

## Southern Ice Hockey League (SIHL)

### Minutes of the SIHL General Meeting held in Dunedin On 28 March 2009 at 10am

Daryl Soper welcomed those present. **Meeting began at 10.45am**

#### **Present**

Gore: Marita Soper, Daryl Soper, Susan Dale, Dave Dunlop, Jan Goulding  
Dunedin: Al O'Connor Joyce Miller, Larry Wheeler, Karen Nicholson, Callum &  
Krissi Wood, Kyle Mathews, Jackie & Stephen Christos &  
Thunder Coach Jens Van Poucke

Alexandra: Dianne Elliot

Albury:

Maniototo:

Queenstown: Graeme Glass, Charlie Reid

Auckland Andreas Kaisser (spoke on 'club hub')

NZIHf

National Coaching Co-ordinator Jeff Bonazzo

Apologies: Ross & Sharon Burns, Luana & Niel Frear, Elaine Clark, Sally Andrew,  
Larry Martin, Greg Becker & Shona Donald

— *Moved: Charlie Reid/Marita Soper*

#### **Minutes of the Previous General Meeting held in Gore on 29 November 2008**

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

*Moved: Dave Dunlop/Dianne Elliot*

#### **Matters Arising**

Will cover these in 'General' part of the meeting.

#### **Correspondence**

**Outwards:** Email to Gunther & Grant Hay re Nationals Dates

Thankyou to Colony Catering

Letter to Ben Glass re Patron

Reply to Al O'Connor

**Inwards:** Email re Nationals

Email Al O'Connor re Resignations from Thunder

Dispensation Application

Reply Ben Glass

Email re Peewee SIHL Manager

Email from Mark Symons re Stampede

Email from Ryan Hellyer re Website

Email from Graeme Glass re Resignation NZIHf Pres

Email from Niel Frear re Nomination for Finland camp

Info from Jeff Bonazzo

Letter Maniototo Ice Rink

Charities Commission re SIHL Status

Skills Clinic – Albury Association

*Moved: Graeme Glass/Al O'Connor*

**Correspondence Matters Arising**

Will deal with in 'General'

**Financial Report**

Cheque account -\$1772.57 if all accounts are to be paid.

Could clubs get in their fees please! Marita received a letter from the Charities Commission. Application was declined to change status to Charitable Entity. To work on this application again & fulfil the requirements of the Commission's letter to complete this process.

Moved: *Marita Soper/Stephen Christos*

**Agenda Business****Club Hub – registration on line**

Andreas Kaisser gave the meeting a run down on 'Club Hub'. Auckland is using this at the moment. Allows visa & payment options & options for part payments. Can allocate members to different teams as well as rep teams. Easy way of contacting members. Can buy tickets for games with the advantage of cheaper rates for members. Financial tool available to match transactions from bank accounts – manages members club hub statements. Relies on members to do this correctly. Will make things easy from federations point of view to keep track of age level players. Regions decide to do it. Fee – charge \$6 per playing members per year. Would be an advantage to have all clubs in the Southern Region under the one database. Our own Constitution would stop players registering for the cheapest club. Would need to be made clear to members. Look on Auckland's website & can register as a dummy to try out if you wish – let Andy know – can register as a test. Certain people would have access to certain parts of the website.

Give Andy a call for contact persons details. Contact is Duncan Stewart. Andy will be here for Worlds in Dunedin so will be here for 2 weeks.

Would be more practical to have this going for next season. Could have a look & familiarize ourselves with this now. Thank you to Andy for explaining Club Hub to the meeting.

Jeff spoke briefly on the info he has just sent out. Would like all coaches in the region to be registered with Jeff so he can keep a track of everyone. Clubs to please send info to Susan to forward to Jeff.

Andreas Kaisser & Jeff Bonazzo leave the meeting.

**Dispensation for Gore Club member**

Jan Goulding spoke on this player.

**Motion:**

It was moved that SIHL give dispensation to Luke McClintock to remain in the Peewee grade for the 2009 season.

Moved: *Jan Goulding/Dave Dunlop*

**2009 Schedule**

Potential problem: Peewee /Midgets /Juniors all on the Skills Clinic weekend.

Discussion re Maniototo having one tournament only. Hard to send teams to Naseby when Maniototo don't have a team in that grade.

Changes – move Midgets from Skills Clinic date to Gore on 24 May or 14 June. Jan will advise Kyle.

Move a SNC round from Tekapo to Naseby - Agreed. Kyle will organise this & send out a **final** schedule. Thank you to Kyle for all your hard work – 9 drafts & you are finally there!!

**Motion:**

Kyle to reschedule Midgets to Gore (from the Skills Clinic weekend) in conjunction with date advised by Jan Goulding & shift a SNC tournament to Naseby & send out a final schedule.

