

TAKAPUNA HOCKEY CLUB
2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 2023
AT 10.00 AM IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT NORTH HARBOUR

Present: Katrina Hosken (Chair), Greg Datson (Secretary), Fergus Slorach (Treasurer), Ray Neill, Brent Miller, Hannah Le Quesne, Lani Morgan, Matthew Wardle, Elliot Bartholomew, Darroch George-Bodle, Jo Neves, Katie Miller, Hollie Miller, Millie Ludolph, Luca Bosley, Emmy Bosley, John Bullock, Dave Kosoof, Nigel Pointon, Gary Wilson, Janette Wilson, Aimee Redknap, Alan Hartley.

Apologies: Brent Edwards, Jo Hollis, Phil Eagle, Luke Elmes, Jonty Elmes, James Hickson, Mark Lithgow, Aidan Hill, Erica Hill, Karen Morgan.

Treana welcomed everybody.

Minutes of the previous 2022 AGM meeting held February 19 2023

The minutes were taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved and seconded

Lani Morgan\Hannah Le Quesne

Matters arising on previous minutes:

Matt Wardle advised that these minutes are incorrect as Jo Hollis was not elected as Vice Chairperson during the actual AGM meeting and it was agreed that these minutes would be corrected by removing her election as Vice Chairperson.

No other matters arising.

Treana spoke to her Report

Takapuna Hockey Club – Chairwoman’s Report 2023

It is with mixed feelings that I deliver my final chairwoman’s report. As the first female elected to be chair in the history of Takapuna Hockey Club, it has truly been an honour to represent the strong females in our club history and those currently with us, and to lead such a strong club for 4 years.

During my reign, Aotearoa was gripped by COVID-19 for some 2 and a half years which changed the face of how we had traditionally done things as a Club. When we were in isolation lockdown, we needed to support our members and their mental health through communication and check-ins with individuals in vulnerable positions. Then came the traversing of returning to hockey with a myriad of new rules and procedures to navigate, NHHA changing bylaws at the drop of a hat, dealing with teams devastated by not being able to promote grades. And as we began to return to normality as a Committee we chose to be conservative financially and not put any undue pressure on our members. However, as most people are now returning to where we were, now is the time to regroup as a club and move forward stronger than ever before.

Being at an extremely busy period of my life with young children and a full-time job, I simply couldn’t have done the role without Greg Datson. His commitment to Takapuna Hockey Club is unparalleled and he selflessly gives a huge amount of his time and patience to the secretarial side of the club.

Additionally, I have had a very loyal and hardworking committee who have been with me during this time, they are the backbone of our Club and people really don’t know how much they do.

In the past two years as I have sought to find a new Chair, I have become frustrated with having ideas to advance the club, yet not having the time I would like to put into the role. With two people standing for Chair today, now is the time for a fresh team to take over, and build on the work of this executive committee and those who have led before.

Succession planning has been in place and we have two young club members who have shadowed and are ready to step into the position of Secretary and Treasurer.

I have secured our Prem coaches for the 2024 season and have 3 sponsors continuing to fund us for the 2024 season.

We have reintroduced Club Captains and with your vote today would like to welcome Sophie Hildesley and George Muir into these roles.

We head into 2024 in a strong position with high numbers attending trials and very competitive teams. We have a very loyal player base which is great to see. This year we have quite a few Taka family youth players trialling which will see in some cases two generations in the same team and nearly all the Miller grandchildren in Green!

As we enter a new year the committee have plans in place to look to make up for the quiet financial period that we have had over the last few years. Additionally, we have coaches and players focussed on winning grades in order to create space for the many players wanting to join Takapuna.

The success of our club is due to the commitment of our players, managers, coaches, supporters and committee. We have strong club loyalty with Prem men coaches Jay Kalidas and Dave Kosoof entering their 5th and 6th seasons respectively, with Brett Leaver in his 2nd year coaching our Prem woman.

We have had frustrating moments with NHHA this year to work through behind the scenes and I thank Hannah for being committed to attending COC along with myself and Jo Neves and Ray Neill for attending when we needed a second person.

Last year we had new members joining our committee as well as club members offering to take on roles to share the load. I have found giving people specific roles has meant that people are able to focus and give back to the club in a way that suits their personal schedule.

I would like to take the time to acknowledge and thank the committee for their ongoing hard work behind the scenes in keeping this club running. This small group of people use their initiative and give up much personal time to get jobs done.

