

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Gill Green, Wayne Norman

A minutes silence was held to mark the recent passing of two of our club members. The first was of David Cush who passed on Monday 30th January. A wake will be held for him at the Marsden Park Brewhouse, 12.30pm, Wednesday 8th February. All those who knew David are welcome.

Second was long serving club legend, Tom Newhouse who passed away on Tuesday 3rd February. A tribute to Tom (up on our website) was read out by President Tony Hughes. Funeral will be held on Monday February 13th, 2pm in the Garden Chapel at Castlegrove Cemetery Rouse Hill. A celebration of his life will be held at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club, 3.00pm. Members/attendees are requested to wear their BHFC shirts/club colours. Details of the funeral will be available on our Facebook and web site very soon.

1. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th August 2022.

Moved – Wendy Gardner, seconded, Keith Pierce.

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) **Fields 2 & 3** – will be closed for the month of March to all football activity due to the Councils reseeded program.
- b) **Lighting to Fields 1 & 5** – scheduled to be operational by the first April.
- c) **Set up of Fields 1, 2 and 3** – on the weekend of the 25th/26th March providing cricket have completed their finals the week before.
- d) **Set up of Posts fields 4 & 5** – scheduled for Saturday 18th February so that the company carrying out the initial line marking can proceed on the 25th February and to accommodate later trial matches.
- e) **Code of Conduct** – David Hood and Tony Hughes to meet to set up a Code of Conduct for parents and junior and senior players. Draft to be made available over the next couple of weeks.
- f) **Member Protection Officer** – David Hood volunteered to fill the vacant position. This was accepted with thanks.
- g) **Senior Presentation** – Friday 4th November 2022 at Castle Hill RSL.

4. Secretary's Report – or Jason King

- a) A lot of interest with new registrations coming through and new teams wanting to be formed.
- b) **U13's** – North Rocks have 9 players and are reported to be unable to field an U13's team. Those players would be welcome to join BHFC but would have to go through the same grading process as anyone else. No guarantee that the coach would gain a position with BHFC as we do have coaches in place.

5. Treasurer's Report – Danny Yu

- a) **2022 Financial Report** – still to be finalised. External accountant wants them to be placed on accounting software called Zero. HFI have organised training and hopefully the report will be completed soon.
- b) **Grant** – submitted earlier in the year. No confirmation received to date (Tony – we should hear something in the next week).
- c) **Forfeit Fine** – \$1,800 received from HFI, not paid. Following a lengthy discussion on adding a by law so that the forfeiting team pay the fine, not the club, Tony to discuss with Nicole Tindall of HFI

and the executive to come up with something prior to the March meeting. Also to ask HFI to send out fines weekly not waiting until the end of the season before sending them out.

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

- a) **Season** – Round one commences on **Friday 31st March** then a break for Easter followed by 17 straight weeks. We play through the school winter holidays in June and July. Competition will finish in late September, early October.
- b) **O55's Men, Over 45's Women Competitions** – proposed Tuesday night for women, Wednesday nights for men. Venues not known at this stage. HFI have taken expressions of interest but have made no decisions. Any decision will be notified.
- c) **Bella Vista Club** – new club is reported to have capped their club to senior 12 teams.

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

- a) Starting to be a busy time. If you are asked please pass information to your players.
- b) **Registrations'** – are down on last year and coming through very slowly.
- c) **Teams** – to nominate all teams need to have **10 paid registered players in Dribl** by the **20th February**. We have a very tight schedule. Don't wait until that date to nominate your team as the process takes a few days. (The responsibility is on the teams and their manager). Only three of the 10 players are able to be moved to other teams.
To help Wendy Cath Hughes has almost got each senior team in draft form. Any changes please let Cath know.
Tony – we do put down the division a team nominates for but the club does not make the decision on what division a team is placed. That is the decision of HFI.

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

- a) Getting used to this new role.
- b) **Players** - Contact has been made with last year's Minitildas, juniors and senior teams to see who is returning but at this stage we are down in numbers for the O30 Ladies and all age girls. Hills clubs have been contacted to see if they can send any overflow our way.
- c) **Instructional Referees (IR's)** – Last season we had 3 girls in the clubs IR program. Would like to encourage more 12 year old girls take up refereeing as it helps self-confidence and the money is OK. Information on the club's web site.
- d) **Level 4 Referees** – would encourage more girls/ladies to take up refereeing if too old for IR's. There is a **free** female only course on the **12th March** to be held at the HFI main office.

9. **Grading – David Burns**

Has spoken to most coaches & managers from last year's teams but quite a few coaches and players are not coming back. Help wanted. Contact David, telephone or email, if you can help. Tony – we try to get grading completed in two weeks, weather permitting, but we do have one week spare. Keep checking our web page.

10. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes

- a) Nothing goes out until grading is completed. Senior teams to bring their own football to training.

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

- a) News items being sent out by email. Out of 1,900 people on the mailing list only 800 or so are opening them.
- b) Please watch out for spam emails supposedly from an executive/committee member. Click on the name and check the email address. If it is not from bhfc.org.au delete it.

12. **Trials – Mick Hollins**

Will talk more about trials at the 6th March meeting but briefly: -

- a) Field availability permitting. Many clubs do not have field access during the trial season but Ted Horwood has been organised for three weekends in March i.e. 11th/12th, 18th/19th and 25th/26th. Northmead High School is available but has only one field.
- b) Planned to have games for U8's through to O45's. Some may be in house.
- c) If no trial games are wanted for any of the three weekends let Mick know **by email** at trials@bhfc.org.au as soon as possible. If wanting to play teams outside the HFI area forms need to be completed. Let Mick know.
- d) Playing time may need to be shortened to fit in the number of games.

- 13. Member Protection Officer** – Tony Hughes (for David Hood)
- Every coach/manager working with children under 18 years of age must have a current WWC number.
 - If contacted by the Office of the Childrens Guardian for renewal of your WWC check number, do not leave it until the last minute as it could take up to two or three weeks before it is approved.
- 14. Hills Football (HFI)** – Tony Hughes
Nothing to report, no meetings held.
- 15. Canteen** – Tony Hughes
There will be a price increase right across the board.
- 16. Referees** – Jimmy Moreland and Jason King
- Instructional Referee's** – Jason King has taken over the organisational role from Mary-Elizabeth. Terry Minton and Peter McLoughlin will be assisting on game day. So far we have four young ladies who want to be IR's. In total we have eleven applications. For those wishing to join the IR program applications close **Sunday the 22nd of February 2023** (information on the clubs web site). Applicants must be registered players with BHFC, and be 12 years of age on before **1 April 2023**. Instructional referees who participated in the 2022 season must still apply. All IR's must have successfully completed the mandated training sessions (second year referees do not need to do the IR theory course again but do need to go to the physical/training day. There are only three courses left, one on the **10th** and two on the **11th February**. Parents should note that due to restrictions in the number of IRs required each season, not all applicants can be accepted into the program. Once we know the numbers a team meeting will be organized with the parents and IR's prior to the season commencing so that they know what is expected. Rules of the game for the U8's to U11's are on the HFL web site under the resources section.
Senior Referees – Be good to see an increase of lady referees but at the recent Level 4 course there were no ladies. No feedback on the number of referees we will have this season until the courses are completed.
U12's and U13's Rules – moved to the by-laws of the game by HFI under pages 16 and 20. Easiest way to read them is to look at last year's rules as they have not changed. Hard copies available from Jimmy or Jason if required.
- 17. Coaching Committee** – David Burns
- Coaching Courses** – on HFI web site but we have three at Ted Horwood 1/ Tuesday 28th February (game training sessions), 2/ Wednesday 1st March and 3/ Thursday 2nd March all starting at 6.00pm. As soon as we receive more information it will be on the clubs web site and you will be able to apply directly.
If there is anything you would like the coaching committee to run this year please contact David.
Goal Keeping Sessions – has not been discussed by the executive.
- 18. Fun Skills** – Cath Hughes
- Need lots of help. Starts 1st April.
 - Parents must make sure you use the kids voucher to cover the cost of registration. Do not pay and then try to claim back the cost. It won't happen.
- 19. Presentations** – Tony Hughes
Seniors – Friday 20th October
Juniors – Sunday 29th October
- 20. General Business**
- Line Marking** – anyone wanting a good bit of exercise on a Friday and to help out even for one or two weeks please let Terry Minton know.
 - Cricket** – have the use of the fields 1, 2 & 3 up to their Grand Final weekend on the 17th/18th March. Training will commence for the whole club in March and depending on how many fields are available. In the past it's only been 4 and 5 but we may have a third one available. We do not have the lease and we have to work around cricket. Cricket are also using field 4 on Saturday mornings until 11 o'clock.

- c) **Lights** – if they are operational by the first of April and we have the use of all five fields the plan is to keep field four clear of training using only fields 1, 2, 3 and 5.
- d) **Training** – as usual in March. Following the March meeting coaches/managers will be able to ask for a training spot. Fields 2 and 3 are closed for reseeding by Council.
- e) **Old Equipment Shed** – application is in with Council for a concrete slab to be installed in front of the roller door.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 6th March 2023.**

Venue: Zoom Invitation

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)