

# WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021



**Date:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Chaired by:** Ken Larkin

## **Board Membership:**

Ken Larkin (President), Amy Smart (Secretary), Brad Ristivojevic (Treasurer), John Marshall (Competitions), Pat O'Donnell (Development), Marcus Manning (Officiating), Craig Knowles (Representative), Phil Stone (Facilities), Vacant (Events).

**Club Membership with Voting Privileges:** Cavaliers, CSU, Harlequins, Lake Albert, Rosellas, Royals

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## Present (A-Z):

**Board Members:** Craig Knowles, Ken Larkin, Marcus Manning, John Marshall, Brad Ristivojevic, Amy Smart

Apologies: Pat O'Donnell, Phil Stone

**Club representatives:** Karen Boyd, Aaron Crump, Emma Lynch, TerryAnn McBeath, Casey Robson, Alicia Rose, Chris Skillen, Shae Skillen, Sharon Smith, Sharyn Wellham

Apologies:

## Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wiradjuri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

[May 2021](#) (located on WWCHA website) – Accepted via email due to delayed meetings (COVID)

Accepted: Janet Lamplough

Seconded: Emma Lynch

## Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress
Paying Juniors for Umpiring	Marcus Manning / Brad Ristivojevic	2 months	In Progress

## Correspondence In

Correspondence	Club/Person	Format	Date	Action
<a href="#">Div 2 Mens Exemption Request</a>	Royals / Kylie Cowell	Email	29/06/2021	Board review: Partial Approval
<a href="#">Re: the agenda for the cancelled meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> June: Suspension Rule Change</a>	Rosellas / Sharyn Wellham	Email	05/07/2021	Include in discussion of current meeting
<a href="#">Player nomination clarification</a>	Rosellas / Sharyn Wellham	Email	05/07/2021	Board reviewed and actioned
<a href="#">Div 1 Mens Exemption Request</a>	CSU / Emma Lynch	Email	14/07/2021	Club votes: Denied
<a href="#">Insurance Process for Injuries</a>	Royals / Kylie Cowell	Email	15/07/2021	Response provided
Exemption Forms	Lake Albert / Aaron Crump	Email	16/07/2021	Include in discussion of current meeting

<a href="#">Junior BBQ / Canteen Duties</a>	Rosellas / Sharyn Wellham	Email	27/07/2021	Include in discussion of current meeting
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## New Business

### Div 2 Men's Competition – Vote – *John Marshall*

- Discussion around how to proceed with Div 2 Mens competition. Meeting in April vote was held to end the Div 2 Men's competition at round 14, and split the top four and bottom four into separate finals rounds.
- Required to fit two more rounds against each team in the three-week period before finals.
- Discussion found that most clubs agreed that the best way to proceed was hold the games on Sundays over two of the weekends.

Club	Vote
Cavaliers	Yes
CSU Hockey Ducks	Yes
Harlequins	Yes
Lake Albert	Yes
Rosellas	Abstain
Royals	Yes

*Passed*

### Finals – Exemption Process – *John Marshall*

- John and Amy currently going through the score cards and will provide lists.
- 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 deadline to provide the exemption forms
- All Clubs & Board Members will vote
- We ask for leniency with votes due to COVID impacting people's lives
- Number of games that need to be played in each division:
  - o Div 1 Men: 16 rounds - required 8 games played
  - o Div 2 Men: 17 rounds - required 9 games played
  - o Div 1 Women: 16 rounds - required 8 games played
  - o Div 2 Women: 15 rounds minus Bys - required 6 games played
    - *Please note Div 2 Women Round 16 does not count towards games played or competition points*
  - o Div 3 Women: 16 rounds - required 8 games played

### Packham Cup

- Club views on proceeding with the dinner/competition
- Decision to proceed with the Games only, no dinner, and only allow participants from the Riverina.

Club	Vote
Cavaliers	Yes
CSU Hockey Ducks	Yes

Harlequins	Yes
Lake Albert	Yes
Rosellas	Yes
Royals	Yes

### Suspension Rule Change – *Vote*

- [Annexure B](#)
- Changes made to the document:
  - o Added section for players right to appeal a decision
  - o Allow flexibility based on the severity of the offense
- Further changes raised by clubs:
  - o Add a time limit on the judiciary – must be convened before the next round
    - What if it can't be due to unforeseen circumstances?
  - o If a player is suspended from *playing*, are they still able to Coach / Umpire / Tech Bench?
- Not enough club members have reviewed the documentation. The Board requests this is reviewed, and feedback provided as soon as possible.