*Moved Charlie Reid/Kyle Matthews*

**6am starts for Dunedin rink** – how does the committee feel about this?

Object strongly to this. Committee has agreed in the past to make start times more user friendly and avoid the extra cost for overnight stays. Other rinks are forfeiting public sessions to accommodate ice hockey tournaments & promote our sport. Letter from SIHL re this. Try for 8.30am - 9am starts. Other rinks are running tournaments with these start times. Susan to draft a letter & run by Daryl & Kyle. (Kyle has since declared a conflict of interest & has withdrawn from being involved in this letter).

**Open Grade**

Originally only two teams Gore & Q/T. We are now pleased to see Dunedin now has a team in this round. Need to promote hockey in this grade. May have to see all players coming together & splitting teams. Gore may struggle to compete otherwise.

**Motion:**

Daryl moved that the first tournament be a Jamboree tournament. May use the format that when Dunedin & Q/T play Gore it could be a Jamboree. When Q/T play Dunedin could be normal game.

*Seconded: Marita Soper*

**Nationals**

Asking for flight quotes from managers of SIHL teams. Important for managers to leave some money in your accounts in case of deposit required with travel agents. Dianne queried uniform for SNC - where to source logo etc. Jackie Christos supplied logo info. TRIM meeting – unaware of the time for this yet. Susan will email Grant Hay. Best accommodation – good contacts for this Niel Frear & Tracey Bennet

**SIHL Unfilled Positions for 2009 season**

**Motions:**

SIHL U19 Coach

Niel Frear nominated Stephen Reid for SIHL U19 Coach for 2009 season.

Seconded: Daryl Soper                      Agreed

SIHL National League Thunder Manager

Jackie Christos nominated Stephen Christos for manager of the Dunedin based Thunder National League team for the 2009 season.

Seconded: Joyce Miller                      Agreed

SIHL National League Thunder Assistant Coach

Jackie Christos nominated Jens Van Poucke to be Thunder Assistant Coach for the 2009 season.

Seconded: Joyce Miller                      Agreed

SIHL Peewee Manager

Krissie Wood nominated Janine Hurring to be the Peewee Manager for the 2009 season. (Janine's email is [pedro01@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:pedro01@slingshot.co.nz))  
 Seconded: Daryl Soper

SIHL SNC Coach

(Prefer not to be a player coach) No documentation to say they can't at Nationals though. Still working on this position.

SIHL Peewee Coach

Leave this with Larry Wheeler he will get back to SIHL.

SIHL Women's Coach

Need to keep working on this position.

**Code of Ethics**

Jeff Bonazzo has sent a code of ethics for discussion. (The Coaches/Mangers code of conduct that Susan drew up was rejected at the last SIHL meeting). Code of Ethics is parallel with code of conducts for everyone else ie parents. Parents that are travelling with the team should view this as well.

**Motion:**

It was agreed that SIHL adopt the NZIHF Code of Ethics that was sent by Jeff Bonazzo.

*Moved: Al O'Connor/Graeme Glass                      Agreed.*

This could be issued at clubs registration time?. Next meeting could look at one for club players & spectators from NZIHF. Get model from Jeff Bonazzo if available. Discussion re this at club level. Are you taking rights away from clubs if they want to have a drink after games at this level? Have to have boundaries around this. Use or abuse is the issue. If using Club Hub could be a box to tick accepting the clubs Code of Ethics.

**General Business****National League Trials**

Next week is official trial week for National League Thunder (16yrs & above – unless exception)

Stampede trails 25 April 2009

**Club/SIHL Coaches Registration**

Remember to get your club age group coaches names & any qualifications they may have into Susan Dale ASAP so she can forward them to Jeff Bonazzo

**U16 National League**

Is going ahead next season. Played same as Super League.

**NZIHF Minutes**

Grant Hay has had a meeting with Dunedin Club. Dunedin has requested a copy of the NZIHF Minutes as they don't have a representative from their region on the NZIHF. Susan to approach Grant Hay to get minutes for all our clubs.

**NZIHF Management Committee**

Charlie Reid & Graeme Glass are our members on the NZIHF Management Committee. If clubs send any correspondence, please cc to Daryl as President of SIHL.

### **Refs Report – Al O'Connor**

Jerome wants to run clinics while Worlds are in Dunedin. Attempted recruiting programme underway. Al is leaving for Canada for a few months so will get a replacement while he is away.

### **Friendship Report**

Susan read Sharon Burns Friendship Report – Extract below.

The Southern Knights Friendship Team is now one month away from attending the Friendship Ice Hockey Games in Hachinohe, Japan. After originally having 9 confirmed players registered we now have the required minimum of 12 players plus 9 parents as follows:

#### **Players**

James Bailey – Alexandra  
 Callum Burns – Queenstown  
 Evan Chantler – Canada  
 Francis Freeman – Queenstown  
 Mitchell Keenan – Dunedin  
 Tom Offen – Dunedin  
 Joe Orr – Dunedin  
 Nick Patchett – Dunedin  
 Ben Roth – Dunedin  
 Justin Stevenson – Dunedin  
 Geordie Wheeler – Dunedin  
 Jaimee Wood – Dunedin

#### **Parents**

Fiona and Heather Bailey – Alexandra  
 Sharon and Ross Burns (Manager) – Queenstown  
 Stewart Chantler – Canada  
 Tony Offen – Dunedin  
 Paul Roth and Barbara Brookes – Dunedin  
 Larry Wheeler (Coach) - Dunedin

The costs to date are as per our original player budget of between \$6,000 and \$7,000 (copy of all budgets **attached**).