COMMITTEE

Greg Datson – Secretary. This club would not operate without Greg's commitment as our secretary. Once again I would like to personally thank Greg for the time he puts in. Without him, I would not be able to do my job whilst working full time. The amount that he knows about NHHA & Taka is astounding! Thank-you also Jill for letting us keep Greg on as secretary!

Fergus Slorach – Treasurer, Fergus continues to refine our financial practices ensuring that we have an efficient system. Fergus supports the club on a practical level at all club events. It is fantastic to see you mentoring Darroch in finances. It has been reassuring that Fergus has everything in hand. I thank you for your commitment to our Club.

Hannah Le-Quesne – COC representative, Umpiring appointments and monitors the gear and the gear locker at Harbour are just the official jobs that Hannah is responsible for, however she consistently goes above and beyond behind the scenes to ensure Taka runs smoothly.

Nicole Archer – Assists with all social events and any club task asked of her. This year she ran our bingo night with great success. She also plays a part in our youth hockey and has stepped up to coaching.

Aimee Rednapp - Has the challenging task of being in charge of training allocations and does an amazing job. Thank-you Aimee for the time commitment.

Matt Wardle - Matt has stepped up with some great suggestions and helps out in any way asked of him. You are a valuable member of the team.

Darroch George-Bodle - Darroch as afore mentioned is working with Fergus on financials and additionally is willing to assist in any area of Club life.

Will Elliot - Thank-you for the many hours that you put into youth hockey - an integral part of the club in recruiting new members. Thank-you also for your help in Men's trials. Will has also recently set up a men's forum to gain some traction on that side of the club.

Lani Morgan - Lani manages our social media and communications and through these channels has run a number of new initiatives this year to promote our club.

Jo Neves - Thank-you for joining us this year and for organising Prizegiving.

Jo Hollis - Thanks for coming on board and taking over the female youth division.

Thank-you all for your hard-work and loyalty for the past 4 years, you have all been the most amazing group of people to work with.

I would also like to acknowledge Brent Miller for his unwavering support of myself and the Club.

2023 TEAMS

Our season starts essentially with many of our senior club members representing North Harbour at Masters, and our successful youth grades, run by Jo Hollis and Will Elliot.

North Harbour Competition

We had 7 men & 7 women winter competition teams.

- 3 boys & 4 girls Youth teams.

and 3 Masters teams.

Total 24 Teams

RESULTS

We won one of the eleven NHHA Championships and came second in four other Championships and we also had five teams involved on Finals Day.

Inter City Competition

Women finished 1st.

Men finished 6th as we had to rebuild this team as 9 of last year's team are not playing Prem's this year.

A big Thank you to our Prem Coaches Dave Kosoof & Jayesh Kalidas (Men) and Brett Leaver (Women) and to their managers, Ray Neill for the Prem Men & Hannah Le Quesne for the Prem Women.

PRIZEGIVING

This year we came back to Harbour for a fun night celebrating many achievements.

REPRESENTATIVES

We have Black Sticks Megan Hull and Petrea Webster

I congratulate Dave Green for his place in the medal winning NZ Indoor Hockey team.

Congratulations to Luke Elmes, James Hickson, Jonty Elmes and Rocco Ludolph NTR who made the Junior Black Sticks.

We had 24 players represent NZ in the Trans-Tasman series

We are well represented throughout the North Harbour Rep teams with over 56 players and coaches and at the NZ level we have 4 players in the Black Sticks.

HOCKEY NEW ZEALAND SERVICE AWARDS

Gold 25 years Greg Datson, Silver 20 years Randal Bartholomew, Bronze 15 years Ray Neill

HOCKEY NEW ZEALAND AWARD FINALISTS

Matt Wardle-Most outstanding young person

Hannah Le Quesne – Volunteer of the year

FUNDRAISING

This year we held a successful bingo night with a silent auction. We have several club members who anonymously support our club and individual players for which we are very grateful. We were able to purchase new youth uniforms this year with a huge number of teams to kit out!

SPONSORS

We are thankful to have MitoQ as our major sponsor with the Miller Family Trust and Go Hockey also continuing their very loyal sponsorships over many years.

The 2024 season ahead

It is time after the last few years of Covid to get back into the swing of our social events and fundraisers.

We have secured the continued services of Dave Kosoof as our Prem Men's coach and Jayesh Kalidas assisting with Brett Leaver coaching Prem Women for the third year. We are working on a Coach development programme and succession planning in the committee.

We also have Elliot Bartholomew lined up to take on a youth development role, something that we are very excited about.

