

WELLINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday 5th December 2022, 6:30 PM, Online

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
Raewyn Clarke, Brooke Cutting, Nicole Jack, Hannah Rodriguez, Willy Palmer
OFFICE STAFF
Will Zhou, Cameron Durkin

W Zhou opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Focus Area	Discussion	Action
Intercity	HVSA to sign SLA. Failure to sign will mean WSA withdraws from the Intercity competition.	B Cutting to write a letter to HVSA at end of season R Clarke to call Nick Cooper and advise him about our mandate B Cutting to write consulting document to go out to our clubs. Draft document to be completed by Xmas for us to confirm. Club meeting to discuss and vote on the decision to withdraw from the Intercity competition.
Finance	Funding Applications	N Jack to put an application together to Pelorus Trust for ground fees, and pavilion hire. Funding application to One Foundation for ground fees.
Policies	Review of current policies/what policies we need	Raewyn F to present a list of policies we have and a timetable of when they are to be reviewed/written
Development	Senior Women Development	Will to talk to Amber regarding Senior Women Development Programmes.

	Girls Only School Competition	
Infrastructure	Commentary Box	Work to be continued over xmas break. Ready for Nationals U17
Competition	Senior Competition	Office to organize round 1 award for men.
	Junior Competition	JMC to discuss u13 regrading, and U11/9 grade.

Minute review

R Clarke spoke with Nic Cooper from HVSA regarding our withdrawal from the Intercity Competition. Nic Cooper is to come back to R Clarke with a response from their board. Our executive committee agreed to give them a deadline.

Finance - Application was rejected for Under 17 Girls Nationals. We have already received pub charity funding for in-school deliveries.

N Jack to put an application together to Pelorus Trust for ground fees, and pavilion hire.

\$5000 approved from TAB NZ

\$50,000 received for Operations Manager role.

One foundation grounds fee declined.

Funding Resolutions

- The Executive agreed to put in a funding application to Pelorus Trust for \$4890.43 Excluding GST to go towards pavilion hire and ground fees for the National U17 Girls tournament
- The Executive agreed to put in a funding application to One Foundation for \$10,000 to go towards seasonal ground fees.

Fencing

The new fence panels have been delivered Johnsonville.

N Jack said an order has gone out for Hataitai Park 55x fence panels

Commentary box – Work in progress. Gerald to finish work on commentary box over xmas. Will be ready by Under 17s National Tournament in January.

Ballpark broadcasting to cover final day of tournament, funded by Softball NZ.

Under 17s National Tournament

Tournament on 12th – 15th January.

Office staff will be working half day shifts each day (Cameron, Amber, and Nicole). We will need 2 runners to help on the days.

Vendors - Coffee cart,

Subways lunches for Wellington team

Poneke Kilbirnie to run the BBQ for all 4 days.

Ground crew- Jacko and Nifty

Paulo pics unavailable.

Minutes were reviewed and passed by the Executive Committee

R Clarke, Second R Fergusson

Competitions

Juniors

- Under 13 boy's promo relegation
- U11/U9 – JMC to discuss what will happen with the Hubs.
- Office to come up with recommendation. 1 or 2 options for JMC to decide.

Seniors

- Women's – promo relegation – Finish 1st round and then re-evaluate how many weeks we have left. Comms to go out with reasoning, to be reviewed.
- Men to complete their first round. Re-graded to 5x pools of 4 teams.
- One round being caught up on 18th December, and one round to stand as a rained out round (19/11/2022). This leaves half a round worth of games given an option to catch-up or settle for split points (12/11/2022).

Premier

- Intercity committee to draft up new comp finals format for Prem Reserve, Premier 2 and Premier 3.

Development Programmes

To deliver

- PCAs
- Accelerators
- Regional u13 camp/15s
- Regional development tournament.
- Prices are quite high. Amber to do some costings. She said they could possibly run the programme at \$40 range.

Fast45

- Fast45 dates not confirmed by HVSA yet.
- Club teams to represent Wellington. Miramar to put composite team in. Office to call managers
- 29th January 5th February as possible days, yet to confirm with HVSA

Funding

Tu Manawa funding application is in for small funding round.

Reps

Rep teams coming to office to take their profile pictures.

NFC Meetings

Men's Feedback

- \$500 allowance isn't enough.
- They preferred staying in the houses at ASURE motel.

Women's feedback

- Weren't happy with the accommodation. Shared bathrooms were not great.
- Expensive laundry fees

Thomas Makea – Wants to bridge that gap between NFC and U19s. Allow junior representative coaches to stand in at NFC trainings.

Women's NFC management team said there wasn't enough players to pick from. Women's lacked the mental skills was a key factor to their poor performances. Introduce mental skills approaches for our NFC players.

Both coaches wanted appointment process done after the season, this gives coaches an opportunity to organize some off season work for player working groups.

Hardship fund – Cut off by the end of next week. Will to speak to all teams, email out to clubs. Friday 16th December is the deadline

Auckland Softball Association Proposal

ASA is offering some sort of shared service agreement to smaller associations. This is to be discussed at the next executive meeting.

Auditors

Our auditors have resigned. N Jack explained that the cost of getting audits done is becoming more expensive (\$15,000). Our constitution says we need to have an audit, we need to think as to whether we want that clause in our constitution as under the new Incorporated societies act, it doesn't require us to do an audit. An alternative is having a high-level review done for specific areas of our finances (e.g., grant funding, and salaries). These reviews would be cheaper than having an audit done. Further discussions to be had.

N Jack to work in the office for 2 working days when Will leaves until we find someone to fill the operations role.

Meeting Closed 9pm