



## Meeting minutes

<b>Date</b>	Tue 05 Mar 2024 6:00PM
<b>Type</b>	Committee Meeting
<b>Venue</b>	Grafton Hockey Association
<b>Attendees</b>	Lynette Newby; Trudy Schultz; Kerry Barton; Liesa Thompson; Yvonne Cameron; mary day; Kerri-Anne Falla; Suellen Jenkins; Sean Waite; Ross Thorley; Toby Power; Renee Nilon; P Ryder; Nathan Skeels; Joanne Clare; Anita Jackson
<b>Apologies</b>	There are no apologies recorded.
<b>Absences</b>	There are no absences recorded.

### Item #1. Apologies

Raised by Lynette Newby

Sharon Hurford

Sam Munns

### Item #2. Minutes of last meeting

Raised by Lynette Newby

Minutes from previous meeting 7 Feb 2024 be accepted and carried.

<b>Motions</b>	
<b>Motion #1</b>	Accepted
<b>Moved by</b>	Lynette Newby
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerri-Anne Falla
<b>Carried</b>	Yes

### Item #3. Correspondence

Raised by Lynette Newby

None received to raise.

Correspondence sent to appropriate area as it comes in.

### Item #4. Board report

Raised by Lynette Newby

New fee schedule has now been finalised i have copies available here tonight. Please mention to all you players to register as soon as they can and to try and make it at least a little more than a week before comp starts so it is easier on admin for putting players in teams and printing of cards. Please also check that players are registered before training in case of injury they are not covered for insurance.

Maintenance all been going well in the off season - continued to sweep turfs and clean areas of concern - if anyone notices an issue please report to the office or to one of the board members.

The board has had discussions regarding the Guidelines surrounding the ability for 2nd grade players playing in a first grade team for exposure of their current club does not have a first grade side. This exception to the By Laws was designed to give players the opportunity to experience first grade and as a pathway to move players up and not simply plug holes. This being said there appears to be some that may be trying to take advantage of the guideline and the scope it was designed to do. This being said there are a few changes that clubs need to be aware of.

- a 2nd grade player whose club does not have a 1st grade team may apply to the Board for an exemption to fill in with another club's 1st grade team. If approved the exemption is valid for that playing season only, if this same player is asking for the same exemption for the following season they will be graded in that 1st grade team as they have been exposed to and proven to be able to play 1st grade. So this means it will not be permitted over multiple seasons for the same player.
- This exemption should be limited to players who aspire to play 1st grade in the near future.
- A player must be granted an exemption before being able to take the field with the other clubs 1st grade side. This exemption would still be limited to the 60% rule (same as any other player filling up from 2nd grade) and that player will not be permitted to fill down from their regular team.

Clubs with 1st and 2nd grade teams should be careful not to include these players at the expense of their own players who aspire to play 1st grade or who already have large numbers of available and appropriate players to fill up.

We understand this may affect some teams for exemptions already requested and we will get responses out to these clubs very soon.

<b>Motions</b>	
<b>Motion #1</b>	Accepted
<b>Moved by</b>	Lynette Newby
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kerry Barton
<b>Carried</b>	Yes

## Item #5. Registrar

**Raised by Kerry Barton**

Registrars report 28/4/27

- Rego is all open on GHA website, some club portals are and others not. Can register with GHA Non Club and can transfer later if you need to or want to register. Biggest problem is I may not know which club they belong to, so if clubs could get their rego open it might save a lot of work.
- GHA and McAuley have been approved as an Active and Creative Kids providers. We have to redeem vouchers manually. An email sent to club administrators yesterday. I met with Club representatives last Thursday to explain the process. (especially for setting up payment classes) All clubs with portals are sorted except for Bears.
- Please encourage early registration as it helps to reduce the massive last minute workload. Any issues in the last week before the first round of matches may not be dealt with in time if you leave it until the last minute.
- We currently have 81 financial members

<b>Motions</b>	
<b>Motion #1</b>	Accepted
<b>Moved by</b>	Lynette Newby

Seconded by	Yvonne Cameron
Carried	Yes

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## Item #6. Fixtures

Raised by mary day

## Item #7. Grading

Raised by Yvonne Cameron

All teams nominating to play this season must be in to Grading Committee by COB 6 March for review and finalisation.

