

## WWCHA General Meeting Minutes Monday 9 December 2019



**Date:** Monday 9 December, 2019

**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.00pm

**Location** Jubilee Park Club Rooms

**Chaired by:** Emily Paul

**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, Mustangs

**Members:** Aaron Crump, Emma Lynch, Craig Knowles, Alicia Rose, Amy Smart, Phil Stone, Dennis Girling, Sharyn Wellham, Patrick O'Donnell, Pranibhay Nand Sharon Smith

### Minutes

**1.0 Present:** Aaron Crump, Emma Lynch, Alicia Rose, Dennis Girling, Sharyn Wellham, Pranibhay Nand Sharon Smith, Emily Paul, Karen Boyd, Thomas Belling

**Board Members:** Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Craig Knowles (Representative), Amy Smart (Secretary), Phil Stone (Facilities), Patrick O'Donnell (Development)

**2.0 Apologies:** Ken larkin, Scott Curtis

**3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**26 August 2019** (located on WWCHA website)

**Accepted:** Aaron Crump

**Seconded:** Alicia Rose

**4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes**

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## 5.0 Correspondence In

**From:** Kate Wickson  
**Subject:** Southern Sports Academy  
**Date:** 1 November 2019  
**To:** Ken Larkin

*I am writing to you as my daughter Rose has been successfully selected in the Southern Sports Academy for Hockey.*

*I know how much of a supporter the Wagga Hockey Board, yourself in particular, has been of the Academy becoming active once more with a hockey program and as a parent, I certainly thank you for such support.*

*Part of our paperwork from the Academy included a letter to send to each players' respective club/association in regards to seeking monetary support for the selected athlete. As I am sure you are aware, Wagga Hockey has had several athletes selected in the Academy, which is fantastic. All of the chosen athletes are also participating in the Riverina COD over the summer and as such are having to pay quite a lot of money to ensure our local athletes are receiving the support they deserve as well as supporting local initiatives in regards to maintaining a high level of instruction remains available for our local junior players.*

*I would like to know if the Wagga Hockey Board are going to be able to support each of these athletes and their families with their inclusion in the Academy. I know my family would be greatly appreciative of such support, especially with the increased financial pressures we are experiencing with the current farming season.*

*I am more than happy to chat with you in regards to this matter at a time of your convenience.*

*Kind Regards*  
 Kate Wickson

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Rule Change I (8) Suspensions ad Reporting

Rolled over until next general meeting. A general feeling from the floor that a few minor changes were still required. Not all club members and viewed the proposals thoroughly. Correspondence to put to clubs to provide feedback for next meeting.

**Action Required:** Email proposed changes to clubs again. Provide a due date for any submissions to be put to the Board. Final proposed changes to be voted on at next General Meeting.

## 6.2 Association financial support for WWCHA athletes selected in the SSA Hockey Program

Recommendation from Karen (former Treasurer) that each junior would need to put in their own application letter for sponsorship

Karen also pointing out that 2020 will be an expensive year for WWCHA with the installation of the new Paul Turf

Alicia Rose suggest specific fundraising for juniors on Friday nights. Either BBQ or 100 club for funds to go to junior representative

Recommendation from Mel Chyb that parents can go individually to local businesses and ask for sponsorship

Kate Wickson still would like to see WWCHA formally support the junior representative players.

**Action Required:** Board to discuss options at Board Workshop in January. Proposal to be given to Club at January meeting.

## 7.0 Board Reports *(Carried over from September)*

7.1 President	Submitted
7.2 Administration	Submitted
7.3 Treasurer	No report
7.4 Competitions	Submitted
7.5 Officiating	No report
7.6 Development	Submitted
7.7 Representative	No report
7.8 Events	No report
7.9 Facilities	Incl. in President Report

### 7.1 – President Report

Firstly thank you to everyone who came along to the Presentation night. It was a great night capped off with Sharyn Wellham (Rosella's) receiving her life membership to the Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association. Sharyn has been a significant contributor for over 47 years to Wagga Hockey and her beloved Rosella's club.

Congratulations Sharyn on behalf of all of the members and supporters of Wagga Hockey.

A special thanks to Karen Boyd, Brittany O'Donnell and Sam Arnold for organising and putting the night together-yu all did a fantastic job.

