

Meeting commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendance: As per Attendance Book

Apologies: Wendy Gardner, Gill Green, Peter McLoughlin

1. Minutes

- a) Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021.
Moved – David Burns seconded David Hood. Resolved that the minutes be accepted.
- b) Motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2020.
Moved – Tony Hughes seconded David Hood. 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) **Grading** - Thanks to Rob Vallis, Cath Hughes and all those who assisted with the grading over the last couple of weeks.
- b) If you know of any players that are looking to play please email Cath (NOT a text).
- c) **Web Site** – we are meeting with Steve Taylor regarding the development of the new web site.
- d) **Team Nominations** – submitted last Friday. Mixed competitions maybe available sometime this week. Girls/Ladies, maybe the following week but there are issues with some age groups.
- e) **Ted Horwood Grounds** – Fields 1, 2 and 3 are currently closed to all football due to being oversewn with Rye grass.
- f) **Training schedule** - A March training schedule will be posted within the next week for fields 4 and 5. Training will start as from Monday 15th March with teams having allocated times.
Please adhere to your allocated time slot.
Training nominations will be open as from **Monday 8th March**. Please email me on president@bhfc.org.au (don't text).
Sessions will be for an hour and will commence at 5.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm.
Each team will have half a ground. If you want a second training night put your second preference in and this will be looked at to see if there are any spare spots available.
- g) **Field 5 Lights** – waiting for an update from council. No time line regarding changing existing flood lights to LED.
- h) **Fields 4 & 5** – Goals installed thanks to Wayne Norman, Mitch Farrell, Keith Pierce, Chris Hughes, Arron Avila, Fernan Medina and Terry Minton. Initial line marking carried out by same company as last year and they will be back to mark fields 1, 2 & 3 on **Tuesday 6th April**.
- i) **Registrations** – any enquiries please email Wendy Gardner registrar@bhfc.org.au.
All senior members must be a current member of the Sports Club. \$5 per year or \$15 for 5 years.
- j) **Family Discounts** – will be finalised and rebates paid after the end of round 1. Some players not paying the correct fees and they will be receiving an email or text regarding this.
- k) is not a discount on season 2021. If you played last year you must pay your full registration for 2021 and then apply for the rebate. If you did not play last year you do not qualify.
- l) **NSW Clubs Grants** – we were successful with round one club grants from Bankstown Sports
- m) **Ground Closures and Web Site** – we do not update the web site every day unless things change. If it's left to cub's discretion we will change it. Any queries ring after 4.00pm.
- n) **Field** - the ditch at the bottom of the hill has been filled in and compacted. Not sure why.

4. Covid-19 Safety Plan – Tony Hughes

Guidelines – very light on at the moment. More details later on in March and these will be posted on our web site. Basically social distancing, same as last year.