### Motions

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Motion #1	Accepted
Moved by	Lynette Newby
Seconded by	<i>Not entered</i>
Carried	Yes

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## Item #8. Match Officials

Raised by mary day

Teams must send in their Umpires details asap. Minimum 1 umpire nomination per team and 2 if available.

## Item #9. Juniors

Raised by Sean Waite

Junior Committee Meeting Minutes 14.2.2024

Matt, Rick, Sean, Mary, Amie, Ali, Pete, Kelly

Apologies – Sarah, Jesse

Minutes passed from previous meeting -

Agenda

- 1- GHA Board has approved the boards to be used for Hockey 5's with a protective lining on the base. Junior committee to move forward with this process. Sponsorship blurb being prepared by Kelly and will then be approved by junior committee to be sent to all clubs.
- Ballina Day- Rick has not heard from the Ballina President. Grafton opts to use 7<sup>th</sup> of April as the proposed date at the Grafton Fields. GHA board has approved Junior committee to run the BBQ for this as a fundraising event for Junior hockey.
- 3- Hook into Hockey- We are registered, although Mary has cancelled this due to registration for the program being \$30 per child to hockey Aus. Mary will call Greg Doolan to follow up on this again.
- 4- Come and try days have been listed on HNSW website. Thankyou Mary.
5. Come and Try starts tomorrow 15<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 to 6.30 pm (5pm Setup). 20 registered to attend. Most have not played before.  
Split into 2 ages groups Under 7 and 9-11 year olds - 4 drills 5 mins each.
6. Bylaw amendments were discussed these will be typed up by Mary and shared via email.

7. Dates for 2024 season – Season starts Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Junior Grandfinal Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Junior League to start May 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. Umpires – 16's to have one senior umpire nominated per team from the club. Clubs to also provide 1 junior umpire mentor each – (these will be rostered on a rotational basis).

Umpire education session to occur – Hold 2 of these early in the season. 1 prior to the beginning of the season. Mary /Rick to confirm with Toby.

Mary will confirm with Lynn the process for umpires to gain accreditation progress.

9. Minkey confirmed as a 6 week program.

(Edit Mary spoke with Greg the day after the meeting and suggested we run our program but use the Hook in to Hockey branding)

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm

Next meeting set for Mid March TBC.

Motions

Motion #1	Accept meeting minutes
Moved by	mary day
Seconded by	Sean Waite
Carried	Yes

Item #10. Publicity

Raised by Lynette Newby

Any events or general publicity promotions get into Publicity officer for distribution to general public

Item #11. REP Committee

Raised by Kerry Barton

- Coaches, Managers and selectors called for with some nominations received. Please email the rep committee if interested.
- Trial dates have been set and are on the website under Rep Info
- Nominations for trials set up as events on our website and deposit is to be paid when nominating
- U 18 Nominations have closed. Trial this Sunday 3rd March cancelled due to a number of players unavailable. FB Post and all nominees have been emailed. Next trial date Sunday 10th March.
- U 14 Nominations boys and girls are open and will close 10th March
- U16s Open 10th march and close 31st March

Motions

Motion #1	Accepted
Moved by	Kerry Barton
Seconded by	Sean Waite
Carried	Yes

Item #12. General Business

Raised by Lynette Newby

By Laws to be voted on next meeting (27 March). Available to peruse on GHA website under "news" and "events nex meeting"

Junior By Laws changes also on website

Player clearances. If a player owes a previous club money this club needs to notify NSW Hockey for actioning - to prevent player registration with another club

It has been requested a Treasurer's rept be provided mid season. This will enable members to understand financial position better.

2 Sundays have been set aside for rescheduled games (Seniors). Proposed 2nd June and 4th August. Rescheduled games are at the direction of GHA. Clubs are to liase with Fixtures to discuss any matters pertaining to game changes.

Meeting closed 6.40pm

# Item #13. Next meeting

Raised by Lynette Newby

Next meeting 27 March @ 6pm

Attached files

File name	Type	Size
<a href="#">Proposed junior bylaw changes 2024</a>	DOCX	18KB
<a href="#">Senior Bylaw proposal</a>	DOCX	19KB