

## SOUTHERN ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE

### Minutes Annual General Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 at 10am in Naseby

Chairperson Daryl Soper welcomed those present.

Present:

Gore: Marita Soper, Daryl Soper, Susan Dale, Dave Dunlop  
 Dunedin: Stephen Christos, Jackie Christos, Larry Wheeler, Phil Pielak-Jones  
 Alexandra: Dianne Elliot, Elaine Clarke  
 Albury:  
 Maniototo: Shona Donald  
 Queenstown: Graeme Glass, Charlie Reid

Apologies:

Matt Swirtz, Ross & Sharon Burns, Graeme Sykes, Luana & Niel Frear, Tracey Bennet, Sarah Strain, Wayne Gloag, Matt Elliot, Joyce Miller, Ben Glass.

*Moved:* Phil Pielak-Jones/Marita Soper

Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting held in Gore on 25 November 2006:

As circulated & read. Confirmed as a true and accurate record

*Moved:* Charlie Reid/Phil Pielak-Jones

Matters Arising:

SNC – 16 yrs was this changed? – was for SIHL rounds but not for Nationals.  
 Stampede Funding applications were not successful - Also games around the region, hospital visits etc did this go ahead? Basically all Stampede practises were held in Q/T.

Reports:

Reports presented were:

Financial this was presented by Marita Soper  
 Financial Report - *Moved:* Marita Soper/Dianne Elliot

Peewee Report  
 Midget Report  
 Junior Report  
 SNC Report  
 Womens Report  
 Southern Stampede Report

The Reports above were moved by Marita Soper/Graeme Glass

Discussion re Junior report from Blake Sinclair. Is an attitude thing. In sport we have to be athletes. Can't have guys coming to a training camp with slippers & work boots. Take Blake's comments on board. May be good idea to have coaching clinics for this age group of players. Need to have skill level at club level & also would be good to have these skills enforced at National level. Federation level – systems are supposed to be enforced throughout the levels. Should summer camp be extended to older age group? Would be good to have skills camp at Junior level. Need to take Blake's report back to clubs.

Marita has question re Friendship Society re accounts. Marita to clarify with Greg Rotto  
 Verbal report from Jackie Christos re Friendship Tournament in Dunedin. Went really well,  
 fantastic feedback. Hard to get enough help through SIHL & finding billets was stressful.  
 Support is a big issue – to get people on board. Need to be proactive to get more people  
 helping. Huge thankyou to Sopers, Christos's, Joyce Miller etc for all the work they did  
 (and any others not mentioned)

Referee in Chief – No report  
 Publicity – No report  
 Convenor of Player Development – No Report

President's Report – *Presented & Moved* by Daryl Soper/Stephen Christos

Correspondence: Outwards: Letter to Peter Anderson  
 re SIHL Delegate to NZIHF Thankyou  
 Correspondence moved Dave Dunlop/Jackie Christos

Election of Office Bearers:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Selected</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<u>President</u>	Daryl Soper	Dn/QT	Maniototo
<u>Vice President</u>	Stephen Christos	Dn	Gore
<u>Secretary</u>	Susan Dale	Dn/QT	Gore
<u>Treasurer</u>	Marita Soper	Dn/QT	Man
<u>Statistician/Registrar</u>	Joyce Miller	Dn/QT	Alex
(Please get score sheets in ASAP)			
<u>Referee in Chief</u>	Dunedin to have a think about this position		
<u>Player Development</u>	Go back to clubs – what do they want or need?		

<u>Patron</u>	Ben Glass	Gore	Q/T
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(This position is top of the list and an honour – to be elected each year)  
 Congratulations letter to Mr Glass. Maybe he could provide some SIHL History.

SIHL needs to look at life memberships.

Competition Convenors:

Stampede	Daryl Soper	Q/T	Gore
Dunedin Thunder	Jackie Christos	Dn	Q/T

Leave convenors below till competition is sorted

Premier  
 SNC  
 Junior  
 Midget  
 Peewee  
 Women

Coaches:

Stampede	Jeff Bonazzo	Q/T	Dn
Dn Thunder	Jenel Bodie	Dn	Subject to funding
SNC	Dn to ask Larry Nichvolodov Gore to ask Caleb McDonald		
Junior	Blake Sinclair	Gore	Maniototo
Midget	Stephen Reid	Q/T	Dn
- Assist	Cameron Frear	Q/T	Dn
Peewee	Larry Wheeler	Dn/Q/T	Gore
- Assist	Sheree Haslemore?	Not sure yet.	
Women	Brent Soper	Q/T	Maniototo
Friendship	Larry Wheeler	Dn	Gore
- Assist	Tony Brookes	Q/T	Dn

