

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Andrew Nolan, Bill Griffith, David Burns, Gerard Chevalier, Wendy Gardner

### 1. Minutes

Correction to the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

Competition Secretary's report noted - the competition runs for eighteen straight weekends.

Amendment – the competition would have a break for Easter.

Motion to accept the amended minutes of the meeting.

Moved – Peter McLoughlin seconded Sophie Bremner. 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) Welcomed everyone.
- b) Thanked everyone involved in getting the season ready. Thanked Rob Vallis for running the grading sessions in early February and those who assisted him.
- c) **Covid** – still very prevalent in our community. Things in place for games postponed through Covid. More details to be provided at our next meeting at the end of March. Hopefully HFI will have a statement out regarding Covid and its impact on our competition.
- d) **Lighting** – no news on when power will be available to the new lights on field 1 or the ones on field 5.
- e) **Rosters** – Gerard Chevalier to organise these with help from Peter McLoughlin.
- f) **Grading** – HFI aiming for 10 team competitions. Little room for appeals. No talk on regrading after round 4.
- g) **Trials/Gear/Grounds** - please have patience. Many hours have been spent in getting the season ready. Please reply to emails or requests.
- h) **Gear** – some teams still have not returned their gear from last season. If gear is not returned those teams will not be playing at the season start in April.
- i) **Ground Set Up/Marking** – grounds very wet. Will have to dry out and grass cut before any marking can be carried out. Not sure if Council has carried out the rye grass over sowing to fields 1, 2 and 3. Would not happen at the end of March as BHFC has the fields.  
Set up and marking may be a very late call and volunteers would be needed to help.  
Issues with cricket pitches being covered as the turf farms have been underwater.
- j) **Good Behaviour** – starts with coaches and managers and hopefully carries on to both junior and senior players.
- k) **ID Checks** – HFI will be carrying out identification checks. Tony will be visiting team training to physically check ID's. Coaches/managers expect a call and get their players ready. As proof seniors can produce a drivers licence; more difficult with juniors as they will have to produce a passports or birth certificate.

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

- a) Fair bit of correspondence. Any issues or questions to Jason he will do his best to answer them.

### 5. Treasurer's Report – Danny Yu

- a) **Registrations** – 850 to date.
- b) **Club Grants** – received \$15,200 for the grant submitted to Bankstown Sports (covers items e.g. new line marker/paint, balls, coaching and junior referee courses).
- c) **Commonwealth Bank** – difficulties still being experienced in having new signatories on the list.
- d) **Pay Pal** – still having problems (Tony and Danny to discuss).

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

- a) **Competition** – starts on the **1st April** and, apart from Easter, runs for eighteen rounds to the finals. Concern that Covid may impact games. Hopefully these will be replayed. If an entire round is postponed it should be played at a later date.  
Tony Hughes -There is provision for the Monday of the long weekend in June. Check the full documented calendar on our website. A lot of work to be carried out before the season starts on all grounds.
- b) **Gradings** – completed. Little room for appeals.
- c) **Dribl** – has replaced iCompman. It is not too dissimilar and operates on an App where coaches and managers submit their own team sheet and approve the oppositions, scores etc.  
**Additional stipulation** - when there is no official referee the home team must put the name of whoever officiates in including the scores.  
An email will be sent to all coaches/managers to log in to Dribl and get a password. User name is the email address used to register with. More information to be provided before the season starts.  
Coach or manager to register themselves on Playfootball the same way as a player.

7. **Registrar's Report** – Tony Hughes for Wendy Gardner

- a) **Registrations** – no registrations will be approved for the first round after the **21<sup>st</sup> March** (must be with Wendy by that date. Don't leave it until then).
- b) **Players** – Coordinators are asked not to move players around in age groups/teams unless approval has been given by the grading committee or executive. Also let Wendy know.  
Any player playing up an age group must have fees fully paid to have registration finalised e.g. difference in fees must be paid if registering as an 18 year old but playing in an all age competition.
- c) **Photo/ID for a Player or Working with Children Check** – please provide this when asked as it would be needed to finalise a registration. Acknowledge emails sent to you.
- d) **Dual Registrations** – any player/coach or manager wishing to dual register to email Wendy. You don't need to register twice. Also let President Tony know so he can double check and place into the appropriate teams.  
Any questions regarding teams, registrations or players please email/phone Wendy.  
Cath Hughes was thanked for her help.

8. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes

- a) **Baulkham Hill Sports Club Membership** – all senior players must be current members of the club. Good news is that over the last two years the club has given a free twelve months in 2020 and 2021 so the majority of players have a current membership. All details and updates have been sent to every senior team. Any issues contact Cath.
- b) **Gear** – organising this now. Some teams have already collected theirs but if you have Covid don't come up to collect. Those will be reserved until all is well.  
**Collection** – will be staggered to avoid people gathering. Cath will be up at the grounds this coming week but wait until an email is received before attending the equipment shed. Any questions please text Cath.
- c) **Grading Bibs** – when coming up to collect gear please bring the bibs back

9. **Web Site** – Steve Taylor

- a) Tony Hughes – feedback, Mick Pawelko (Castle Hill Utd) complimented Steve and Cath on the new web site. Said it was first class and informative and a model that many clubs could follow.
- b) **Web Site** – up for just over a month now.  
Updating referees courses. Looking for more coaches' information and suggestions for the coaching hub. Differences between the normal news section – this will continue to archive itself.  
The featured news section - which is like a carousel of pictures, will change through the season.
- c) **Newsletter** –if you haven't received them please ensure that you register with the email you registered with.
- d) **On Line Store** – problem with an option showing both pickup and delivery. Now changed so the only option is to select pick up.
- e) **Ground Status** – use the yellow button on the first page to check the ground status. That message will only be changed when there is a difference in the ground condition.

10. **Member Protection Officer** – Tony Hughes (for Bronwyn Henson)
  - a) Coaches and managers will need to have a current Working With Children check.
  - b) All details on our web site bhfc.org.au. Advised all new coaches/managers/volunteers to carry this out ASAP.
  - c) If Bronwyn or Wendy asks you for your WWC number please provide it.
11. **Vice President, Ladies** – Jake McGaulley
  - a) **Girls** – need more U9's, U11's. If anyone knows of girls interested in playing in that age group please let us know.  
Tony to put an advert out at his school, Lady of Lourdes and Baulkham Hills North.
  - b) **Strathfield FC** – invitation extended for our U14, U16 girls (our Youth team) and a couple of ALL teams to play in their gala day at the end of March. Jake to speak to the girls.
12. **Hills Football (HFI)** – Peter McLoughlin  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 meeting
  - a) **Premier League** - four team final series confirmed.
  - b) **By-laws** - have been updated. Changes to the borrowing of players.  
**Recommendation** - all coaches/managers familiarise themselves with the rule changes to the by-laws on the HFI web site.
  - c) **8,500 registrations**, 700 down on last year. Gap noticeably decreasing as time goes by.
  - d) **O45 Mens** - possible blended competition with NWSF.
  - e) **Female age groups** - looking similar to last year but more players are needed for the U14's, U15's and youth girls competitions.
  - f) Premiers match of the round to go ahead.
  - g) **Australia Cup (old FFA Cup)** - nominations due.
  - h) Positive meeting with the new Baulkham Hills Mayor.
  - i) **AGM** – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
  - j) **Talented players** – youth boys and ladies HUFC have commenced their season.
  - k) **Community Coaching Workshop** – 27<sup>th</sup> March.
  - l) **Female only Miniroos coaching course** – 21<sup>st</sup> February date cancelled. Now on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.
  - m) **All abilities referee course** – rescheduled to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.
  - n) **Female come and try days** – being looked at.
  - o) **O50's Gala days** – Questions raised why HFI do not have an O60's/O65's gala day arrangement. People are looking to get player numbers increased in the 60's and 65 age groups. Western Sydney Wanderers have confirmed their support of this age group by having a tournament during the June long weekend with 20 teams split O60's and O65's competitions. Bill Renton to provide HFI's Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee with registration data and information on the WSW tournament and for an invite given to the HFI board and staff.
  - p) **New Web site** – up and running.
  - q) **Judiciary** – majority resolution made that of the 21 players who had between 1 – 3 weeks left of their suspensions will be returning to play from the first round. 19 players were impacted by the adjustments of the sanctions. HFI to contact the individual clubs to inform of the outcome for those players (BHFC disappointed with this decision).
  - r) **Team Sheets** – concern at the number of incidents arising from season 2021 going to the GPT. GDR amendment made that any team sheet irregularities will be dealt with by the disciplinary committee rather than going to the GPT.
  - s) **Financials** – with external accountant and auditor with end of year accruals still to be done. This includes for provisions for refunds and other items. \$700k budgeted into the 2022 budget. To be accrued.
  - t) **Staff** – impacted by Covid issues.
  - u) **Refunds** – 5,500 processed with February's tranche to commence next week.
  - v) **Castle Hill Utd** – Ross Whitfield has stood down as president with Paul Jones taking his place and Andrew Gardoni is vice president.
13. **Referees** – Jimmy Moreland
  - a) **Miniroos** – 14 registered (only two girls), 7 from last year.  
Coaches/managers asked to contact Jim to give these young referees a run in trial games. Referees meeting held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Castle Hill RSL. A lot of time taken up with the new Dribl system. Also discussed were the new rules that mainly concerned words rather than actions.  
HFI have updated the Miniroos booklet on their web site.