We are reinstating the role of club captains and have George Muir and Sophie Hildesley willing to take on this role - both great people to bring cohesion and represent our club.

For 2024 we will appoint a 'social butterfly' in each team to assist the social committee in getting their team to events and staying around to support other teams.

I feel I have left the role with everything in hand ready to pass on to the next Chair.

Regards

Katrina Hosken - Takapuna Hockey Chairperson.

At this stage the Secretary advised that under our Constitution we are required to have a quorum of 20 Members to hold our Annual General Meeting and Matt has pointed out that for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 we had less than 20 Members attend.

Accordingly to ratify this situation based on advice received the Secretary moved the following:

The Committee has been advised that all resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting's for the years 2018,2019,2020,2021 and 2022 may be invalid due to there being a lack of a quorum. Accordingly it is resolved to now retrospectively ratify all resolutions passed at the 2018, 2019,2020,2021 and 2022 Annual General Meeting's and further all actions and decisions undertaken by the Committees during those years.

Moved and seconded

Secretary\Brent Miller

Voted unanimously by a show of hands of the Members present.

Presentation and adoption of the Annual Accounts

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2023

Fergus spoke to his Report.

Noted that we made a Profit of \$479 for 2023.

Overview

The club is in a healthy financial position, with \$12,500 in the bank and a net of \$5,000 owed to the club in unpaid invoices

We have paid NHHA for the Youth, Masters and Presidents competitions but have not yet issued player invoices.

We operated at a slight profit last year - playing costs were covered by our subscriptions with equipment, Prem Coaches and other costs covered by sponsorship, grants, fundraising and donations.

Premier Coaching Allowance

Unchanged at \$8,000 per team.

2024 Fees

These will be decided once NHHA informs us of the fees for the 2024 season.

Our fees also need to be slightly higher to cover the increased cost of rebates that we offer to life members, rep players, coaches, managers, etc.

Casual rates are currently \$40/game with the crossover point at 14 games. \$45/game would put this at 12 games which I think is fairer.

Fee Rebates

Likely to be mostly unchanged from last year.

The coach and manager rebates have not changed for some years and could be reviewed.

Fundraising

Big thanks to Nicole Archer for organizing the very successful Quiz Night which raised around \$4,000 for the club.

Grants

Thanks to Lion Foundation for the \$3,000 grant towards turf hire costs for training.

Sponsors

We'd like to thank our generous sponsors MitoQ, The Miller Family Trust and Go Hockey.

Donations

We acknowledge and appreciate the donations made by club members towards club funds and in support of individual players.

Prizegiving

Only 51 people paid the \$20 entry fee - I suspect that's about half of those in attendance.

Club Umpires

I have not received a listing of club umpiring assignments for the 2023 season and 21 credits of \$18 each are still to be allocated.

Overdue Fees

There are \$3,764 in unpaid fees from last winter season, with an additional ~\$1,900 from earlier competitions. See #1 below

\$1,576 is from invoices that are more than two years old and most of these may never be paid. See #2 below

Overpaid Fees

Thanks to Warren Swanepoel who keeps sending us \$130 per month even though his family fees were fully paid months ago. Perhaps we could encourage others to pay in advance for next season.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to Darroch for his assistance this year and to Greg for helping to prepare the accounts.

New Treasurer

I'm stepping down as Treasurer and from the Committee after 5 years and 10 years respectively.

Darroch has agreed to act as interim Treasurer until we identify a long-term successor. I will assist him in this role.

I'll also continue to administer Google Drive and work on the various spreadsheets that keep things humming along in the background.

#1 Overdue 2023 season invoices total \$3764.

#2 Very overdue invoices

Ngawati Edmonds 31/07/2019 \$333
Alan Lyons 07/09/2019 \$208
Ngawati Edmonds 07/07/2019 \$85
Rinette Swanepoel 30/11/2020 \$360
Victoria Knight 23/02/2021 \$60
Mia Hazelwood 23/02/2021 \$60
Thomas Moseby 23/02/2021 \$60
Lachlan Vause 31/05/2021 \$50
Caitlin Pike 03/12/2021 \$90
Mitchell Ross 03/12/2021 \$270
Total \$1,576

Fergus Slorach- Treasurer

Discussion on the Treasurers Report:

Noted that other Funders we have used in the past are Pub Charities and the New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT).

MitoQ Sponsorship has one more year to run.

We keep the very old invoices on the books in case these players want to play for another Club and they have to pay these amounts before we will approve their transfer. We may have to write these balances off in the future.

