

# Central Bay of Plenty Hockey Association

## Committee Meeting

August 23, 2009

**Start: 5.15pm**

**Present:** Steve Everitt, Mary Sax, Gill Houston, Diane Harvey, Johan van der Wouden, Geoff Mercer, Bryan Jones, Paul Wylie, Kylie Sims, Bradley McKenzie

Also present: Maggie Mita-Walker

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes:** Taken as read and accepted with correction below, Geoff/Gill, passed.

Year 5 and 6, and 7 and 8 have finals day on Sept 12, not minis and years 7 and 8.

### **Financial report:**

Accounts. Usual monthly accounts presented plus one from NZ Hockey for \$9987, being affiliation fees. Approved for payment: Mary/Raymond, passed.

Outstanding subs: Only two senior teams have subs outstanding at this point. Whakatane Central (??) and Redettes.

### **Mary Clinton:**

Maggie reported that the booklets were done and she was waiting for covers from HNZ. New World has agreed to sponsor the event but wants business from the tournament. Maggie said she would ask participants to support the supermarket. Rather than use a rubbish bin collection service she will use plastic bags. Umpires are sorted. Raymond to print cards for the event.

### **General Business:**

**Diane** needs two umpires for year 7 and 8 finals, September 12. Bradley and Paul volunteered.

**Johan** sought clarification that the committee would abide by rules it makes. He's fielding complaints about people defying the directive not to use the gates on the pavilion side of the turf. "We should practise what we preach," he says.

Regarding Johan's concern that boys were fielded in a team against his girls' side after having played an earlier game for another team, the committee agreed that Helen Tuhoro be allowed to play two boys in her girls' team but that she reclassify it a 'mixed' team. Helen has asked to be able to play two boys in her side.

Mary reminded the committee that up to two year 9 or 10 boys are allowed to play in the junior girls' competition. That rule was made two years ago.

Johan said the boys had played for other sides as well.

Steve asked about the situation of boys playing for more than one team in the secondary competition because it was happening, particularly with Trident. Raymond said Trident had started with a large number of players but these had dropped off during the season.

Johan said there was no programme for coach development, or mentoring and he would like to see something. Steve said a coach workshop was arranged for Edgecumbe through Sport Bay of Plenty and that option was available.

Johan said he was disappointed with the way the red card system was working. People were being carded but there was no follow up by the judiciary.

Raymond explained that time frames and deadlines in the bylaws governing disciplinary proceedings were rigorously tight, to the point that it was difficult to execute them. He said it had been almost impossible to make the system work this year and the situation needed reviewing. He had tried, unsuccessfully, to use the system twice this year.

Kylie said Whakatane Town soccer club wanted to adopt the association's judicial system.

Johan agreed to form a three-person committee to review the judicial process.

#### **Lights being left on:**

People sometimes leave the lights on because they have been turned from automatic to manual and the switch is not returned to automatic before everyone leaves. Switching to manual has been happening because the lights are not coming on earlier enough.

Bryan said the sensor detecting when to turn the lights on faced west and although it was set at its lowest setting, there was too much light from that direction for the sensor to trigger the lights to come on.

Moving the sensor to the east side of the pavilion would solve the problem. Bryan estimated it would cost \$100 to move the sensor.

The committee resolved: To spend up to \$150 moving the sensor, Raymond/Bryan. Passed.

#### **Padlocks being lost:**

Padlocks are going missing, or being locked to their chains and people can't lock up. The committee discussed this problem and agreed to investigate mounting key-operated deadlocks to all gates. Johan will obtain a quote to do this, and to insert a high-tech, smart card system (a bit like most modern hotel room keys these days) that can be re-programmed whenever necessary.

**Showers:** The trust obtained funding of \$5000 to install showers in the pavilion and has asked the association to pay \$2500 toward the cost. Geoff had earlier tabled by email his concerns about the potential for rampant hot water use and its cost, the extra cleaning involved and the need for cubicles in the first place. Others felt it might help secure a test match for Whakatane and that today privacy was more of an issue, particularly for younger people and women.

It was resolved that the committee fund the cubicles. Steve/Bryan. Eight committee members voted for the move.

**Finals Day – September 20:**

The committee agreed to change the senior finals day from Saturday, September 19, to Sunday, September 20. Finals for years 5 to 8 will be held on September 12.

**Rubbish bins:**

Following a suggestion that there are insufficient bins at the turf, Johan will obtain two more.

Bins: Johan to get two

**Constitution review:**

Geoff advised that he and Steve had met to go over Geoff's proposed changes to the Constitution. Geoff said he would like to incorporate a name change into the process from Central Bay of Plenty Hockey Association to Eastern Bay Hockey Association as the former is geographically confusing. He said he appreciated there was a lot of history attached to the current name but asked committee members to discuss a name change with the hockey community to gauge support for it. There was no point in sabotaging the Constitution review process by attempting a name change if the change meant the new Constitution was thrown out on that point alone.

The new Constitution will be put forward at this year's annual general meeting.

**Horizon Tournament:** Kylie asked that between now and the next meeting committee members consider setting a date for a tournament next season so the Horizon Cup can be awarded. She suggested a BoP pre-nationals tournament to give representative teams an opportunity to warm up. Kylie said she was prepared to organise such an event.

**Trust/association meeting:** Raymond said a lack of understanding of the partnership that existed between the association and turf trust had developed and the relationship needed work. The need for the trust should perhaps be reviewed, he said.

Trust chairman Steve Pickles has suggested a meeting between four of the committee and the trust to align the two bodies' objectives and go over the agreement between the trust and the association.

**Meeting ended:** 6.25pm

**Next meeting:** September 13