

# Field Hockey Federation

**March 1, 2016**

**Location:** Moorpark College, HSS Building, Room #111

**Meeting Called to order:** 7:10 pm

**Attendance:** Phil Schofield, President; Matt Hawley, Vice President; Patti Niccum, Secretary; Rich Gupta, Treasurer; Kevin Allison, Director of Marketing; Rob Stephens, Systems Director; Tom Harris, Director of Volunteers; Kim Whitehead, Director of Facilities; Alan Scally, President Elect; Coralie Van Marken and Janice Mohr, Youth divisions, Scott Breslow, VCRD; Beverley Kornder, Moorpark Coyotes; Aaron Botti, Conejo Bulldogs; Marisa Loo, Women's Coordinator

**Introduction:** Scott Breslow, Commissioner for VCRD

**Approval of minutes from February 2016:** Alan Scally made the motion, Rich Gupta second; vote unanimous

**Unfinished business:** April 9 and 10 the Aussies are coming, same weekend that the clubs are taking teams to the Stanford University tournament. Marissa Loo has been talking with the general population, we should be able to form a team to play against them from all the different clubs. We can arrange to have a pizza dinner at the TO teen center. The Australian's are bringing only one team of 14 girls. Marissa will put together an email and get commitments. We should have the Budget planned at the April meeting.

**Rich Gupta, Treasurer:** Great job to Coralie and Janice for being so diligent and dedicated on collecting all registration fees and information. The bank statement had not arrived yet so a reconciliation would not be available. FHF is totally current and all taxes filed.

**Phil Schofield, President:** Not playing this season. He is too busy driving to Chula Vista and the bay area for tournaments. The season seems to be off to a good start.

**Matt Hawley, Vice President:** The Euro tournament is coming to California and has rented our field for two days. Matt will meet with the Marketing director on Friday and get some more information on the type of training and what they will be offering. It is on July 8 and 9 and is also looking at 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. Wanted a minimum of 60 kids. Matt will talk to her about putting an ad in the Cal Cup brochure to help advertise. Roadrunner's will also be running two clinics this summer.

## **Commissioner Reports**

**Matt Hawley, Ventura Roadrunners:** The club has lots of returning families and 60

youth players. Cape school program will be ending soon and will be invoiced according. They would also like run a small Spring camp at the school. Cape is very excited to have the Field Hockey program and are paying their portion of the coaching as well. Boys and Girls club received the grant from USAFH and Roadrunners will help them get the equipment that they will need. Lots of growth in the youth program, with lots of diversity.

**Beverley Kornder, Moorpark Coyotes:** Season is going well. Picked up a few kids from the middle school and elementary school tournaments. No Cal Cup stuff taken care of yet. That is the next project to be tackled. Short Corner Masks have been purchased for all the senior youth teams.

**Aaron Botti, Conejo Bulldogs:** Season is going very well. Registration is almost complete but just a few loose ends to clear up. They will hold a Summer camp this year. They have found that Summer camps seem to work better than spring break camps due to the number of kids actually available. Cal cup teams are also being built.

**Scott Breslow, VCRD:** Shawn is working very hard to get some national team players to come up and play in D1. He will also get them to host coach our youth and Shawn talked to Chris Clements, USA Men's Head Coach, to get his help. He is looking to recruit different coaches to get variety. Shawn would also like to explore the idea of entering East Coast U16 and U19 division with VCRD. Most of the local clubs have the Under 14 teams for Cal Cup handled. VCRD is going to host a drag flick clinic March 5<sup>th</sup> 5-6 pm and a goalkeeping clinic at the same time. Fundraising clinic for the U21 Men's Pan am games at a future time.

**Mike Whitehead, Competitions Director:** absent, but written report

**Managers Meeting:**

I'd like to thank all the managers, commissioners and team representatives for coming to the managers meeting it was a great turn out and was a great way to start the season. There are still a few acknowledgments of the rules forms I still need from the team managers. I'll email out the list of those missing in a few days once I've reconciled the ones I have.