### Representative – Indoor Teams – *Craig Knowles*

- Going to the state championships, opens, and Juniors
  - o Played in Orange and Goulburn
- Clubs to talk about getting a mixed comp together at a new venue – TBA
- The Committee thanks Mel Chyb for her contribution to this.
- Indoor hockey boards – owned by the PCYC. Ken will look into this to see if they can be purchased.

### Refunds Update – *Amy Smart*

#### Canteen – *Amy Smart*

- Annexure A: [Canteen Report](#)
- Most regional associations are still opening their canteen. Vote on whether to continue with the canteen / club days?
- Proceed with club days only since they are in the open-air spaces?

Vote to proceed with both Canteen and Club Days as normal:

Club	Vote
Cavaliers	Yes
CSU Hockey Ducks	Yes
Harlequins	Yes
Lake Albert	Yes
Rosellas	Yes
Royals	Yes

### Replacement Scoreboards – *Ken Larkin*

- Expected to arrive before the last two weeks of the finals series
  - o COVID may delay
- \$2000 grants provided added to the \$16500 we have received to put towards the scoreboards

- Only cost will be the install with the electrician
- Tech Bench Training to be provided – instruction sheets to be updated
- The Committee would like to thank Ken Larkin for his efforts

#### Coaching workshop – *Pat O'Donnell*

- Plan for pre-season session

#### Facilities Report

- First aid kits replenished

#### Secretary Report

- Working with John on Competitions, and Brad on Refunds

#### Treasurer Report

Westpac Comm Solutions	29,842.71
Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve	9,855.96
Westpac Community Solutions One	721.85
Westpac Community Solutions Reserve Account	42,974.89
Term Deposit	75,052.23
Term Deposit	11,700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,147.64</b>
Polytan	- 23,400.00
<b>Net after Polytan</b>	<b>146,747.64</b>

The Westpac Community Solutions Reserve Account includes the first \$11,700 term deposit which has matured and is required to be paid to Polytan. It also includes the \$16,500 grant received from the Office of Sport which will be used for the new scoreboards.

Debtors were disclosed totalling \$40,240.40 and comprised \$8,091.91 relating to representative players, \$2,200 for WWCC for a grant receivable and \$29,948.49 in turf and lighting invoices to clubs.

Creditors were \$5,874.68 (although further invoices were received from Council as well) so it's really an approximate figure.

#### Officiating Report

- Spoke to Zeke from Hockey NSW about Accreditations for Community Badge, who has provided paperwork for completion
- Has been approached by ~6 members seeking sign off
- Clubs to encourage their umpires to approach for community badge sign off
- Discussion:

- Ken Larkin has been approached by ~5 umpires who are no longer to umpire Div 1 Men, or certain clubs. One umpire has withdrawn from umpiring altogether for the rest of the year and will be submitting a report. Senior members are pressuring our junior umpires on the fields. An email will be sent to all members.
- Emma Lynch suggest that the Club Presidents should be contacted with the details of these behaviours so they can attempt to mitigate the issues before they get to this point – they can't be expected to know everything that is going on with their players.
- Alicia Rose noted that we have been trying harder this year to improve the behaviour yet we are still experiencing it, if not even worse.
- Craig Knowles notes that umpires need to have thick skin but there is a limit
- Sharyn Wellham noted that when umpires are affiliated with the team they are umpired they are either too easy on them or too hard on them. There needs to be neutrality as we have been umpired a couple of times this year by the opposition coach.
- Sharon Smith noted that the umpires can utilise the captains/coaches to assist in gaining back control of the field.

**Meeting closed:** 8:49pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021, 7:30pm

**Annexure A:** [Canteen Report](#)

**Annexure B:** [Proposed Rule Change – Red Card Suspensions](#)

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Ken Larkin (President / Chairperson)

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Amy Smart (Secretary / Minute Taker)