

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm
Attendance: As per Attendance Book
Apologies: Gill Green

1. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021.
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

Nil.

3. President's Report – Tony Hughes

- a) Welcomed everyone and hoped that we would get through a full season without any stoppages.
- b) Thanks to all those volunteers who have taken on executive, committee, coaching and managerial roles.
- c) **Football NSW** – have published their Return to Football on the 13th January. The only thing is we retain the 1.5 metre distancing although they may increase their protocols later.
- d) **Competition Structures** – a lot of work has been done by the executive to get the season 2022 up and running.
- e) **Lighting** – new lights are being installed on field one and Council have informed that these will be commissioned along with field 5 somewhere between April and the end of June.
- f) **Competition** – season will commence on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- g) **Hills Football Registration Rebate for 2021** – Any player that played in season 2021 irrespective if they are returning or not is eligible to apply for the rebate (somewhere between 27 and 33 percent). Application must be made by individual, NOT through the club. Closes mid-April. Coaches/managers should convey this information to their players.

4. Secretary's Report – Jason King

- a) Apart from the reregistration of the club (in December 2021) nothing else to report.

5. Treasurer's Report – Danny Yu

- a) 200 registrations to date (mainly junior registrations).
- b) **Club Grants** – an application of \$15,500 has been forwarded to Bankstown Sports (this includes for a new line marker). Last year we received \$12,500 to support the continuous growth of the Baulkham Hills Club.
- c) **Commonwealth Bank** – difficulties have been experienced in having new signatories on the list and the deletion of old ones. Executive to look into this.
- d) **Pay Pal** – having a lot of problems on the connection but still working on it.

6. Competition Secretary's Report – Cameron Hume

- a) **Competition** – will start on the **1st, 2nd and 3rd April** and runs for eighteen straight weekends. First semi-finals are on the **12th, 13th and 14th August**. Format will be as usual, not an expanded one.
- b) **Dribl** – has replaced iCompman. It is not too dissimilar and out of those looked at was the only one with an electronic team sheet. It also has an App where coaches and managers can put in team sheets, scores etc.
Jason King stated that referees are using it for appointments and the idea is that people will be able to see if they have a referee for their game before they turn up.

7. Registrar's Report – Wendy Gardner

- a) **Registrations** – are coming through but when registering in Playfootball please make sure your email and contact details are up to date.

Players playing up a grade must pay the registration amount for the grades intended to play in. This will be 'cracked down on' this year.

8. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes

- a) **Gear return** - there are still a lot of teams that have not returned shirts, balls, bibs etc. We are running short of time to replenish stock. Please contact Cath to arrange return ASAP.
Tony Hughes – Very important we receive back teams gear. We are two and a half months behind where we should be. **Coaches and managers have the responsibility** to collect and chase this gear. If player does not return gear the club can place a ban on that player that will mean he/she cannot register anywhere within NSW to play football.
- b) **Uniform Shop** – is on-line on the brand new web site. Payment only by credit card at the moment.
- c) **Web Site** – many thanks to Mick Hollins for his work on the previous web site and the help given on the new one. Also many thanks to Steve Taylor for creating the new web site, a massive job.

9. **Vice President, Ladies** – Jake McGaulley

- a) **Girls** – new age group structure - U9's, U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's, U15's and Youth girls (U16's to U18's),
- b) **O30's Competition** – this will replace the O35's competition (this may cause a bit of backlash from our club). Tony Hughes – is talking to HFI about an over 40's competition.
- c) **Players** – anyone who has daughters, girlfriends or wives who would like to play get them to come and try, doesn't matter about ability.

10. **Web Site** – Steve Taylor

- a) Tony Hughes, on behalf of the club gave thanks to Steve on his work and passion in building the new web site. Also thanked Cath Hughes for all the work putting together graphics and content for it.
- b) **Web Site** – address is still bhfc.org.au
Steve shared his screen with all those participants on tonight's Zoom meeting and gave information on a lot of the headings and how to access them e.g. register now button, calendar, rebate for last season (see Presidents report), and grading time table. He stated that the web site is best suited to use by smart phone. Thanked Mick Hollins for all his help.