**Umpire Meeting and Clinic:**

I'd like to thank Blake Mohr and Chris Januszewski for arranging the clinic for all our young, new and inspiring umpires. Blake Mohr did an amazing job in conducting the clinic, doing the practical work with the umpires, going over the interpretation of the rules and in the end by administering a written test. When you see them, please make sure you thank them for making this happen.

**League Rules and Schedule:**

Thank you Chris Januszewski for updating the rules and making the changes necessary for the season.

A huge thank you to Rob Stephens for all his work in making the schedule. There are so many pieces to this puzzle and it's not easy to get it right and make everyone happy. Again, thank you to Rob for taking on this task to make sure our teams play.

**Team Registration:**

Great news! Monday I checked and all 41 teams that had registered this year have

paid their fees. Totaling \$ 42,250.

**Player registration:** Seems that most teams have assigned players to their rosters, however there are a few teams that still show this needs to be done.

U17G – Monarcas - 0 players assigned

Hollywood - 1 player assigned

D2M – Monarcas - 7 players assigned

D1 M – LA Tigers – 5 players assigned

I've emailed all the above managers today letting them know the urgency to get their players registered and assigned to the team roster.

**Divisional Plaques:**

All the 2015 Fall divisional winners names have been inscribed to the plaques and where re installed by Kim Whitehead in the display case

**Rob Stephens, Systems Director:** There are still a few schedule changes to be made. The U14 girls will have to be arranged for early game on weeks 13. The game that is scheduled on May 7 and 8 is a Semi Final match and most of the girls will not be there due to the Regional Tournament for USA Futures. The Semi-final and Final will be on the same day. Computer still have one little problem. Just don't have the latest version of Excel so they will have to purchase a new Micro soft office program.

**Tom Harris, Director of Volunteers:** It seems as though 90% of the work is always being done by 10% of the people. No one new ever comes up to volunteer, Leigh Lopez has stepped up to help with the computer whenever it is necessary. He is volunteer of the Month for February.

Cal Cup volunteers listing will be available next meeting.

**Kevin Allison, Director of Marketing:** We have one other person that would like to purchase a board for advertising on the field. Vendor that makes the boards raised their pricing because we did not meet the expected purchase quantity. Year one profit will be decreased but in year two, we should make some money. We would like to honor the pricing that was originally quoted. We will shop around for the best pricing. It is currently at \$600 first year, \$450 second year, \$350 third year and \$250 from there on.

**Marissa Loo, Women's Division:** She will not be at the field for the next couple of Sundays because of the University tournaments. Jolie Pitts are a little short of hockey players. The division is rather healthy otherwise.

**Alan Scally, President Elect:** D1 Men's division is looking good. Every team has 12-13 players so it is a little short but the level is good. National Team players are back in town. Bulldogs have very young players and they have their national team players back.

Cal Cup will have water but through the hydrant and permit. Dale Reynolds is our Contact at the water company and he will get the permit for the water.

**Kim Whitehead, Facilities Director:** The trees have been trimmed. The tree people added additional workers for us and will have an annual schedule. They will work directly with the college. Kim purchased new trash cans with lids that won't come off easily because of the wind and animals. Kim bought new tires for the goals and have numbered the goals. Please let her know if you see anything wrong with the goals. Investigation for finding the right material for the back of the goals has been a priority and has contacted vendor for plastic backs, \$1092 for all the goals. There was some concern that the material might not withstand the impact of the field hockey balls being shot. We should try out the material before we purchase enough material for all the goals. Patti offered to pick up samples in Northern California. Researched new locks, digital locks operating on Bluetooth technology that would insure that access to the field is given only those that have requested access. People wanting to enter would have to locate Matt or Phil for the access code if the field wasn't scheduled ahead of time. Discussion ensued. The current locks are worn out and are being dummied. For the time being, just buy new outdoor locks every year. Not anything fancy or expensive.

**Field use rules:** open for discussion

Kim will email revised version to Patti for publication. This will have a small sign and the rest posted on the website.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:03 pm, Tom made the motion and Rich second, vote unanimous.

Next Meeting scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, HSS building, Room #111

Minutes taken by Patti Niccum, Secretary for FHF