

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Jacob McGaulley

### 1. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Moved – David Hood seconded Cameron Hume. Resolved that the minutes be accepted.

Noted that copies of the minutes are shown on our web site [bhfc.org.au](http://bhfc.org.au).

### 2. Business arising from the minutes

Nil.

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

- a) Once again thanked everyone involved in getting the season ready also to those who assisted in erecting the posts on field one and assembling the posts for fields two and three.
- b) **Grounds** – about five weeks behind where we normally are at this stage. Very saturated and grass is long. Groundsman has Covid. Very little chance of games going ahead this coming weekend but we are asking for volunteers to come up **tomorrow night at 7.00pm** to help erect the assembled goals on fields two and three. Will have to wait until the grounds dry out and mowing can be carried out before any field marking can be done by the Councils contractor.
- c) **Training** – still have some teams to email in their request for this seasons training spot. Please wait until this Wednesday if you want a second training time slot (Wednesday and Thursday nights just about full).
- d) **Web Site** – continues to grow thanks to Steve Taylor and Cath Hughes. The ground closure message on the web site will only change when the status of the ground changes. Don't go to the Council's web site for that information. Don't expect answers by midday or one o'clock as Council do not make any changes until after three PM.
- e) **Covid** – if your team is affected by Covid and they can't play the sooner you let us know the better. HFI have made opportunities for rescheduling those games.

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

- a) Fair bit of correspondence coming in mainly to get the season started. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website.

### 5. Treasurer's Report – Danny Yu

- a) **Commonwealth Bank** – form has been submitted. Hopefully Jason will become one of our signatories.
- b) **Kookaburra track** - some procedure work to be carried out.
- c) **Club Grants** – another round of funding available. We are working on that e.g. new lawn mower, goal keeper's shirts, club bags and long service player's subsidy and family discount.

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

- a) **Competition** – supposed to start on the **1st April** but that's looking doubtful. A big thankyou to both Wendy and Cath for their pre-season work in getting players, coaches and managers into the system for approval by HFI.
- b) **Dribl** – an email has been and will be again sent out to all coaches/managers that explains the registration process for activation and working through the team sheets. If coaches/managers download the Dribl App they should be able to activate their own account but wait until after Wednesday. Any questions please email Cameron on [compsec@bhfc.org.au](mailto:compsec@bhfc.org.au) 50 out of 60 managers have been approved. HFI is still working through the coaches/managers' list and we are constantly checking on approvals. If you can't see your teams team sheet email either Wendy or Cameron.  
NB only managers/coaches of junior teams who have provided their Working with Children check will be approved.

A check will be made to see if a download can be taken from Dribl to a spread sheet.

There seems to be a problem where a downloaded account to Dribl is linked to more than one person. Hopefully the link that HFI sends out will override the problem of people registering with the same email address. Anyone who has that problem please contact Wendy after Wednesday.

- c) **Team sheet** - completion of the team sheet is no different to what happened with iCompman but if you are going to forfeit do not click on the forfeit request down the bottom. Let Cameron know ASAP.

Referees – if no official referee it is the home team’s responsibility to enter person’s name and score in the officials’ box.

- d) **Borrowing players –General Principles**

*Need to Borrow*

A player may not be borrowed by a team where two or more registered members of that team are available and would not play at least half a match each because of such other players being borrowed (except in case of injury during the match). The exception to this rule is a goal keeper being borrowed due to injury of the team’s regular goal keeper.

**Cameron** - This falls into the category of ‘Fair Play’. It should not be used to borrow four players to put sixteen on the team sheet.

**Tony** - Borrowing should be done only if existing team players are not available otherwise it’s ‘Stacking’ and not in the Spirit of the Game.

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

- a) **Players** – a couple of players will not be playing this weekend because photos, team placement not provided. A big shout out to Cath for all her assistance. If it wasn’t for her 30 players would not be playing this weekend if it does go ahead.

- b) **Dribl** – a bit hit and miss but if anyone has any problems please contact Wendy at [registrar@bhfc.org.au](mailto:registrar@bhfc.org.au)

8. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes

- a) Reiterated Cameron’s thanks to Wendy.

- b) **Gear** – most gear is out but will try to contact those teams that still have not replied or collected theirs. Recommended new coaches/managers contact their age coordinator who would then direct them to the appropriate person if they need advice or registration and competition information.

- c) **Shop and Uniforms** – no cash on the premises. Every purchase carried out through our web site. A very smooth process.

- d) **First Aid Kits** – a number of kits have been donated, too many for the club to use but they are available to any team that wants one on a first in, best dressed basis. Just text Cath to order one. Teams will be contacted in order of texting. **Do not use** the saline in the kits.

- e) **Field Set Up** – for new team manager/coaches if unsure about ‘dressing’ the fields ask someone. There is a place on our web site and a Power Point presentation that outlines what is needed. Remember these jobs are a requirement either from HFI or our club. Let us know if you need a hand.

9. **Vice President, Ladies** – Tony Hughes and Bronwyn Henson (for Jake McGaulley)

- a) **Strathfield FC Female Football Festival** – yesterday a number of our U14, U16 girls (our Youth team) and All Age Ladies teams represented the club in a very successful day. Some of the juniors filled in with the All Age Ladies. Thanks to Jake who did a great job.

- b) **U11 Girls** –attended an HFI coaching expo yesterday.

10. **Web Site** – Steve Taylor

- a) **Draw and Fixtures** – first four rounds now on the web site link under resources and policies.

- b) **Field Set Up/Pack Up** –information on this under Duties

- c) **Coaches Hub** – there are a number of useful resources available.

