

WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 29th January 2019



Date: Tuesday 29 January, 2019
Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Location: Jubilee Park Club Rooms
Chaired by: President
Board Membership: Ken Larkin (President), Emily Paul (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Thomas Belling (Development), Sam Arnold (Officiating), Brittany O'Donnell (Representative), Vacant (Facilities), Vacant (Events).
Club Membership with Voting Privileges: Cavaliers, CSU, Harlequins, Lake Albert, Rosellas, Royals

Minutes

1.0 Present

Board: Emily Paul (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Thomas Belling (Development), Brittany O'Donnell (Events), Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Sam Arnold (Officiating)

Voting Members: Aaron Crump (LAHC), Bernie Howard (CSU), Sharon Smith (Rosellas), Paula McEwan (CAVS), Chris Skillen (Harlequins), Pat O'Donnell (Royals)

Members: Alicia Rose (CAVS), Kymie McEwan (CAVS), Asumi Willis (CSU), Maddi Smith (CSU), Nathan Fisher (CAVS), Richard McDonnell (CSU), Emma Lynch (CSU), Terry-Anne McBeth

2.0 Apologies: Sharyn Wellham, Richard Englebrecht

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

November 27th, 2018 General Meeting Minutes (located on WWCHA website)

Confirmed: Aaron Crump
 Seconded: Paula McEwan

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1	Nil			
4.2	Nil			

5.0 Correspondence In

CSU – Tuesday 22 January, 2019

On the 13th of January we had a change of name in our club. We are now the CSU Hockey Ducks. Rivcoll our previous namesake, has been rebranded as WaggaSRC and we have chosen not to take on their new name. Formal correspondence to Wagga Hockey to be provided.

6.0 New Business

6.1 2018 Competition Survey Results/Outcomes

- President outlined key findings
- Less than 1/3 of WWCHA members completed the survey
- Mixed opinions with many 'unsure' responses
- Mixed competition during the week should be considered as an option in future
- Consideration for surveys in future – identify gender and identify member no.

6.2 Junior Survey Results

- Development Manager outlined key findings/actions
- The strongest take-home point to come out of the survey for the clubs is the dire need to set up active recruitment strategies.
- For the following question to the junior community: *"Which senior club are you currently aligned to? (Either your child is already playing for them or have parents/family in that club)"*
 - 35% of respondents indicated that they have NO affiliation to any club.
 - However, there seems to be no competition between clubs to recruit juniors.
 - Other than our key junior coaches, there is little to no interest in junior participation. We risk straight up losing 35% of our juniors just because clubs aren't prepared to recruit players.
 - Royals and Rosellas were the best represented with a tick over 20% market share each, while all other clubs struggled to 5%
 - Some key themes to come out of the comments:
 - Many parents felt they didn't know how to approach clubs
 - Many parents didn't know training details of the senior clubs
- The follow up question: *"What clubs (you can select more than one) appear most appealing to you at the moment for transitioning your child into the senior competition?"*
 - Family connections and family atmosphere came up as the biggest factor influencing senior club choice.
 - However, the kids that have no family playing hockey...Only Royals (Pat O'Donnell) had identifiable junior training programs.

- Proposed ideas from the Development Manager:
 - Clubs are encouraged to utilise their third grade men and women coaches to attend U16 games and scout for players? Especially for men this would ease the requirement of women making up the numbers in the mens competition
 - Clubs are encouraged to attend the odd training and lend a hand and pass out some pamphlets about your club
 - Clubs are encouraged to send someone from your club along to the inter-schools competition late in the year and pass out some pamphlets to the kids after the games (there is a lot of raw hockey potential)

Eventually we need to hand the junior development back to the clubs, but given the results of this survey we have a long way to go to reach that distant goal. Otherwise, results of the survey have identified preferred communication channels, helped form the wet-weather policy (to be released at Feb general meeting), and identified areas for improvement including training and general feedback for the junior competition.

6.3 Competition Structure 2019

- Framework for discussion and voting:
 - Women not to be allowed to play in Men's competition
 - Point raised about Mustangs not being present to vote
 - Motion moved that from 2019 women will no longer play in the mens competition
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Yes Votes: 11 No Votes: 1 Abstained: 0

Motion carried
 - Entire competition to be held on a Saturday-no vote required just continuance
 - Discussion of game times to reduce cost of lighting on Paul field
 - Costs for Paul field have increased 100%
 - Motion moved that clubs want game times to remain the same (if same number of teams)

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 2 Abstained: 0

Motion carried
 - Discussion of game times to be in Division order, that is Div 3 followed by Div 2 then Div 1
 - Motion moved that majority are in support of fixed times in Division order

Yes Votes: 10 No Votes: 2 Abstained: 0

Motion carried

- Team numbers for each Club need to be brought to the next meeting in February

6.4 2019 Playing Fees

- Turf fee cost incentive

Treasurer proposed an incentive for Clubs to reduce turf fees:

- **Proposal:** Clubs who increase their numbers by 10% by round 2 will get their turf fees halved.
- Proposal voted on and approved by all clubs and Board members

Yes Votes: 12 **No Votes:** 0 **Abstained:** 0

Motion carried

- Hockey NSW (HNSW) component (On the Hockey NSW Website, will be put on Wagga Hockey website)
- WWCHA Hockey component (Same as last year - breakdown will be sent to clubs)
- Ensure coaches, managers and officials (non-playing) pay the appropriate HNSW fee

6.5 Canteen for 2019

- No Facilities Manager in 2019. President discussed various implications.
Option 1: No Canteen
Option 2: Clubs run BBQ/canteen and charged a fee
Option 3: Outsource the canteen

* Options to be considered at a later date

6.6.Vacant Board Positions – Update

- Still calling for nominations for vacant positions – Facilities and Events
- Contact Ken Larkin to discuss further
- Role descriptions are on WWCHA Website

6.7 Facilities – Update and Working Bee

- 3 Grants have been approved including \$2200 from the Office of Sport used toward purchasing a new PA system
- Sponsorship received to purchase a branded water station (company has offered 50% of purchase price)
- Working Bee to be scheduled for March

6.8 CSU Change of Name and Uniform

- CSU now known as the CSU Hockey Ducks
- New uniforms and socks voted on and approved
* Rosellas have concerns about a colour clash with the newly approved socks

6.9 Other Updates

- Club training time requests needs to be submitted to WWCHA ASAP
- Clubs are responsible for turning lights on and off on time (or you will be overcharged)
- Summary of costs and fees breakdown to be sent to clubs
- All turf bookings are located on the WWCHA website
- Summer Competition: Invoices will be sent directly to Clubs

7.0 Board Reports

7.1 President	No report
7.2 Administration	No report
7.3 Treasurer	Hardcopy report submitted at meeting
7.4 Competitions	No report
7.5 Officiating	No report
7.6 Development	No report
7.7 Representative	No report
7.8 Events	No report
7.9 Facilities	No report

8.0 Club Reports

Not required for this meeting

Cavaliers	No report
CSU	No report
Harlequins	No report
Lake Albert	No report
Mustangs	No report
Rosellas	No report
Royals	No report

9.0 Meeting closed: 9.08pm

Next Meeting: Monday 25 February, 2019 , 7.30pm