5. **Secretary's Report** – Kevin Robinson
- a) **Bankstown Sports** – Received financial assistance of \$12,329 for a range of projects. Renovations are to be carried out at the Sports Club in July so I suggest we continue holding our Monthly General meetings Zoom meetings. This was agreed.
 - b) **Coaching Courses** – started tonight.
 - c) **Hills Football Rebates for Registrations** – Up to the individual to apply although the club has been asked to provide HFI with a list of players returning having played last year. There is a link further down on our club web page under the heading 2020 HFI Rego Discount with information on how to claim.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Danny Yu
- a) 831 registrations to date. 13 deregistration's with 7 long service registrations rejected as they were not eligible (Tony Hughes - this registration package to be removed next year from our web site). 57 teams this year, not including fun skills. Number of players still to register. A list of last year's long serving players has been sent to HFI in order to claim the discount on the fee that the club paid.
 - b) \$40,000 approximately for club use.
 - c) **Club Grants** - \$12,329 received from Bankstown Sports. This figure made up of round figures of \$1,500 for coaching, \$3,000 for Mini Roos program, \$5,000 for match balls and \$3,000 for field marking.
7. **Competition Secretary's Report** – Cameron Hume
- Competition** – will start on the **9th, 10th and 11th April the week after Easter. No breaks or gaps for holidays** (HFI have Monday of the June long weekend as a spare day (if required)).
- iCompman logins for coaches/managers will come out the week before the competition starts. Update at the next meeting on the code for changes that will revert to what we used to do with regard to borrowing players.
- Cut-off date to play the first game will be the Wednesday week before the competition (to be confirmed).
8. **Registrar's Report** – Cath Hughes for Wendy Gardner
- a) **Team Lists** – managers/coaches make sure the team list that you submit is accurate, if not please contact Wendy on registrar@bhfc.org.au and for any advice regarding deregistration's.
 - b) **Players** – we are looking for more players for Under 8's, U11's and O35/3 players for the Saturday competition.
9. **Equipment Officer** – Cath Hughes
- a) **Stock** – apologies for those who have ordered playing gear. The stock did not arrive on the promised date but hopefully it will come in this week.
 - b) **Grading** – thanks to all those who helped with the grading gear and the washing of the bibs. If anyone has bibs please let me know.
 - c) **Team Bags** – almost all team lists are in so we are now able to sort out equipment bags. When ready team managers will be sent a text to collect them.
10. **Hills Football (HFI)** – Terry Minton for Peter MacLoughlin
- Meeting Monday 15th February
- a) **Competition & Governance**
- Competition Matters
 - Registrations 8,500 (up 800 on 2020)
 - Walking Football to be started – Kenthurst to host
 - FFA Cup entries close 22 Feb
 - Request for 2 divisions of O35 Friday night. Depends on numbers of teams.
 - Girls Football. Concern on Age Groups proposed. Nicole looking at numbers. Can change Age Groups if needed.
 - Clubs to submit preliminary numbers by COB Wed to enable assessment
 - Bye Laws issued to clubs. Uploaded to Website
 - Team nominations due 26 February
 - Mini Roos Co-Ordinators Information meeting 8/9 March
 - Coaching Courses Advertised

- Governance Issues
 - i. Board approved Board Charter in December
 - ii. Deed of Affiliation due mid-season

b) Talented Player Pathways

- Underway – Players, Coaches, Managers locked away for AYL/GSAP
- Still some work to do.
- Hills Utd Working Group sub-committee meetings on going
- Season commences early March (boys) & mid-March (girls)

c) Inclusion/Diversity

- Focus on WWC
- Will distribute MPIO
- Walking Football
- Football for All
- Female Football Week – won't be in March. Mid-year & for all females not just players.
- U13 Girls – will play box to box
- Minitildas – well received

d) Judiciary/Discipline

- Working on update of Disciplinary document.
- Introducing updated Definition Table. Out for comment at end of month
- Looking for volunteers for GPT.

e) Referees

- 2 Courses held so far.
- Preseason seminar 28 March
- Minirooms – not trying to take over. Want to support the clubs.
- Meeting of Co-Ordinators on Wednesday

f) Finance & Operations

- Matt Rippon in General Managers job for just over 2 months
- Has been reviewing internal structure & staffing
- Looking at employing Member Services Officer
- December accounts being worked though before submission to Auditor
- 2021 Budget being reviewed – finalised next 2 weeks

g) General Business

- Rouse Hill Rangers concerned at lack of numbers in club
- Lack of Ground facilities an issue and interface with surrounding clubs
- Advertising restricted.

11. Vice President, Ladies – Sophie Bremner

a) 208 females registered, a little bit more than last year. Better to have more.

b) Age Groups – no U8's so should have two U9's, U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's, two U16's, a Youth Girls team, two AALadies and three O35's.

Just about everyone is registered apart from three or four.

Tony Hughes - with the change of concept for the 2021 age groups we are not close to finalising teams. Be patient.

12. Facebook – Cath Hughes

Nothing to report

13. Web Site – Tony Hughes for Steve Taylor

Steve to report at the next meeting. He is well under way in designing the new web site.

14. Member Protection Officer – Bronwyn Henson

No report received.

15. Publicity –

Nil.

16. Canteen – Tony Hughes

The plan is to have a modified canteen up and running for this season. I am still waiting to hear back from the NSW Health Commission, no help from Council or HFI.

17. **Referees** – Terry Minton for Jim Moreland

Instructional Ref's Course

Request for applicants on Baulko web site CLOSING 10TH MARCH

Theory part; Week commencing **22nd March**. Day and location to be confirmed

Practical; We would like to use instructional ref's for training during trial matches or training nights on or before the Competition starts.