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

- a) Coaches and managers must provide their current Working with Children number (WwC) when they register otherwise they would not have access to a team sheet. Requested from Wendy and Cath a list of all coaches/managers and, if possible their WwC numbers and date of birth, to be forwarded to her so that she can verify them in a timely manner.

- b) During the season any new coaches/managers plus volunteers who do not have an official role **must** ensure they have and provide to us a valid WwC number.
- c) **Tony** - If the WwC number expires during the season you may find you can't get back into your account. Please **do not set up a new account** as it causes confusion. A message can be sent through the help box in PlayFootball and they will do it for you.
- d) **Bronwyn** – if a coach or manager of a team is not available any person stepping into that role **must** have a current WwC number and that be provided to BHFC.  
There are WwC policies on our web site e.g. two adults present and safety. Always make sure you have at least one person on hand that does qualify.  
**Tony** – strongly suggested that this be organised this week. Don't leave it for a Friday before a game when you realise that both coach/manager are not available as there would be no access to a team sheet. Also HFI will be carrying out random audits.  
**Wendy** – we are looking at setting up packages within PlayFootball for people who will be working with children to have to enter their WwC number before they are allowed to submit their registration. The other package can be set up for over 18 teams although if there are any players under 18 who are playing in a higher age group then those coaches/managers must have a WwC number.

## 12. Hills Football (HFI) – Tony Hughes

21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Presidents meeting

- a) **Round one** – long range weather forecast discussed at length. No hard and fast rules will be made until later in the week.
- b) **U13's Division** - have lost between 20 and 30 teams from last year.
- c) **HFI Directors** – we will be supporting Mick Pawelko's nomination.
- d) **Cricket Pitches** – many grounds have cricket pitches. Depends on supply and weather when these will be covered.
- e) **Referees** – Many seminars impacted by the weather. HFI's referee employee Chris is back in hospital.
- f) **Talented players** – the representative into their fifth round with no impact from the weather as they play on AstroTurf.
- g) **Technology, Marketing and Business Processes** – a new portfolio. At the end of round four there will be an opportunity for regrading but there will be a fairly involved formula that clubs would have to complete before being processed by HFI. Not making it easy for any regrade.
- h) **2021 Suspensions** –disappointment expressed by our club with last month's decision to reduce suspensions.
- i) **Finance** – spread sheet submitted. Anyone interested please email Tony.
- j) **Balmoral** – new ground.
- k) **Coptic** – seeking financial assistance from HFI. Were informed that HFI have no processes for this.
- l) **Female Football** – premier competition down to four teams

## 13. Canteen – Tony Hughes

No canteen this week. The focus is on getting the grounds ready for the season.

## 14. Referees – Jimmy Moreland

- a) **Miniroos** – 14 registered (only two girls), 7 from last year.

Not as well prepared this season due to factors such as confusion on the courses, weather and Covid.

A meeting has been arranged for tomorrow night with the 14 IR's to try to ensure that they have sufficient knowledge of the game and confident to referee their first game. Not sure who has attended any of the courses. Mentors are Peter McLoughlin, Ben Jamieson and Terry Minton. From now on we will be covering what the IR's need to know.

- b) **Walking Football** – new competition starts this Sunday at 10 and 11am at Kellyville. Anyone interested please come along.

## 15. Premier League – Wayne Norman

- a) **Squad** - 34 players but would like a couple more including a goal keeper.
- b) **Australia Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round** – lost 0 – 3 against a strong Coogee FC team. Team played well in the heat considering the very little playing and training time they have had due to the weather. Thanks also to the supporters who came along.

**16. Coaching Committee – Dave Burns**

- a) **Clinic** – working with HFI to arrange a coaching clinic for our club at the end of the second week of the holidays i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April between 9.00am and 1.00pm. More information to be provided by email and on Facebook.

**17. Fun Skills – Cath Hughes**

- a) Due to start on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Still looking for coaches but if there are any teams that would like to take part in mentoring contact Cath.
- b) If anyone knows of any 5, 6 or 7 year olds please get them to register. Cath holding off as long as possible to have as many teams as we can.

**18. Rosters – Tony Hughes**

Rosters being 'revamped' with the help of Peter McLoughlin but number of duties given to teams depends on HFI's game scheduling. They will be shared around as best as possible. Please carry out your duty without complaint.

**19. Trials – Tony Hughes (for Mick Hollins)**

On behalf of everyone thanked Mick for an incredible job. Although the trials were disrupted by the weather there were more games played than in the previous two years.

**20. General Business**

- a) **Covid measures** – only one is the distance of 1.5 metres. However, if anyone is exhibiting flu like symptoms then please make sure they don't come to training or games. Rat testing and isolation common sense.
- b) **Training** – if a training session has not yet been secured email Tony. Do not just turn up.
- c) **Hills Billies (Keith Pierce)** – there is a game on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 hopefully on an all-weather pitch. Looking for more over 60's players to join. We have another tournament in June at the Western Sydney Wanderers training ground. Negotiating with HFI for acknowledgement as their representative team in this age group.
- d) **Season (Tony)** – As far as rounds impacted by the weather it can't go beyond 3<sup>rd</sup> September because of summer sport. HFI looking at various options e.g. having a final series of a top four then 1v 4 and 2 v 3 prior to a Grand Final, the long weekend in June and double headers on Saturday and Sunday. Hiring indoor courts is a matter for individual teams. Club does not have the financial resources to fund all teams.  
With regard to using the netball courts at Ted Horwood for training we do not have the hire. Netball will be using them for training Monday through to Thursday.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 2nd May 2022.**

Venue: Zoom Invitation

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)