Managers:

Stampede	Charlie Reid	Q/T	Gore
- Assist			
Dunedin Thunder	Stephen Christos	Dn	Q/T
SNC			
Junior	Tracey Bennet	Dn/QT	Gore
- Assist	Dave Dunlop	Gore	Dn
Midgets	Yet to be filled		
Peewee	Ross Burns	Dn/QT	Gore
Women	Sarah Strain	Dn/QT	Maniototo
Friendship	Jackie Christos	Dn	
	Ross Burns	Gore	

Daryl & Jackie to talk to Ross & discuss two managers or one to be assistant manager. Both need to come to the next meeting in Feb – date to be advised.

Convenor of Selectors: Daryl Soper Dn Maniototo

Club Delegates:  
 Queenstown - Charlie Reid/Graeme Glass/Wayne Gloag  
 Gore - Marita Soper/Susan Dale/Dave Dunlop  
 Dunedin -  
 Alexandra -  
 Maniototo -  
 Albury -

NZIHf Delegates:  
 Graeme Glass Dn/QT  
 Charlie Reid Dn/QT  
 Daryl Soper Dn/QT  
 Mike Sam (To be confirmed) Dn  
 Niel Frear QT  
 Steve Rout QT

Put to the vote: following have won nominations to NZIHf  
 Graeme Glass, Charlie Reid, Daryl Soper, Neil Frear

Discussion re NZIHf registrar & Joyce's interest in it. These positions available as they become vacant.

Funding Convenor: Need Two. Dn to talk to their club. Daryl to work on this.

Need to differentiate two National league teams for funding in their own region. Funding for both teams under the SIHL umbrella.

“Face Off” Editor: For 2008 Queenstown suggests that the website is used for all information. Save time and means the information is readily available at all times. To go with this suggestion.

Ryan Hellyer

- in conjunction with website. To keep feeding the info to Ryan.  
[www.dunedinicehockey.co.nz](http://www.dunedinicehockey.co.nz)

<u>Equipment Officer:</u>	{ Marita Soper	Dn/QT	Dn
	{ Peter Dale	Gore	Dn

Marita did enquire about insurance but companies weren't interested. Is under normal household insurance.

Disciplinary Committee: For 2008 Queenstown suggests SIHL President & other senior committee members at the time. Agreed  
As per SIHL Events Manual & Bylaws

## General Business

### Erehwon Cup

2008 – Alexandra will be the host club. 25/26/27<sup>th</sup> July (Alex may struggle this late- see how they go)

### 2008 Competition Schedule

Discussion re refs & having National League refs to ref SIHL rounds. Have full rounds.

Would like to see pre season National League games in Gore as fundraiser.

Discussion re timing of the National League – remit needs to go to NZIHF. Overseas players would be disadvantaged as out of their season. Idea to maximise tournaments so we have ice for the day. What can we do for the women's & junior teams?

Be good to see grades together again. Social side was lost.

21<sup>st</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2008 is summer school in CHCH

Ice Hockey Masters 8/9/10 Feb 2008 in Dunedin

Then in March Easton Cup at Easter in Dunedin

SI Secondary Schools Ice Hockey Tournament Dunedin 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Daryl submitted the South Island National League Tournament dates for the 2008 season as below

**NZIHL Rounds:** 14/15 June Dn, 21/22 June CHCH, 27/28/June QT, 4/5 July QT, 12/13 July Dn, 18/19 July QT, 2/3 August CHCH, 9/10 August Dn

Good idea to have one member from each club attend a meeting to set a draw working around the dates above. Discussion re submitting numbers of players. Discussion re last years schedule advantages and disadvantages.

Idea to have host club pay ice time costs for their home games. Clubs could apply for funding for ice time costs. Clubs could also run BBQ etc as fundraiser for this. Not playing same number of games at each rink at disadvantage to some. Need to make it as fair as possible for clubs – play an equal number of home games. Need to see what draw is and take back to clubs.

Blend of formats may be better for next season. Would like to see no big break ie after public sessions. Phil suggested he will flick a couple of options around. Bring to schedule meeting.

Susan to write to rinks to get availability of ice hockey times for coming schedule – public sessions etc regular routine of the ice rink. Figure skating, Club champs etc.

