

WUHA AGM 2019

Hydrotherapy Room

6.00pm 4th April 2019

Attendees - see scanned sign in sheet (quorum of 20 attendees reached)

Chair Update

- Increase in player numbers in Wellington 2018
- Some issues with clubs being inundated with B grade/school players
- 32 school teams
- High number of Wellington players representing NZ
- Struggling regionally to perform over Auckland
- New clubs format introduced by Jeremy for 2019 - aiming to strengthen adult numbers that are playing and increase level of play
- Looking at 33 teams for schools 2019
- Highlight having Wellington high now have 5 teams this year when they have struggled in the past to field a team
- New WUHA positions/helpers to be introduced to help with larger portfolios. Sarah will share on Facebook
- Apologies for increase club costs but pool costs increased significantly and we have to increase to cover

Treasurer Update

- 2017 a bit shaky but Andrew fully understands role now and made a small profit in 2018
- Drop in mini revenue for 2018
- Proper budget been developed for 2019 from which we are aiming to break even on everything e.g. Including pool and puck and other expenses into league fees
- Schools fees increased to actually cover all cost
- Aim to use profit from mini to give back to mini and get better gear and also fund some initiatives

Referee Update

- Held largest ref course
- Some large changes coming from uwhnz about how refereeing will be delivered/retained etc

- Compulsory referee course that all schools players have to do and then level 1 will be for higher performance refereeing
- Schools refereeing is now much more structured
- Budget now for us to pay refs to come and ref at club nights - Jeremy and Sam to figure out

Schools Update

- Schools structure changed to be more formal - running school nights like central and nationals with 4 refs, red cards, formal appeal system etc
- New promo video from uwhnz to get new schools playing
- WUHA also working with some schools struggling to field teams e.g. HIBS

Coaching Update

- First year in a long time where all schools teams have had a coach - testament to Harriet's hard work
- Tried to introduce more assistant coaches that will feed through too
- 2019 a level 1 coaching course will be run by UWHNZ. This will be a free course. More info will be made available when we have it

Equipment Update

- More pucks have been purchased for 2019. 10 sims pucks and also trialling 4 lighter junior pucks on Friday nights
- Andre got fasteners to fix barriers. Will do one night before hockey
- Jeremy raised: potential to investigate a better middle barrier for proper split court
- Ange raised: labelling both side of the barriers - Andre will get the stickers printed
- Action to contact Jake about new options

Mini league Update

- Few cancellations and some scheduling issues caused revenue drop
- Some 2018 payments still outstanding Alistair will chase
- We also has a fee increase for Naenae
- Have already run one mini for 2019 - slight structure change trialling an A and B grade went well
- Still having some issues getting U18s trialists to help out at 2 mini leagues

Clubs Update

- Jeremy has been trying to take a long term strategic view (which short term can be seen as a bit controversial)
- Had pay per league system in 2018 - was very hard to manage this money so we have decided to put it back on the club leaders to collect a yearly fee and then clubs pay wuha
- 2019 calendar has been released showing different types of leagues scheduled for the year
- Gap in our player base of social adult players (not elite or school) trying to cater more to this demographic going forward
- Split A and Prem grade long term goal is to have a better experience for all A and B players. Want more experienced players/mentors in with our new players
- Clubs portfolio needs more support. Too much for one person currently
- Wanting to get more structure e.g. Start in time, refs. Need high level layers to set a good example

Health and Safety

- Wuha becoming more liable to injuries
- Trying to get much more structure and documentation around our health and safety
- Juniors using lighter puck
- Concussion scale criteria
- Long term goal is to run a first aid starter course for all coaches and managers and up skill everyone around this

Other Business

- Ange raised: stop using Facebook as our key way of communicating - should be using website
- Reasoning behind decisions needs to be communicated better. More transparency
- Dedicated Comms person - should sit with secretary
- AGM held on a Saturday next year/not hockey night
- Discussion around decision to exclude younger players from Thursday nights - lots of misinformation flying around. Need one clear message going out from wuha
- Bring back club reps to attend wuha committee meetings - agreed

Portfolio nominations

Mini league:

- Alistair was nominated to continue but wishes to step down.
- Noah nominated - happy to do it but can't actually be there on Saturdays so will need helpers. Seconded and approved.

Referee:

- Nomination for Sam to continue (Abigail will set down as helper). Seconded and approved

Secretary:

- Odette nominated herself for competitions, as this is a small role Andrew nominated odette for secretary. Seconded and approved.

Coaches:

- Harriet nominated to stay on. Seconded and approved.

Schools:

- Ruby nominated. Seconded and approved.

Clubs:

- Jeremy nominated to continue but wishes to step down.
- Sarah nominated to coordinate. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer:

- Andrew nominated to stay as treasurer. Seconded and approved

Chair:

- Sarah nominated to stay on. Seconded and approved.