We have received a grant from Caversham Foundation for our playing uniforms and we have recently received confirmation that a local Queenstown electrical wholesaler will sponsor the players' and officials travelling uniform jackets.

The team has not had a lot of time together, however the time they have had has been used very well with the coaching skills of Larry.

We are all looking forward to the trip with great anticipation and we have every confidence that that above group of players we are taking away will not only do us all proud on the ice, but also off the ice.

Regards

Ross and Sharon Burns

Southern Knights Friendship Team

Thank you Sharon, Ross & Larry for all the hard work you all have done to get this team to Friendship. SIHL wishes the team all the best for a fantastic tournament!!

### **Life Members**

NZIHF have a list now of Life Members – Daryl read these out to the meeting. These are people who have been involved at NZIHF level.

Charlie is looking at a policy for SIHL for life members. Need older members to remember back. Australia is very good at organising themselves with this information. Made NZIHF take a look at their association. Clubs to come up with a list to bring to next SIHL meeting.

## **Funding Application**

### **Motion:**

It was resolved that an application be made to Bendigo Valley Foundation for Ice Time for the Southern Ice Hockey League Dunedin based "Thunder" National League team for \$4,000.

*Moved: Jackie Christos    Seconded: Charlie Reid                    Agreed*

This is a true & correct resolution of this meeting.

Signed: Daryl Soper \_\_\_\_\_ President SIHL

Signed: Susan Dale \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary SIHL

## **2009 IIHF Hockey Development Camp - Finland**

### **SIHL Nomination**

Quinn Drake (Queenstown) - He was 2006 U13 Nationals Best Defense, Captain of 2006 SIHL U13 Team. 2008 NZ U16 Captain on Australian Tour. He is a very suitable candidate with those credentials. Jeff Bonazzo will be travelling with the successful nominations.

### **Motion:**

Charlie Reid nominated Quinn Drake from SIHL's Queenstown Club be put forward to NZIHF to attend the Finland Development camp in 4-12 July 2009.

*Seconded: Dave Dunlop                    Agreed*

Susan will send nomination to Grant Hay & Michael Parsons

(Break for lunch) Thank you Joyce for organising morning tea & lunch!!

Jan Goulding, Karen Nicholson & Al O'Connor leave the meeting.

### **Dianne's questions**

Do players have to be official members of their clubs prior to the fist tournament of the season? In theory they are still registered from last year as registrations are not officially in then.

Associate members of SIHL – does this affect votes on NZIHF? No but is better for funding was always the argument. To be involved in SIHL you really need to be an associate member.

### **Goalies Clinic**

Would like a goalies clinic sometime in the Southern Region. Assist Thunder coach Jens is the man to see! See how many numbers we have – Jens would prefer small numbers. Numbers to Jens & the age groups. Email Susan, Susan to email names to Jackie & Stephen Christos.

### **Dunedin Ice Time Query**

Is Dunedin charging higher to clubs to subsidize their own players? This was clarified by Dunedin members – no to this question. Answer is that the \$150 rate is for the Dunedin Club. The normal rate is \$200 per hour and with grooming and referees costs is where the \$300 comes from. The Dunedin Delegates assured us that no-one was receiving a subsidy.

## **Worlds Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> April in Dunedin**

Looking for volunteers to help out with this? Three games per day beginning at lunchtime. Ice Blacks start at 8pm each day. Please talk to Kyle Matthews if you can help.

## **Charities Commission – to change SIHL from a Incorporated Society to a Charitable Entity**

We would need constitutional change - would need to call a special meeting. Have to the 10th April to respond to the Charities Commission. Susan to notify members of special meeting, invite/call for objections. Meeting will be on Sunday 12 April in Dunedin while Worlds are on. Quote clauses in correspondence from Charities Commission. Clauses are below:

### **Need to amend clause 28 “Winding Up” to the following:**

“The League shall be wound up in accordance with clause 24 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 or relevant clause in subsequent legislation. Upon winding up the net residue of the League shall be distributed to another organisation that is charitable under New Zealand law or for some other charitable purpose recognised under New Zealand law.”

### **We would also have to add the following clauses to our rules:**

Any income, benefit or advantage must be used to advance the charitable purposes of the organisation.

No member of the organisation or anyone associated with a member, is allowed to take part in, or influence any decision made by the organisation in respect of payments to, or on behalf of, the member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage.

Any payments made to a member of the organisation, or person associated with a member, must be for goods or services that advance the charitable purpose and must be reasonable and relative to payments that would be made between unrelated parties.

No further business the President thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 1.45pm

**The date for the next meeting is to be on Sunday 12 April at 10am in Dunedin. This will be a special meeting to adopt the clauses above into our Constitution. It will also deal with any other business that may arise.**

These minutes were approved and adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (President)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Secretary)