

# **Christchurch Underwater Hockey Club**

**(Playing as QEII Underwater Hockey)**

## ***Minutes - Committee Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005***

### **Present**

Matt Toohey, Ray Hall, Bryn Thompson, Brendan Maxwell, David Whyte, Jacqui Spencer, Matt Neale, Penelope Spencer.

### **Apologies**

None.

### **Meeting opened at 6:35pm chaired by Matt Toohey (President).**

No points arising from last meeting (AGM).

Initial discussion centred on strategy for encouraging and retaining players.

Was suggested that Club Captain (Mark Heberd – not present) to provide some momentum to this, whether via weekly email to let everyone know what's on etc.

All present agreed having a regular competition encouraged players, we need however, to try and target the teams and player gradings to ensure more evenly matched teams.

Suggested format was for every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday to be in-house competition similar to late last year. Sundays to be more casual 4-a-side, or some other format.

Also a tentative idea for graded games on Tuesdays (with potential for regular competition with Pegasus).

Brief discussion about coaching structure for South Islands etc. Bryn volunteered for A grade, Matt Toohey for B grade. Any takers for C grade?

Bryn to source a lockable plastic box for storing gear that is to be sold.

Discussion on togs – possible subsidy to reduce the cost to females for getting club togs. Jacqui to investigate possible source of women's togs.

Bryn is investigating the possibility of mass-produced plastic sticks. Had a couple of prototypes on hand, and further investigation is in progress.

Matt Neale to seek out suitable domain names as well as possible free hosting for website, along with the potential to use a (sponsored) commercial CRM system for managing club member contact info and email online.

The Saturday session has been abandoned. Many thanks to Hamish and Jacqui for their input to these sessions. It was raised that it had become more of a babysitting-type arrangement, as few players were moving from there to the club.

Possibility of a club social weekend in Hanmer was raised – Dave to follow up. Dave also to contact Rob Feist about price and availability for a refs course prior to South Islands.

Club to source funding to purchase new pucks (ex-Worlds).

Goals need to be repaired (broken in the middle) – was suggested that they are being used for something other than hockey by another group of pool users, and that this has contributed/caused the breakages.

**Meeting closed at 7:50pm.**