For coaches/managers of any mini roo teams that may have trials on the following weekend of **27/28 March** please contact Jim if the IR's could assist

Call Jim on 0417465814 or email jmoreland@bigpond.com

SENIOR REF'S

We need more senior referees

Registration is in progress, Approx. 200 registered to date Need about 250 There is still time to register for the level 4 course. It is advertised on the HFI website. Anyone who wants to complete the level 4 course just go to the link on the referee's site for the information.

The more adults (players, coaches, managers, parents) that take this up and learn the rules of the game the better off we will be.

18. **Mini Roos** – Cath Hughes

Team names have been changed from animals back to Socceroo names i.e. Duke, Leckie, Rogic, Mooy, Ryan, Mabil, Sainsbury, and Vukovic. This information only seen on the back of team nomination forms, no notification received from HFI that this was happening.

Minitildas will be Carpenter and Kerr. Name well received by clubs.

Could be a problem for children remembering the names.

19. **Premiers** – Bill Griffith

a) FFA Cup match v Penrith Rovers on Saturday 13th March at Ted Horwood. Kick off 6.30pm (to be confirmed).

b) First trial game on Sunday night v Parklea. Reserves won 3-1, Firsts 7-1.

c) Still looking for a couple of players e.g. an experienced defender and an experienced striker.

d) Squad of 32.

20. **Coaching** – David Burns

a) **Coaching Clinic** – pretty good support. 7 or 8 attending tonight. Another 10 for skill training for the next few weeks. Game Training has 14 booked on. If there are any coaches of the U13's, U14's, U15's and U16's teams that want to bring their teams along for game training sessions please contact me. This would help to have an additional training session and not let the coaches do all the running around. Looking for a 6.30 – 7.30pm and 7.30 – 9.00pm time slot. Any older teams to use the later time slot.

It is possible to still register for skills training.

b) **Coaching Courses** (Tony Hughes) – in the next few weeks the executive/coaching committee will come up with a budget and expressions of interest for future courses that will run over the season.

21. **Grading** – Rob Vallis

a) 'It was really fun'. Lots of people helped out but especially commended a couple of the Premier League players for their help even though they had no direct link to an age group or the junior players. They set a great example to all the junior players. It gave the session's greater credibility and made things seem more official.

b) Tony Hughes thanked to Rob for all his patience and resilience. It was much appreciated.

22. **Trials** – Mick Hollins

a) **Trials** – being organised for teams from U8's to O45's, both mixed and girls/ladies, on the two weekends of **20th/21st March** and **27th/28th March**.

Do NOT organise your own trials at Ted Horwood. Let me know if you want to play a particular team.

Do NOT play an unregistered player to play in any trial games. All players must be registered otherwise they are not covered by insurance.

If you do not want a game for any reason you need to let Mick know by emailing

trials@bhfc.org.au **Don't phone! We do not want teams to be disappointed when their opposition does not turn up.**

- b) **Sanction Forms** – Tony Hughes will check with Nicole at HFI to ascertain whether trials are covered by a blanket approval. If there is a team or club change then the hosting club initiates the form and submits it to the hosts association. In our case our secretary Kevin Robinson will complete a sanction form to cover that particular change and send in to Nicole. Earlier notice the better.

23. General Business

- a) **Borrowing** – Cameron Hume – you cannot borrow Last year up to 6 but this year back to 4 although you can borrow up to 16 times in a year but no borrowing in the final series. Will check with HFI if U11's are able to borrow from U10's and whether older girls can play in the U11's mixed teams, specifically U12's and U13's. HFI's borrowing matrix only starts at U12's and only covers mixed teams.
Keith Pierce – raised the issue of teams being able to borrow from divisions higher than one as happened in past seasons e.g. Division 2's borrowed down into division 5. Keith to send an email to Tony Hughes outlining the objections. Tony to table it at the next Presidents meeting on the 15h March.
- b) **O60's team** – going well. Will be travelling to Canberra on the 20th March to play in a competition.
- c) **Field Use** – Council have been contacted regarding the unauthorised use of field 4 by two HFI teams last weekend that impinged on the Premier League trial games. An email to be sent to the two clubs, HFI and Council. Noted that there were other groups playing usually on field 5.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: **Monday 5th April 2021.**

Venue: Zoom Invitation

Time: 7.30pm (sharp)