Discussion on Ngawati Edmonds as he has been playing for a BOP Club without getting a transfer from Takapuna. Also pointed out that Xavier Guy is playing hockey in Tauranga without getting a transfer from Takapuna also but he has no outstanding subs.

New Committee to ask North Harbour to follow up with BOP of how Ngawati Edmonds is able to play hockey as he hasn't transferred from Takapuna.

The September 30 2023 Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were received and adopted –

Moved and seconded

Elliot Bartholomew\Ray Neill

Election of Officers and Management Committee

- President Brent Miller
- Vice President Brent Edwards
- Vice President Karen Morgan

At this stage we have two nominations for Chairperson namely Matt Wardle and Jo Hollis. As Jo is not here Treena read out a statement that Jo had prepared and Matt addressed the meeting before we went to a ballot vote. The ballot box votes were scrutineered by Brent Miller and Gary Wilson and the meeting voted Jo Hollis as Chair. Moved and seconded to destroy all the voting papers.

- Chairperson Jo Hollis

At this stage we had two nominations for Secretary namely Hannah Le Quesne and Ray Neill, both addressed the meeting. We went to a ballot vote and the ballot box votes were scrutineered by Brent Miller and Gary Wilson and the meeting voted Hannah Le Quesne as Secretary. Moved and seconded to destroy all the voting papers.

- Secretary Hannah Le Quesne
- Treasurer Darroch George-Bodle
- Honorary Solicitor Vacant but a Club member who is a Solicitor has been approached on this but she is currently overseas.

At this stage our President advised that Mike Vallant who has been the Takapuna and also North Harbour Honorary Solicitor for many years is stepping down as he has retired and handed in his practicing certificate. Mike has done a fantastic job for us over many years including our first

Constitution in 1982. We recorded a vote of thanks from the Club to Mike for his outstanding contribution and legal advice to the Club over the last 40 years.

- Honorary Auditor Erica Hill
- Club Captains George Muir, Sophie Hildesley
- Management Committee Lani Morgan, Matthew Wardle, Jo Neves, Jo Windust, Erica Hill, Ray Neill, Treena Hosken.

General Business

The new Committee will have to update our Constitution to comply with the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 by December 1 2025. Apparently some sporting associations are working on Club Templates for the required changes.

It was agreed that the Club should approach the Lion Foundation to assist with the funding of our Clubs 2024 turf hire cost for training – Moved and Seconded.

It was agreed that the Club should approach Pub Charities to assist with the funding of the \$ amount cost excluding GST for 6 dozen balls, 1 box of match balls, First Aid kits, 1 PC Gear bag, 10 PC Protective masks, 2 glove sets for Posties and 2 glove sets for Runners, 1 ball bag and 160 coloured training bibs – Moved and Seconded.

Brent Miller our President spoke that he cannot remember any time in Takapuna's history where we have had the top three people step down in the same year. He thanked Fergus for doing a wonderful job on the Committee for 10 years and Treasurer for 5 years and his generosity as a substantial anonymous financial donor to our Club. He thanked Greg for his conscientious, careful and prudent wonderful job as Secretary for 20 years and on the Committee for longer handling the considerable administration required. He thanked Treena for being chairperson for the last 4 years during Covid and has done the job exceedingly well and made a gift presentation to each of these people.

Gary Wilson would like the new Committee to bring up having a Masters grade in the Winter season with the Council of Clubs. He would also like to see the young players in the Club have a session with a Senior Umpire to find out what the correct hockey rules are and learn to play the game properly from a young age. Treena suggested this concept be also bought up at the COC by Gary as this would benefit all Clubs.

Dave Kosoof thanked the outgoing top three and suggested we have a Takapuna Club Day perhaps in February to meet new members to the Club which would assist in improving the culture as mentioned by Jo Hollis.

Ray Neill advised that the 2023 Prem 2 Intercity trial will roll out into a Prem 2 Intercity Competition in 2024. Dave suggested we look at re-imbursing Coaches for extra travel and costs of this expanded competition.

Change in bank signatories:

It was moved and seconded that we add Jo Hollis (New Takapuna Chairperson), Hannah Le Quesne (New Takapuna Secretary) and Darroch George-Bodle (New Takapuna Treasurer) as a signatories for our ANZ bank account and remove our previous Chairperson Treena Hosken, our Previous Secretary Greg Datson and our previous Treasurer Fergus Slorach as signatories.

Meeting finished 11.15 am - Next Committee meeting to be advised.