

# H.A.W. MASTERS WOMEN

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## NOTES FROM MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

At Albury Hockey Centre, 6.30

- **PRESENT**

Marg Brown – Wodonga

Heather Merkel – Wangaratta Dragons

Dionne Hartley – Co-ordinator

Denise Valamios – Falcons

Katie Hawkins – Magpies

Joanne Duffy – Magpies

LeVene Horne – Norths

Merryn White – Norths

Di Goldsworthy – Beechworth

Ali Rowe (Note Taker) – Beechworth

- **APOLOGIES**

Cayte Campbell – Wombats

Caroline – Wangaratta Dragons

Beth Simpson – Norths

Gaye Harvey – Norths

- **Welcome**

- **Confirmation of Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the 2018 meeting were read.

It needs to be noted that Comments made at the HAW AGM regarding an issue about the special rules for the Masters competition not being supplied to the Umpires on finals night were not accurate. The special rules were freely available on the HAW website, and the implication that the Masters Competition was not well run is unfair on the competition co-ordinators. It was felt that an apology should have been given for any offense caused.

Denise V Moved that the 2018 minutes be accepted

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dionne H

**Carried unanimously**

- **Business arising from previous minutes**

It was agreed that the Masters competition went really well last season.

Dionne pointed out that no one really showed any interest in having any Social Nights so they didn't happen, and that the Country week Masters Comp in Geelong didn't happen either.

It was felt that was not really an issue, but that Dionne will try to raise interest in both things for this year. Expressions of interest in the Geelong Comp need to happen early in the season for accommodation to be booked. Dionne onto it with a flyer to all teams and clubs to send it on to Masters players.

The Steakhouse Cup was cancelled in 2018 by Wagga Wagga because they couldn't raise the teams. Will see how they are doing for 2019.

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## • General Business

### The Competition

It was all good but there is an issue when trying to enter our 'fake' player as goal scorer as the electronic site doesn't recognise any unregistered player. The decision was made to give all goals to a registered player – maybe the goalie?

Also; Record all goals in the book and then adjust them at the end to give a 5 goal difference. That can then be entered onto the system.

All the games are to remain in Albury because it makes it easier to find players if teams are short.

### Umpiring

It was felt that the combination of a junior and senior umpire worked really well. Dionne organised the umpiring not the HAW Umpire Co-ordinator, and made sure that there was always two umpires and that one was an experienced umpire.

Should any umpire not turn up, it will be the responsibility of the teams to umpire, a half each team would be fair.

Dionne to do a roster again – can teams send in any names of people willing to umpire on Monday evenings.

Though the rules are the same as in the rest of the HAW Comp, it was felt that having more experienced umpires sometimes helps maintain the spirit of the Masters Comp. where player ability can be mixed.

The rule regarding penalty strokes was clarified; If a penalty stroke is taken, the defender in goals must wear a helmet. A mask is not sufficient. Where no goalie gear is available the defending team can opt for a goal to be awarded, or the stroke be taken with no defender. In many cases, the attacking team might opt to take a penalty corner instead, but it is their right to choose.

The decision was taken that the Masters Comp. will continue to play ½ s not change to ¼ s. The game is shorter anyway, and there are technical issues with the ¼ structure that would be too complicated.

### Best & Fairest

Because the Masters season finishes after the B&F count, it was decided that we do not have our B&F vote on that night but announce the winner at the First Grade grand final game on the Sunday, and again at the Masters Grand Final on the Monday evening.

### Teams

Currently the teams have the following numbers;

**Wodonga** – 6 /7

**Beechworth** – 10 +

**Norths** – A full team

**Magpies** – 9

**Falcons** – A full team

**Wangaratta** – 7 + 2 (from Wombats)

**Wombats** don't have the numbers, but could join in with other teams

That makes 6 teams at this stage.

There will be a 'Come and Try' evening on the 1<sup>st</sup> April to help promote the Competition. Can all teams participate and publicise this amongst their clubs so that we can increase the number of players in our competition.

Jo D and Dionne will promote the event with a photo and article in the local paper the week before.

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## **Draw**

Joanne Duffy will email the draw to Dionne and Deb Lawrence, but at this stage it looks like each team will play 6/7 games on each ground to even out the games in each timeslot. The Competition will begin on 8<sup>th</sup> April with 3 Mondays without games; Easter, Queens Birthday Public holiday and the week when the Junior State Championship is on.

## **Should there be a Messenger or other Social Media Group for the Masters Comp?**

Would this be for players as well as Co-ordinators and be for the purpose of communication between teams if players are needed?

It was thought that there would be problems if players turned up and then the team was actually full, because sometimes people don't know until relatively late if they can make it to the game.

Another issue is dovetailing it to the rule about opposition objection to fill in players. It would be tricky if this happened, but the spirit of the competition is over-riding.

**ACTION;** All team co-ordinators to be consulted and they, in turn to discuss this proposal with their teams. Dionne will send out the information and when teams have replied we will see what the decision should be. (Within a week?)

## **Canteen**

Dionne will trial opening the canteen on Monday nights for 2 hours. It will mainly sell soup, tea and coffee.

## **Finally**

Please could all clubs change their paperwork etc. from 'Veterans' to 'Masters' as we are now called the HAW Women's Masters Competition - Whoo hoo!

**Meeting Closed at 8.12**