11. **Member Protection Officer** – Tony Hughes for Bronwyn Henson

- a) A person whose Working With Children checks expire this year will need to have them renewed.

12. **Hills Football (HFI)** – Peter MacLoughlin

15th November 2021 meeting

- a) AYL trials completed.
- b) Talking about simplifying the web site
- c) Judiciary – dealing with matters from last season. Clubs given three options but not many clubs had responded (we have).
- d) Financials all OK.

13. **Referees** – Jimmy Moreland

- a) **Instructional Referees Course** – is for boys and girls aged 11 years. We will advertise on our web site for referees for these games with dates for these courses. It will depend on the response as to how many IR's we take on. On the **11th February** there will be a meeting for all referee co-ordinators to fine tune the programme for this year. If there are any suggestions or issues you want raised at the meeting please let Jimmy know before that date.
- b) **Level 4 Courses** – will be at the **Hills Football HQ on the 5th 13th and 19th February**. Entry level 13 years plus. We are encouraging last year's eligible IR's and adult to complete the course by registering through HFI. To encourage this progression BHFC will refund any registered club members 50 percent of the cost of the course.
David Burns requested clarification on the entry level age. Jimmy understood that 13 years was correct and that All Ability referees must have turned 14 by April 2022. To be clarified

14. **Coaching Committee** – David Burns

- a) Request to all coaches/managers for any ideas they might want to see the club implement e.g. small coaching style courses specifically targeted.

15. **Premier League** – Wayne Norman

- a) We have been back training for the last two weeks.
- b) On average we have about 22/23 players but are looking to have a squad of 32 players. The team looks reasonably strong but we would like a few more players plus a good goalkeeper.
- c) Trial games start on the **27th February** for four weeks.

16. **Grading** – Rob Vallis

- a) Starts next week. We are going to do things differently this year.
Grading will be carried out over **two weeks** not three.
Each grading session will only go for an **hour**.
Teams will be graded over those one hour sessions over the two weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- b) We will be utilising all the grounds to make sure that grading is carried out on full fields applicable to the age group wherever possible.
The two week schedule **starts on Tuesday 8th February** and will be available on the web site.
- c) All players will be allocated into last year's playing groups as a starting point and will be graded up or down during the games accordingly. Coaches and age coordinators are requested to attend grading sessions for their respective age groups. Any new coaches please contact us. Any coaches who do not want to coach again please let us know. Wherever we can we will have independent graders on each of the grades but we'll also be taking coaches feedback into account. Unfortunately we only had six coaches provide us with feedback from last year.
- d) Thursday nights will be primarily for girls plus Under 10 mixed. The girls will be training rather than grading. Most of these age groups will only have one team.
- e) Under 16 mixed will have three teams but will probably be graded into two given that a full team has been presented to us.
- f) Under 12's, 13's and 14's will be on Tuesday nights to avoid school camps.
- g) **Volunteers** – needed. Hopefully senior players and some of the Premier league players can volunteer to help with grading.
- h) We do expect Covid to have some effect on the numbers.
- i) **O35/45's** – all on field 5 on Wednesday night's during February.
- j) **March Training schedule** – Tony Hughes stated that as Council will be reseeding fields 2 and 3 we will be going to a whole club training schedule on field 4 for March (\$7,500 has been spent on casual leasing of the fields, close to 2/3rds of what we would pay for a full season).
Any questions can be sent to Rob Vallis at grading@bhfc.org.au

17. **General Business**

- a) **Trials** – Mick Hollins will be organising trials in March.
Only one ground available at Northmead High School but we have booked fields 4 and 5.
Games on a Friday night to be investigated as a possibility.
Teams will be required to send an emailed RSVP to Mick at trials@bhfc.org.au to confirm acceptance or otherwise (don't phone).
- b) **Field marking** – On Saturday 12th February fields 4 and 5 the company we used last year will be using GPS to mark the fields but we need people to set up the posts. Information will be sent out on this.
The same company will be booked to mark fields 1, 2 and 3 at the end of March as nothing has been heard from Council of any decision as to them carrying out the first markings.
- c) **U14 girls** - Ric Corner – no registration on web site. Tony Hughes suggested register for U15's and we will reimburse.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 7th March 2022.**

Venue: Zoom Invitation

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)