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General Meeting
Zoom - Online
2nd May 2023

Members Present: Anne-Maree Handsaker, Nathan Handsaker, David McMurray, Renae Madams, Odette MacRae, Jo Ridgewell, Andrew Ferris, Katie Voigt, Brad Smith, Hayley Bullock, Brock Ridgewell, Stephanie Crowell.

Apology: None

Meeting commenced 7:34pm

David: This meeting is to give everyone an overview on the season ahead and June carnival.

- Senior Overview: Just checking in to see how everyone is going now the season has started. Quick discussion between everyone. It was asked by Katie regarding the 5-run rule if it is in or out, Dave – Yes, it is in.
  5 top players from each team in A grade are to be named by the 13th of April. These players will not be eligible to drop to play B grade.

Anne-Maree: Warriors have lost 6 players and will need to withdraw from the comp in B. We have a total of 12 players in the club.

Panda's will chat to old players that looked at playing in their 2nd team and see if they are interested in playing to fill the Warriors team.

I am requesting a copy of the rules and by-laws to be sent out, so all clubs are aware of the rules for the season.

Hayley: GameDay – The new system is working, and we are using it for recording our results and generating a ladder. It also has a bulk email function which we have started using and will develop a monthly email newsletter that we will use it for.

- Reconciliation week – Cougars are recognising our first nation people and having an event. We will have a smoking ceremony and acknowledgement on the day before the first game. We would like all clubs to present in full uniform.

Katie: Can we please clarify if the 5 run rule is in or not as there was a game on the weekend where the umpire was unsure if it was being played or not. **David:** Yes, we are playing the 5 run rule in B grade. When 5 runs are scored you will change digs, if however within that same play if more score then the runs count. Runs will score until the ball is dead.

Hayley: Cougars will be having a reconciliation event and we invite all TBI members and guests to attend.

David: Umpires – Thanks to those players who have been assisting umpiring games. Cleggy will be hosting an umpires training day to give guidance to players. Our umpires are getting on in age and need all the assistance we can get.

BNSW are having an umpires training session in Newcastle soon and hope we can get one in Tamworth soon.

Hayley: Scorers – We are also seeing a lack in numbers for scorers. We are looking to do a training session on the book and iPad scoring versions.

Jo & Soosh - to train the book version.

Hayley & Katie – to train the iPad version.

June – We have 52 teams registered this year, up on 47 last year.

Danielle has offered to manage the canteen roster and help Leonie when needed.

Clubs will need to supply players to help with setup and pulldown.

Armidale could you please bring back the net used for B grade after the 03/06 round to be used over the June weekend.

Local Comp – We need to have the home side setup the fields and pack away bases after. Both teams are to help rake the fields. Also please rake the fields after training sessions.

Dave: Tamworth Rep – Nominations have been posted, we have asked for players, scorers & coaches. Some are starting to come in but need more as a lot of the regulars have not done yet.
Hayley: We will need to get all representatives to sign a code of conduct after a few acts of last year.
Dave: There will be a cost assistance to clubs who fulfill the required June and Country Champs duties. We will be relying a lot on the men's rep players after a huge accommodation outlay of $9k.

BNSW have entered their rep team into June and using it as a trial run to give them game time.
Ferro: Are we able to accept pickup players into our rep program? Discussed and agreed ok.
Katie: Communication to all players and the roles within the teams would be appreciated. Travelling away to get very low game time is not received well.

Dave: Facilities – Batting tunnels and Bullpen's will be installed in time for June. We will need assistance to remove the old netting this weekend. The new mower is also coming very soon.

Hayley: We will need to request a Working with children's check details from all coaches and committee members of clubs as we need to lodge them. We need WWCC number, name and date of birth of holder.

Rep trials will start the 13/05 at 10am for A & B grade. Womens will be 14/05 at 2pm.

Katie: There has been talk of those players volunteering to umpire getting financial compensation. Hayley – Yes this is right, figure still to be set.

Hayley: We are working on a comp naming sponsor and filling & upgrading the 24 fence sponsors.

Dave: We are in the process of getting TBI marquees, banners, and rep training shirts.

Danielle: New freezer has been purchased for the canteen and equipment for June and Country Champs is organised.

Closed: 8:56pm