Clarification still to be made on the entry level age for referees.

b) **Walking Football** – Jim has been asked to write the rules for the new competition.

**14. Canteen** – Tony Hughes

Going to be run same as last year with Cath, Wendy, Danny and Tony and closed at 1.00pm.  
Teams will be responsible for providing 2 people for the BBQ.

**15. Trials** – Mick Hollins

Thanked Cath for all her help.

a) **Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>** – games 99.9% going to be called off because of the rain. Call to be made on Wednesday.

b) Hopefully a full set of trials for the following two weekends although on the 25<sup>th</sup> March we will only have 2 fields i.e. Ted Horwood 4 and 5 which will probably mean a lot of BHFC v BHFC games.  
Tony Hughes - Field 4 has also been booked for the three Friday nights.

If organising own trials please let Mick know especially if you need a ground to play on.

**Trial schedule** - check the web site as trial games may change due to late changes.

**Games**

**Start and Finish Times** – we have one less field this year. Games MUST start and finish on the designated times otherwise there will be a cascading effect on all other teams. Literally no time between games so cooperation is required.

**RSVP** – teams are required to send an emailed RSVP to Mick at [trials@bhfc.org.au](mailto:trials@bhfc.org.au) to confirm acceptance or otherwise (don't phone). Age coordinators asked to help chase up teams but if no reply by midnight on **Thursday** a team's game will be cancelled.

If you don't want a game on the final weekend please let Mick know.

**Referees** – no referees allocated for trials.

**Note** - no alcohol to be taken on the grounds and all rubbish MUST be removed.

**Northmead High School** – if playing at the school grounds please keep away from any farm animals.

**Players** – not registered, can't play.

**DO NOT ring Cath** on Sunday morning asking for gear.

**16. 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 - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March v Coogee FC** at 5.00pm at Heffron Park's synthetic pitch, Maroubra.

**17. Fun Skills** – Cath Hughes

a) Traditionally slow to register. So far only about 30% we would normally have.

If anyone knows of any 5, 6 or 7 year olds please get them to register.

c) May be some reluctance due to worry about the season going ahead.

**17. General Business**

a) **Club Training – pre-season schedule** for March now up on the web site.

**Regular Season schedule** – will start from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. As from tonight you can **email to president@bhfc.org.au** your team's request. Include your mobile number and your name and team and if asking for two teams include both on one email.

3 fields available (Fields 1 and 5 ill not be factored in for training until we know the lights are on).

96 time slots available – 5.30pm – 6.30pm, 6.30pm- 7.30pm, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, 8.30pm – 9.30pm.

If a second night is requested include it in your email but it will not be granted until everyone else has been accommodated.

b) **Dribl** – to be confirmed that an additional one or two people apart from coaches/managers will be given the right to access the program. Email [compsec@bhfc.org.au](mailto:compsec@bhfc.org.au) if a team want additional people to be added. This may benefit senior teams.

c) **Coaching Course** – discussions with HFI for BHFC to run a coaching clinic.

Possible dates **21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April**.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 28th March 2022.**

Venue: Zoom Invitation

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)