



## GENERAL MEETING

### Minutes

**Date:** Monday 24 April 2017

**Time:** 7.30pm-9.00pm

**Location:** WWCHA Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

**Chaired by:** Ken Larkin (President)

**1 Attendees:**

**Board:** Carla Bailey (Secretary), Sam Arnold (Competitions), Sharon Smith (Representative), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Kate Wickson (Development).

**Voting Members:** Paula McEwan (Cavaliers), Sharyn Wellham (Rosellas), Thomas Belling (CSU), Emily Paul (Royals), Denis Girling (Harlequins), Aaron Crump (LAHC).

**Members:** Bernie Howard (CSU), Maddy Hall (CSU).

**2 Apologies:** Phil Bradley (Cavaliers)

**3 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes for meeting held 27 March 2017 were endorsed.

Confirmed: Denis Girling

Seconded: Aaron Crump

Amendment to previous minutes: Nil

**4 Actions Arising**

Nil

**5 Correspondence In**

Nil

**6 New Business**

**6.1 Royals HC signage**

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| Clubs       | Vote | Board          | Vote |
|-------------|------|----------------|------|
| CSU/Rivcoll | Y    | President      | Y    |
| Cavaliers   | Y    | Admin          | Y    |
| Royals      | Y    | Treasurer      | Y    |
| Harlequins  | Y    | Competitions   | Y    |
| Lake Albert | Y    | Officiating    | Y    |
| Mustangs    | -    | Development    | Y    |
| Rosellas    | Y    | Representative | Y    |
|             |      | Facilities     | -    |
|             |      | Events         | -    |

**Motion: Passed**

## 6.2 Royals HC Division 1 Women's player

- WWCHA does not currently have a grading committee to oversee the entry of players into competition teams.
- Questions raised regarding the fees for players who are playing in both men's and women's competition. The fee is a WWCHA fee not based on each competition.
- The question was asked should women be eligible to play in the men's competition if they are not playing in the women's competition.
- The committee need to consider the wider competition as we move forward the culture of clubs.
- Royals requesting permission for Natalie Rees to play in the Women's division

| Clubs       | Vote | Board          | Vote |
|-------------|------|----------------|------|
| CSU/Rivcoll | Y    | President      | N    |
| Cavaliers   | Y    | Admin          | A    |
| Royals      | Y    | Treasurer      | A    |
| Harlequins  | Y    | Competitions   | N    |
| Lake Albert | Y    | Officiating    | A    |
| Mustangs    | -    | Development    | A    |
| Rosellas    | A    | Representative | A    |
|             |      | Facilities     | -    |
|             |      | Events         | -    |

**Motion: Passed**

## 6.3 Rosellas HC- Div. 1 women nominated player's numbers

- Rosellas are also having trouble naming 9 nominated players of Division1 standard and would like to request the number for our club to be also dropped to 7 for this season. We have a new young team playing in the Division 2 competition and an experienced team also. We hope in the next couple of years these young ladies provide a good core of players for our Division 1 team. We have increased our numbers to have 4 teams this year
- Discussion regarding how this could impact the competition in the long term. Concerns raised regarding the impact this can have on the overall competition.

| Clubs       | Vote | Board          | Vote |
|-------------|------|----------------|------|
| CSU/Rivcoll | N    | President      | N    |
| Cavaliers   | N    | Admin          | A    |
| Royals      | N    | Treasurer      | N    |
| Harlequins  | N    | Competitions   | N    |
| Lake Albert | N    | Officiating    | Y    |
| Mustangs    | -    | Development    | Y    |
| Rosellas    | Y    | Representative | A    |
|             |      | Facilities     | -    |
|             |      | Events         | -    |

**Motion: Not passed**

#### **6.4 U15 Girls State Championships Club Rostering**

- A roster will be put together for clubs to be allocated to work across the ground for the carnival.
- Clubs can put forward their preferred timeslots to Ken by Wednesday 26 April 2017.

#### **6.5 Shoosh for Kids**

- Shoosh for Kids Week is an Office of Sport initiative taking place on the 15th – 21st May, 2017.
- The purpose of the campaign is to support grass root sport to provide positive environment for their members, whilst assisting to address issues which arise from poor sideline behaviour including:
  - Abuse to officials
  - Reduced volunteer numbers
  - Reduced participation rates (due to poor experiences/ non-enjoyment/ too competitive)
- The basic premise is: if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.
- WWCHA will be participating in this initiative and we ask all clubs to support this initiative also.

#### **7.0 Board Reports**

##### **President**

- Feedback on the facility priorities was received from only 1 club.
- 3 clubs were late with their nominated player lists. A reminder that clubs need to ensure that information is received on time.
- Timely responses to requested information would be appreciated.

##### **Secretary**

- Nil Update

##### **Treasurer**

- Club accounts will be distributed to each club this weekend
- The canteen is making approx. \$1300 on each weekend
- The canteen is to remain closed on club days. There is a BBQ available for use.

##### **Competitions**

- The full season draw will be released this week, including umpiring duties each week for Division 2 and Division 3.

