

General Secretary's Report: BAFHA Annual General meeting 2007-01-21

At the end of the 2006 season, there were a total of 132 registered players in the league. This excludes Yuba City who did not play during the 2006 season. Correcting for the latter, this represents approximately 25% drop in membership relative to the 2004 season.

I feel that we got a very good level of compliance with turning in paperwork last year. Some of that was due to my ability to attend games and enforce this. This is still a tedious process and a more proactive stance from the clubs would be helpful.

Recordkeeping has improved, but still needs to be better. I also suspect that better training of umpires is required to ensure that all relevant information (e.g. red cards) are communicated to the Secretary for record-keeping. There was one instance where I heard of a red card at rather late date as the umpiring committee was already acting on it. Ideally the Secretary should be notified the same day.

The difficulty in obtaining field space generally complicates the matter of obtaining insurance as well. Receiving facilities contract on short notice makes it very difficult to ensure insurance certification in time. I believe we need to communicate this better with the the facilities owners and be prepared in the future if we cannot obtain certification before the first fixture.

Once again, the task of simplifying access to the league rules and regulations fell victim to the time requirements starting the league. I suggest to the incoming secretary that a concerted effort in this direction be done before the start of the league, as that is likely the only time that any progress can be made.

With best wishes for good hockey in the years to come.

The General Secretary
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