A reminder to everyone that we are still seeking expressions of interest for the 2020 Representative coaches and Managers. An email has been sent to all members which contained a link to record your expression of interest.

The 2020 Women's Masters Committee are now meeting regularly and are well underway with their planning for next year's event. Whilst they have a number of volunteers undertaking certain tasks, they do need more people to share the workload.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Helen Landsdowne or Sharon Smith.

Finally we are continuing to work with 2 companies to finalise their tenders for replacing the turf on Paul field. This will not be finalised until we engage Wagga Council which will happen in the next couple of months. We will keep everyone posted.

Also we are currently preparing a grant application with Riverina Water to install a 2nd bottle filling station for Noonan Turf. We will know the outcome of this later in the year.

## **7.2 – Administration**

**SAVE THE DATE** – We have confirmed that NSW Hockey will facilitate training for the Revolutionise Portal on Saturday 26 October at 10am. It is expected that this session will only go for 2 hours. It will be compulsory for all Club Secretaries, preferably with their Club President or another representative to ensure multiple administrators within the Club are familiar with the system.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being on the Board this year. I have learnt a lot and enjoyed being well supported by a capable team. The Board is led in a very professional manner and the monthly workshops have helped to build cohesion and a collective understanding of what needs to be addressed at the association level. I encourage those within our association who feel they may have something to contribute, to consider nominating for a Board position for 2020. We need positive role models, those who are passionate about Hockey and progressing the sport and those who are willing to be part of a team. Have a chat to any one of

us if you'd like to find out more. We have recorded a few clips and plan to distribute these over the coming weeks.

The last two newsletters for the Season will be distributed on Thursday 19 and Thursday 26 September. If you have any items to contribute, photos or a member profile, please send these through. It would be great to cap of the Season with a few additions from Clubs.

Thank you for the ongoing support throughout the year and for the work you all do in leading your clubs.

### **7.3 - Treasurer**

#### **7.4 – Competitions**

Thank you to all players, clubs, families, spectators, umpires and volunteers for another successful season and congratulations to those teams that played over the grand final weekend. Congratulations to those winning teams.

I would like to thank all that supported decisions made by myself, the board and the competition delegates from each club to allow the efficient running of the competition for 2019.

My first priority in this role was to produce a draw for the season by the earliest date I could possibly. It was also imperative that the draw was fair and equitable to all clubs. I have made mistakes this year but tried to correct them as quickly as possible. One major challenge was deferments due to representative teams and trying to predict who was in those teams and how the draw would be affected.

I have learnt a lot this year about the work that goes on behind the scenes by the members of the board. Something before this year I had no idea of the amount of work that is constantly being done to keep our association functioning.

This year has been a very turbulent year but in the end another successful year. Some clubs have struggled for numbers while others have struggled for division 1 capable players. Those players that have played up into higher grades have done both themselves and their clubs proud. Skill levels have improved along with invaluable experience for young players.

The change of structure to the competition has had some positive and negative feedback but overall the competition has run smoothly throughout the year.

I appeal to all members of the Wagga combined hockey association to have your say in an upcoming survey. Things can not change if the members of the association don't use their voice.

Again thank you.

Mel Chyb  
Competition Manager

## **7.5 – Officiating**

## **7.6 – Development**

Juniors wrapped up on Friday 6th September with the Grand Finals and Presentation night. We had approximately 80 kids come for the presentation at 6:15 which was a huge success. All kids received a free sausage and drink, with extras and parents being charged the cost of the BBQ was covered. For the presentation, all U11 players received a medal and McDonalds voucher. This seemed to be well received.

A week earlier we finished the U9 season with a final game and pizza for the kids. All U9 players also received a medal and McDonalds Voucher.

I would like to thank our main junior partner, InterSport Wagga (formerly Sportsmans Warehouse) for contributing 13 \$25 vouchers and doing our trophies. Marcus the store manager was fantastic to work with and I would highly recommend their business for trophies of any sport.

I have had a busy week so still need to send out one final newsletter wrapping up the season. I hope to get that out this week. I will also include a survey seeking feedback on the year.

## **7.7 – Representative**

## **7.8 – Events (N/A)**

## **7.9 – Facilities**

## **8.0 Club Reports**

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

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 21st January, 2020

**Meeting closed: 8:40pm**

**Items to Action**

- Resend rule changes proposal
- Club Fact sheets to be sent out
- Send out meeting dates for 2020