Alex – c/- Dianne Elliot, Box 198, Alexandra

Dn- c/- Niel Gamble, PO Box 2320, Dunedin

QT – c/- Ed Halson, PO Box 1055, Queenstown

Maniototo – c/- Jock Scott, Kyeburn RD 3, Ranfurly

Every club to email Susan to get teams for 2008 in ASAP

Suggestions: Allowances for rep teams – trial dates were scheduled last season. SIHL weekend 4<sup>th</sup> weekend left for reps.

Nationals 14/15/16 August Midgets, Peewees Juniors. 22/23/24 August SNC, Women's

Break for lunch 12.30pm

Resume meeting 1.10pm

### **Remits:**

That NZIHL season be amended to start in August/September running through to December.

Reason

- 1) To ensure “premier/senior” hockey is not destroyed at the expense of NZIHL giving the premier hockey its own season.
- 2) To best develop/promote our Ice Blacks, U20 & U18 teams by providing top level hockey in the lead up to teams travelling to worlds.

Daryl Soper moved this remit. Seconded by Phil Pielak-Jones Agreed

### **Remit - Dunedin**

That Southern League add an additional age group known as ‘ Bantam ‘ and support a remit to NZIHF for 2009 to add a Bantam national championship.

The resulting age groups for children would then become:

U13 Pee Wee

U15 Bantam

U17 Midget

U19 Junior

The advantages to the change would be:

- 1) to reduce the age discrepancy at which children are presently facing. For example, kids who have not yet turned 13 ( in the calendar ) could be playing against others who are almost turning 16.

- 2) to reduce the age discrepancy at which children are first introduced to contact hockey. So Bantam would be the 1<sup>st</sup> year of checking and only a two year age gap would exist.
- 3) to enable the bigger, stronger clubs ( Dunedin, Queenstown ) to have more players playing at a ' Rep ' level.
- 4) to enable the smaller clubs ( Gore, Alex ) the flexibility to enter a combined teams (eg. Bantam & Junior ) without having their children playing up against children too much older.
- 5) To continue to encourage the present practice of stronger kids playing up a category for additional playing time, but without them facing hugely older opposition. i.e. Tyler Hasslemore could play Pee Wee and Bantam, instead of Pee Wee and Midget.
- 6) To increase the number of children playing in the NZ Nationals which is a very positive & learning experience
- 7) To reduce the occurrence of promising 1<sup>st</sup> year Midgets missing out on the Nationals because of the 3 year age gap and number of kids playing Midget.
- 8) To bring NZ ice hockey age groups in line with International categories.

Larry Wheeler moved this remit. Seconded by Charlie Reid. Agreed

Discussion re this – is a logical step whether we do it this year or the timing isn't quite right. Draw has been set for Nationals in 2008  
Proposal to enter an open team grade combining Juniors & Prems

### **Remit – Gore**

That the Southern Ice Hockey National League teams (Stampede and Dunedin Thunder) have practises/games around the Southern region to promote and encourage our sport outside of Queenstown and Dunedin.

Discussion re this & bringing top players into rinks. Looking at squads now of 25 players so need feeder players.

Marita Soper moved this remit. Seconded Stephen Christos. Agreed.

### **Dunedin National League**

Late January squad to start training in Dunedin. Jenel back in March. Trials dates need to be organised for both teams.

Name Dunedin team – Need to have Southern logo on Dunedin based National League team. Discussion re naming of the team. Suggestion "Dunedin Thunder" with Southern Ice Hockey League logo on both teams jerseys. To stipulate this with Gunther. Agreed.

### **Motion**

Charlie moved that SIHL set up a management committee comprising the President & secretary of SIHL & a club appointed delegate from each club. Seconded: Stephen Christos

**Motion**

Dianne moved that applications for funding be approved by the management committee as and when required. Seconded: Marita Soper

**Subscriptions 2008**

Subs to stay the same. Includes a \$5 fundraising level to allow for purchase of new tops and socks. This is one of the easiest funding applications (Tops/socks)

Open grade – How many teams would we have in this grade? Barely have 3 teams. Can we bring these players together & then divide them up. Play for a team name rather than a club. ie SIHL Grizzlies, Ducks etc. Clubs to get numbers to Susan as per above.

Skills challenge - next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the IIHF. 15 years and under (Born 1993). Best girl & best boy gets to go to Canada to compete. Neil Frear will run skills challenge for SIHL.

**Schedule committee meeting 20 Jan 2008 in Alexandra at 10.30am**

Daryl thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 3pm