registrations will not be able to play in Round 1.
- b) **Team Sheets** – If you do not have access to your team sheets inform Wendy ASAP and the information email will be resent. If there is someone that is not on your team sheet that should be there but has not been approved by HFI, do not let them play otherwise the team will be fined.
Tony – do not ring Wendy just before your game on Saturday to say you have a player not available. Check your team on Dribl tonight.

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

- a) **Female Festival of Football – Strathfield FC** - 3 BHFC teams played on Sunday i.e. U15 girls Div 2, AALadies 2 and O30 Div 2. The U15 girls just missed out winning their first game on penalties, Brook from the AALadies won the Spirit award and our O30 Div 2 Ladies won their trophy. Our club has been invited back next year.

9. **Grading – David Burns**

- a) **Grading** - almost finished. Still shuffling a few players around.
- b) Courses - A free Mini Roos course will be held on 4th April for coaches dealing with 5 to 9 year olds. If you wish to take part send David an email and he will send you a link where you need to register.
For 9's to 13 years old there are a number of courses on in April and May, Cost \$90 that will be reimbursed by the club.
- c) **O30/2 Ladies 2 team** – won their competition on the weekend and the prize of the official ball for the Women's World Cup which has not yet been released to anyone.
- d) Tony – thanks expressed to David for his work on the grading. A review meeting will be held so any constructive comments are welcome. Send to president@bhfc.org.au

10. Equipment Officer – Cath Hughes

- a) **Match Balls** – still waiting from FNSW. Most bags should have a match ball from last year so use that or one of the new training balls.
- b) **Saturday Mornings** – no uniform pick-ups before 11.30am. However Cath usually up at the grounds most nights (not this Friday – Tony’s birthday!).
- d) If you need to contact Cath easiest way is by phone. Email is not reliable at the moment.
- e) **3, 2 and 1 points** – send by text.
- f) **Photos** – if you have any photos that you would like to share on our Facebook page please send them in. Make sure permission has been sought from parents of children before sending them in.
- g) **Playing Shirts** – not to be used at training and should be collected and laundered after the end of each match. Make sure your players wear the same numbered shirt each week. Helps with Dribl input and to keep track of who is wearing what number. Also helps when borrowing players and you have a spare shirt from a player who is unable to play.

11. Web Master – Stevie Taylor

Nothing new to report.

12. Trials – Mick Hollins

Trials over and job done. Thanked everyone for the prompt replies and RSVP’s. Apologies to teams where there were late pull outs.
Thanks expressed once again to Mick.

13. Member Protection Officer – David Hood

- a) Thanked Cath and Wendy for chasing people up.
- b) **WWC number** – we have 80 coaches and managers. 72 have requisite WWC checks, 2 are pending and 6 missing (90% compliance). Any coach or manager working with children and without a valid WWC check will not be able to fulfil that role.

14. Hills Football (HFI) – Tony Hughes

Presidents Meeting 20th March

- a) **Grading** – having 10 registered and paid players on the block registration form has made it far more accurate. Will still look at regrades after round 4.
- b) **Parramatta Grounds** – will not be available until probably round 2. Any of our teams due to play away to either North Rocks or Winston Hills teams will be moved to other grounds in the Hills.
- c) **Hills Cup** – available for any team that wants to enter.
- d) **HFI Directors** – voting will take place at the AGM on the 15th May.
- e) **Casual Ground Hire** – some discussion on the costs re pre-season.
- f) **Academy Teams** – problems with these using Hills Council grounds without paying.
- g) **Premier League** – started last week.
- h) **Bella Vista** – new club. They have 21 teams, mostly senior.
- h) **Finance**- end of year processing is underway.
- l) **Walking Football** – is available and viable. BHFC have offered to host if Kenthurst would like to relinquish a night or two but our grounds have been volunteered for hosting on the same day as we host the Ladies games.

15. Canteen – Tony Hughes

- a) Will open on Round 2.
- b) Make sure your team turns up when rostered on duty
- c) Canteen prices will be going up as costs have escalated.
- d) If you would like to be part of a permanent roster on a Saturday even if only for a couple of hours please email Tony.

16. Rosters – Gerard Chevalier

For this first round the first on field, set up. Last on field, pack up.

As the canteen is closed we will only need 2 ground officials.

Teams on duty will be: - 12/1’s – 8.00am to 10.00am, 16/3’s – 10am to 12.00pm,
15/3’s – 12.00pm to 2.00pm, 35/3’s 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Tony – from round 2 onwards rostered teams will need 5 i.e. 2 on the BBQ, 2 as ground officials and 1 on the BBQ. Thanks expressed to Gerard.

17 Referees – Jimmy Moreland

- a) **Mini Roos Rules** – stressed the importance of reading and understanding the rule books. Congratulated the clubs Mini Roos coaches. Unfortunately during one of the trial games the coaches of the visiting teams did not know the rules causing the young IR some distress.
U12's – has been asked too many questions on rules from some coaches/managers. Please make sure you read and know the rules. These are available on the HFI web site.
Respect our referees.
- b) **Offside** – no offside in Mini Roos. Only where a player is blatantly and purposely being put in an offside position the referee can authorise, after a discussion with the coach, an indirect free kick (see 6 c).
- c) **Volunteer AR's** – referees have no part to play in this (see 6 d). The by-laws are very clear.
- d) **Jewellery** – no jewellery (see 3 e and 6 e). No piercings. Nothing said about long fingernails. Wendy - to seek confirmation from HFI regarding players who are unable to remove their rings getting a full refund. Should be able to do if deregistering before the start of the season.
Ladies – regarding breast protection see HFI by laws.
- e) Thanks to Jason who has taken on the role of organising and assigning IR's to games.

18. Coaching Committee – David Burns

Coaching Courses – HFI running the final night for game training on field 4 at Ted Horwood next Thursday. A couple of our coaches will be attending.
Information on a free course for U1's – 11's in early April to be sent out to all the relevant coaches

19. Fun Skills – Cath Hughes

- a) Starts this week. We are looking for a volunteer to help Cath with a view of taking over the running of the Fun Skills next year. Also we are asking for help from the seniors or older players to help run the sessions. Need six people for each session. Week's activities are provided.

20. General Business

- a) **O30's Ladies** – need a coach for a great group of ladies for the Friday night games and Monday nights coaching. Anyone interested contact Gill Green.
- b) **O35/1's** – do not have a full team for Round 1. Looking for a special exemption that will help and assist a number of teams. Borrowing proposal is to be looked at by the executive and sent to HFI. U9 girls, Youth League and O35/1's are looking for players.
Wendy – email received from HFI on 24th March is that one O35/1 is the only player been granted exemption.
Wes - his registration has not yet been received, waiting for deregistration from Gladesville Hornsby.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 1st May 2023.**

Venue: Zoom Invitation

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)