##### **Officiating**

- The goal is to develop umpires across the association. Work with clubs providing education regarding rules.
- Would like to establish a group of umpires that can confidently umpire the higher divisions.
- Amendment to the previous meeting where the stick playing above the shoulder rule, this is minuted as being endorsed from round 4 following an umpire briefing workshop. As this has not happened and the previous officiating manager resigning this rule has been put on hold for all divisions except for Division 1 where this rule has already been in place.
- It was put forward if this rule can be put forward to later in the season following an umpiring workshop.

## **Development**

- Junior Shirts have arrived and will be distributed to the players this week.
- These shirts will belong to WWCHA and will be collected from each player at the end of the season.
- Would really appreciate clubs to help out with developing junior umpires.

## **Representative**

### **U11 Boys**

- Training to commence Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 1130am to 1pm
- Carnival: 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, Canberra
- Coach: Callum Clayton
- Manager: Helen Clayton

### **U11 Girls**

- Training to commence Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 1130am to 1pm
- Carnival: 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, Canberra
- Coach: Chelsea McEwan
- Manager: Kate Wickson

### **U13 Boys**

- Training to commence on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1130am to 1pm
- Carnival: 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, Canberra
- State Championship: 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July, Armidale
- Coach: Jackson White
- Manager: Anna Nightingale

### **U13 Girls**

- Training to commence on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 930am to 11am
- Carnival: 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, Canberra
- State Championship: 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Tamworth
- Coach: Carla Bailey
- Manager: Kate Wickson

### **U15 Boys**

- Training : TBA
- State Championship: 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June, Taree
- Coach: TBA
- Manager: Karen Boyd

### **U15 Girls**

- Training to commence on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 930am to 11am
- State Championship: 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, Wagga Wagga
- Coach: Carla Bailey
- Manager: Kate Wickson

### **U18 Girls**

- Team has been nominated to attend state championship at Narellan
- Wagga team announced
- Team entry completed
- Training on Saturday 22 and 29 April – 9am to 11am
- Coach: Kelsey Griffin
- Manager: Karen Boyd

### **U18 Boys**

- Team has been nominated to attend state championship at Newcastle
- Wagga team announced
- Team entry completed
- Training each Sunday 10am to 1pm
- Coach: Pat O'Donnell
- Manager: Iain Wilford

### **Open Women**

- Each Div 1 team has been advised that Wagga is keen to send a team to the state championship. At the commencement of each game details were given to all players and flyer was given to each coach to pass onto their players.
- Coach: Pat O'Donnell
- Manager: Suzie Griffin
- Training: TBA

### **Open Men**

- Each Div 1 team has been advised that Wagga is keen to send a team to the state championship. At the commencement of each game details were given to all players and flyer was given to each coach to pass onto their players.
- Coach: Benson Williams
- Training: TBA

### **Men's Masters**

Unfortunately Wagga will not be sending any Men's masters teams to the state championships this year. Sam Arnold did his best to try and get a 35 men's team to compete at Bathurst but was unable to get a team together.

Due to distance for the 40, 45 & 50 men we are unable to get teams to attend the championships. Let's try again for 2018.

### **Women's Masters**

- Team nominations are due to NSW by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- Training: TBA
- State Championship: 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July, Parkes

### **Other News:**

- Andrew Barron has withdrawn from the coaching position with the U15 boys.
- New uniforms have arrived, each player needs to purchase their shorts/skorts and socks from Wagga Hockey.
- Jumpers, trackpants, jackets, etc can be purchased from Hunters Clothing.
- If anyone is unable to pay for the full amount of money due to enable them to represent Wagga at the state championship please contact Karen Boyd (Treasurer) to discuss.

### **Events**

- Preparation for the U15 Girls State Championships is moving along well. Will require many volunteers for the carnival weekend.
- WWCHA is hosting the steakhouse cup in Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### **Facilities**

Nil further update

### **RCC**

Nil

### **7.1 Club Reports**

Cavaliers

Nil  
 CSU  
 Nil  
 Harlequins  
 Nil  
 LAHC  
 Nil  
 Mustangs  
 Nil  
 Rosellas  
 Nil  
 Royals  
 Nil further comments regarding this report.

## 9.0 Urgent Business

The following items were endorsed by the board as urgent business.

### 9.1 Resignation Andrew Barron

- The board wishes to advise that we have received a formal resignation in writing from Andrew Barron for the role of officiating effective immediately due to personal reasons. We would like to thanks Andrew for his contribution over the past few months.
- The board has appointed Cameron Tokley to a casual position as the Officiating manager for the remainder of the 2017 season.

### 9.2 LAHC change to playing shorts

- LAHC are seeking permission for a change to their playing shorts with updated sponsors embossed on the shorts.
- There has been some difficulty with umpiring CSU and LAHC due to the dark colouring of the shorts.

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**Motion: Passed**

**Items for Voting (Legend: Y=Yes; N=No; A= Abstain)**

## 10 Next Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

WWCHA Club Rooms, Jubilee Park.

## 11 Close of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 8.43pm.