

I. The October 2015 Field Hockey Federation meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. By President Phil Schofield in Room 140. HSS building, Moorpark College, CA.

II. In attendance: Phil Schofield , Tom Harris, Rich Gupta, Kevin Allison, Matt Hawley, Dana Hawley, Aaron Botti, Mike Whitehead, Kim Whitehead, Rob Stephens, Joan Cicchi, Beverley Kornder.

III. Motion to adopt Sept 2015 FHF minutes: Tom Harris, seconded:Rob Stephens.

IV. Introductions: Welcome to Aaron Botti-the new Thousand Oaks Bulldogs Club Commissioner

Welcome to Rich Gupta- the new FHF treasurer. The outgoing treasurer, Joan Cicchi, will work with Rich as he takes on this new assignment.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Re changes to FHF Bylaws:

1. A subcommittee composed of :Joan Cicchi, Alan Scally , Commissioners from VCRD, Ventura , Bulldogs , Moorpark will meet to discuss these changes and report back at November 2015 FHF meeting.

2. Proposed amendment # 2 regarding what entitles a member club to have votes at AGM will be posted on FHF website by Rob Stephens.

V. Reports

A. Interim treasurer-Joan

1. Cal Cup 2016 draft budget has been drawn up. Joan will send this out to the Cal Cup Committee and then will bring to FHF November meeting.

2. Joan Cicchi and Phil Schofield will retain signing rights on all FHF bank accounts for the present time (pending changeover to new treasurer Rich Gupta).

3. Motion by Tom Harris : FHF will obtains credit card to be used by the Facilities Director for purchases as needed, up to a credit limit of \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars). Seconded : Rob Stephens. Motion carried.

4. Appointment of new treasurer :Joan Cicchi had indicated that she no longer wished to continue as FHF Treasurer. No candidate had been put forward at the A G M on Sept 26, 2015. Since that time, Mr. Rich Gupta of the Bulldog Field Hockey Club, has agreed to take on the job of FHF treasurer, but does not wish to do bookkeeping for the organization. Joan stated that a bookkeeper who is familiar with Quickbooks could manage this and that it would take about four hours per week. If we cannot find someone to volunteer for this, it may need to be added to the budget for next year as a paid position. Rich was

present at today's FHF meeting and accepted this appointment as FHF Treasurer. Welcome Rick and Thank-you!

B. President-Phil Schofield

1. Meeting with Moorpark College President is set for Monday Oct 12
2. The field's combination lock will be changed at the end of the fall season.

C. Vice-President - Matt Hawley

1. Matt has brainstormed a marketing plan for FHF to increase recruitment and increase funds. He is forming a team to work on these ideas. More info to come at future meetings.

D. Commissioners

1. Bulldogs- Aaron Botti, the NEW Bulldog Commissioner
  - a) Bulldog club ran a field hockey camp through the Conejo Valley Parks and Rec this past summer. It was well attended and generated new youth members for the club. The YMCA has also expressed interest in the club running a field hockey camp for them.
  - b) Aaron requested direction from the board as to what is the "chain of command" that any commissioner should follow when a player or parent voices a complaint about unsafe or unsportsmanlike play. The concern should be discussed first with the umpires officiating the game that the alleged incident occurred in. If they agree that there is cause for concern, then the matter needs to be brought to the competitions director for further review and then, if necessary, to the FHF board.
2. Moorpark - Beverley Kornder

Fall season is going well.
3. Ventura - Dana Hawley
  - a) financial status is good, spending money on equipment for youth layers.
  - b) new coaches and new volunteers!
  - c) Dana expressed concerns that Ventura Roadrunners current U14 players are not ready to make the jump to 17 for Spring 2016 season due to physical size as well as skill level. She expressed grave concern that many of these players might quit playing if U17 was the only division available for them. Rather than have this occur, she asked if the FHF would consider a U15 boys division for Spring 2016, or share players between all clubs to create three U 17 Boys teams of equal caliber. It is possible that other clubs may also be in this situation, therefore a U15 Boys division will be considered for Spring 2016. This will be confirmed closer to the onset of Spring season, once registration numbers are known.
  - d) The Ventura Roadrunner club has been marketing to Ventura Schools as well as those in Camarillo and Oxnard. It would be great for FHF to provide an Information Packet about Field Hockey ( I.e. F.A.Q.s) that

each club could have to hand out to schools, parks and recreation, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA etc.

4. VCRD - Ben Maruquin - absent, no report

E. Facilities Director - Kim Whitehead

1. Concerns expressed re damage to items at field (e.g. chairs) and potential harm to children being left unattended.

Parents need to be supervising their children and be held responsible for damages. No children should be playing on the east side of the field. People should be reminded to pick up their own trash. All buildings must be locked and checked before the last person leaves the property. Rob Stephens will send an email regarding these items to all FHF players and families.

F. Competitions Director - Mike Whitehead

1. Alex Grassi has started a field hockey youth program in Chula Vista, CA. He would like to bring a U12 mixed and U14 boys and U14 girls teams to Moorpark for a mini tournament Dec 4th/5th. It was felt that FHF clubs will likely be able to provide teams to make up a tournament (hockey 5's format probably) . Planning for: U14 B- 4 teams, U14G-6 teams, U12 mixed-4 teams. Numbers and tournament details to be finalized. Mike will remain in contact with Alex Grassi on this. More info at November FHF meeting.

2. Incident reports - These are available online and in the "snack shack". They must be filled out for any injury and turned in to the snack shack (Coralie or Janice) and competitions director.

G. Systems Director - Rob Stephens

1. The complete fall 2015 season schedule is now posted on the FHF website.

2. Computer issues - Having problems with computer in snack shack connecting to the internet. Need a new computer. Just a basic model should be fine. Aaron Botti may have one that he is able to donate. He will let us know.

H. Director of Volunteers - Tom Harris.

1. Volunteer/job description forms were handed out by Tom. These are to be completed and returned to him.

2. Volunteer form for players/parents will be mandatory for Spring season registration.

I. Marketing Director - Kevin Allison

1. Kevin is working with V.P. Matt Hawley on the marketing ideas Matt has come up with.

J. Women's Coordinator - Marissa Loo Absent

K. President Elect - Alan Scally Absent

## VI. New Business

A. U 14 Boys division - discussion of new, skilled player participating in this division that may not be appropriate to his skill level in view of the skill level and size of surrounding players. Commissioners approved that this player be permitted to continue playing in this division with continued monitoring by clubs and the competitions director.

B. Temporary portable lights available for use at practices. Contact Phil Schofield for details.

C. VCRD invoice

VCRD has not yet paid for their use of the field as per the invoice sent to them on more than one occasion. VCRD Commissioner Ben Maruquin is asking for the invoice amount to be reduced due to financial hardship. FHF representatives will request a meeting with Ben asking for documentation of the financial hardship. Once this information has been obtained, this item will again be brought before FHF board for a decision.

D. Meeting with the new Moorpark College President

FHF president will be meeting with the college president on Mon Oct 12. Results of this meeting will be discussed by FHF president at November FHF Meeting.

## VII. Adjournment

Motion by Matt Hawley: That the October 2015 FHF meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Seconded : Rob Stephens  
Carried.