

Following President's report, Jeff Sly asked "How long before our present carpet needs replacing"? Reply – possibly within 5 years (approx cost \$250,000). Need to start planning for this now. To be made a high priority by the new HB Exec. Committee for 2008 to get onto the City of Ballarat's '5-year plan' for upgrading the HB pitch. Need to look at the redevelopment of the whole Hockey Ballarat facility (replacement of the pitch carpet and also upgrade the present facilities at the ground). Hockey Ballarat needs to do the initial ground work and produce a well documented proposal to present our case effectively. This to be also part of the "Strategic Planning Committee" goals for 2008.

3.2 Senior Committee Report: was tabled by Bas Groeneveld.

- 2007 has seen four Women's and five Men's teams competing in the senior competition from three different clubs – Golden City/Eureka, Ballarat University and Blaze. In a change from recent years, this year also saw Men's and Women's games played on both Saturdays and Sundays.
- After a somewhat rocky start, with both teams and Executive Officers coming and going in the week before the start of competition, all have enjoyed a smooth and successful season – culminating in a successful Final series. Congratulations to Eureka/Golden City for winning both championships this year.
- The Senior Committee would like to thank the efforts of all players, coaches and umpires who have participated and assisted this year. In particular Kat Bateman's and Gavin Mann's organisation of the umpires and roster has been much appreciated.
- We have also started to use the Sporting Pulse facilities more effectively, with even having umpires indicated on the fixture. Next year we hope to improve this further by using on-line player registration and team lists. We urge all players to use Sporting Pulse to check playing times, umpiring requirements etc.
- We would like to see more teams participating in our Senior Competition next year and urge all involved in Hockey in Ballarat and surrounding district to look for opportunities.
- Next year will see a return of senior State League teams for both Men and Women in an exciting new format revolving around a new 'representative' club for both junior and senior players. Steps are also being undertaken to resurrect the Geelong – Ballarat InterCity cup. Additionally we are hoping for a greater participation in regional events, and there are even rumours of Veteran's team participating at Country Week 2008!
- Thanks to the small group of delegates from each club/team who have met regularly throughout the season, addressing issues and advising the Executive Committee. We encourage the clubs to maintain their level of involvement in the operation of both Hockey Ballarat and the local competition at all levels.

3.3 Junior Committee Report: No report was tabled. Kat Bateman only present member to continue on the Junior committee for 2008. Kat has organised four parents to join and also Tim Anderson.

Moved that these reports be received as presented: J. Hargreaves Seconded: B. Groeneveld Carried

3) Financial Report: Jason Hargreaves tabled the financial report for Hockey Ballarat for 2006-07.

- Highlighted a profit this year of just over **\$10,000.00** which is more than the expected budgeted amount (\$7,000), however this is due to receiving 2 years of some Turf Hire fees and 2 years of the Canteen money this year. This is the first time that HB has run at a profit for three consecutive years.

- The new “Ground Sinking Fund” account has been opened and has a present balance of \$25,000.00.
- Had unexpected high costs for light maintenance and repairs again this year (\$4,879), even though \$3,100 spent last season.
- Concerns this year were a drop in Junior Comp fees and also in Canteen profits.

Moved that this financial report be received as presented: J. Hargreaves Seconded: J. Sly Carried

5) General Business:

5.1 HB Presentation Night 2008: A lot of discussion about the various options for organizing the annual HB Presentation dinner. Two main points of view were:

- 1) Have an individual club organise the event (as in 2006 & 2007) to create a fundraising opportunity for that club or
- 2) Arrange a separate committee (made up of a rep from each club) to run it as complete Association run event with any profit (or loss) going to Hockey Ballarat.

The Exec. Committee to let Clubs know by Round 1 of the season how it is to be arranged and for the date to be known.

Jeff Sly moved the following motion:

“The incoming Executive Committee of Hockey Ballarat, as a matter of urgency, to make a decision of allocating the responsibility for conducting the Annual HB Association Presentation Night”

Seconded: Gavin Mann Carried

5.2 CoB Proposed POW Croquet Centre: Discussed above during President’s Report.

Bas Groeneveld moved the following motion:

“The incoming Executive Committee of Hockey Ballarat, to be proactive with future planning and development of the HB facilities”

Seconded: Jeff Sly Carried

5.3 HB Strategy Planning Meeting – Committee: The last meeting was postponed, and now carried forward to February 2008. This needs to be discussed at the next HB executive meeting. Need to find a strategy to get more people involved and around the table to discuss the future direction of Hockey Ballarat.

6) **Appointment of Temporary Chairperson:** Jeff Sly appointed as temporary chairperson.

7) **Declaration of vacation of all HB office bearers:** Jeff declared all committee positions vacant.

8) **Election of HB Executive Committee members for 2007/08:**

As no formal written applications had been received, Jeff called for nominations from the floor;

- **President:** Stephen McKenzie
Nominated by J. Hargreaves Seconded by G. Mann Accepted Elected
- **Vice President:** No nominations – **Position vacant** – HB exec. to fill at next meeting.
- **Treasurer:** Bas Groeneveld
Nominated by K. Bateman Seconded by J. Hargreaves Accepted Elected
- **Secretary:** Leon declined to continue position.
No other nominations - **Position vacant** – HB exec. to fill at next meeting.
- **Junior Committee Chair:** Kat Bateman
Nominated by J. Hargreaves Seconded by G.Mann Accepted Elected
- **Senior Committee Chair:** Gavin Mann
Nominated by J. Sly Seconded by D. Ronaldson Accepted Elected

9) **Meeting closed:** by Hockey Ballarat's 2008 President - Stephen McKenzie at 8:18pm