

WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 24 June 2019



Date: Monday 24 June, 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, Mustangs

Minutes

1.0 Present

Board: Ken Larkin (President), Emily Paul (Secretary), Brittany O'Donnell (Events), Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Sam Arnold (Officiating)

Voting Members: Ben Speirs (LAHC), Bernie Howard (CSU), Sharon Smith (Rosellas), Nathan Fisher (Royals), Benny Worldon (Mustangs), Chris Skillen (Harlequins)

CAVS – No representation

Members: Sharon Wellham (Rosellas), Emma Lynch (CSU), Pat O'Donnell (Royals), Ryan Hutton (Mustangs), Maddie Smith (CSU)

2.0 Apologies: Thomas Belling, Sharon Wellham, Lara Lorent

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

27 May 2019 (located on WWCHA website)

Confirmed by: Sharon Smith (Rosellas) **Seconded by:** Chris Skillen (Harlequins)

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1	Nil			
4.2	Nil			

5.0 Correspondence In

6.0 New Business

6.1 Take the Pledge Update

Overall, there have been 141 pledges from people in the Wagga Wagga Association. Of that, 66 have come in during the last three months. There was quite a significant jump in late April.

Currently we're sitting in the top three or four associations overall. We are second behind Illawarra South Coast in online pledges, however a few associations like MSW and Hockey New England have had a significant amount of pledges at events like State Champs and Regional Challenge which bumps them up.

NSW Hockey comment: *Confident in saying though that you would have the highest overall percentage of pledges compared to your total amount of registered players.*

Action: We can keep building on this. The link is in the Newsletter each week and on the Facebook page. Please encourage your club members to [follow the link](#) and 'Take the Pledge': <https://www.hockeynsw.com.au/latest-news/respect-for-officials-pledge/>

6.2 Red Card – Automatic Penalties – Vote Required

Ken discussed the 'Red Card Penalties' draft document. The purpose is that there is transparency and an agreed understanding of the penalties for various types of breaches.

Concerns raised about the broader process and potentially whether this document should be used as a guide only or is able to replace the judiciary process.

Considerations for the Policy/Procedure to be developed by the Board:

- Step 1 - Automatic 1 week suspension when a red card has been given.
- Step 2 - During that week the Board and Officiating Coordinator requests umpiring and playing reports. Red Card Penalties document is used to consider the adequate penalty.
- Step 3 - Letter sent to player and club outlining the penalty.
- Step 4 - Player has the option to appeal within 48 hours.

- Step 5 - If an appeal has been submitted the Officiating Manager will recommend a Judiciary be convened.

Vote No. 1: The penalties outlined in the 'Red Card Penalties' document are agreed to by all clubs.

Y – 11

N - 0

Voting Outcome: Passed

Vote No. 2: This document will be supported by an agreed procedure that the Board will develop.

Y – 11

N - 0

Voting Outcome: Passed

6.3 Umpire/Code of Conduct Meetings

- Umpires Meeting – 10am Saturday 29 June
- Division 1 Code of Conduct Meeting – 11am Saturday 29 June

6.4 Turf Cost Incentive – Who qualifies?

Mustangs have qualified and will receive the discount.

Full numbers and percentages will be included the board report next month.

6.5 Club Showcase – Royals

Nathan Fisher – Secretary and Pat O'Donnell – Co-President

Whole new committee in 2019. New committee is still familiarising themselves with their roles.

Royals have decided to trial having co-president model. This has been beneficial to share the load whilst also ensuring there is a voice for the males and females in the Club.

Royals utilise Revolutionise portal – Club website to manage members, financial information and benefit from having their own club website where members of the public can access information about the Club.

Sponsorship – Proposal documents were distributed to all attendees. Sponsorship Proposals in place for major sponsorship deals as well as a minor \$250 sponsorship deal. Royals also raise a lot of money through meat raffles at their major sponsor – The Koorringal Hotel each week. Average \$200 profit each week.

Club culture is important. Royals work hard to engage juniors and develop them in the senior teams. Royals maintain a positive club culture. A number of new club recruits in the men. This comes from word of mouth and a number of club members promoting the sport and the club.

Players in women's teams range in age from 12yrs to 69yrs. The mix of youth and experience is a positive combination for the players in each team.

Royals have fewer playing numbers in their women's teams this year. A number of women's players have supported other clubs this year to distribute the strength across the Association. This is a positive thing for the competition although has stretched the playing numbers in each team across the Royals womens teams.

Numbers at training have declined. Have had difficulties fulfilling umpiring commitments this year however the Umpiring Coordinator is working hard to train and develop younger umpires.

CSU have used [Paladin sports](#) for their uniforms and merchandise. No minimum orders. Online orders (including single orders).

Next Club Showcase: Rosellas

7.0 Board Reports

7.1 President	Submitted
7.2 Administration	No report
7.3 Treasurer	No report
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	Incl. in President Report

7.1 – President Report

Ken thanked the many volunteers that made the U/15 Girls State Championships so successful. A number of Board members spent 5-6 consecutive days volunteering their time to make it all happen. NSW Hockey and the many teams in attendance were very impressed with the organisation of the event, the facilities etc. Thank you to all clubs who ensure they fulfilled their duty requirements and did so in such a positive manner.

Report:

We are almost reaching the halfway point of our competition, and despite the mixed weather conditions, the competition appears to be running without too many hiccups.

We have further work to do on our tech bench process, and this can only be improved with the strong commitment of all clubs and of those members that are chosen to do the role.

We have had a busy representative period since our last meeting with:

- . Under 15 boys having a successful NSW championships being very competitive in all matches.

- . The Open men winning Division 3 at their respective championships over the recent long weekend in Sydney and now find themselves elevated to Div 2 for next years championships.

- . Our Under 11 boys and girls and Under 15 girls braving the cold of Canberra and competing in the Canberra carnival over the long weekend. They had a ball and represented Wagga in a fantastic and sportsmanlike way.

From a facilities perspective the storage units are now complete and we have begun the process of cleaning out the clubrooms and moving everything down to the new unit. A big thank you to city of Wagga Wagga and Community Partnerships (NSW Government) for their financial assistance .

We have also installed added seating by way of benches near both turfs. This should provide a lot easier seating particularly for our elderly supports.

7.2 – Administration

We encourage clubs to contribute items for the Newsletter E.g. Match reports, interesting/funny stories, photographs etc. This will continue to be distributed each Thursday. Your feedback and input is most welcome.

7.3 – Treasurer

Treasurer handed out the Treasure's Report.

7.4 – Competitions

7.5 – Officiating

7.6 – Development

7.7 – Representative

Followed on from Ken's comments thanking everyone for the success of the U/15's STATE championships on the weekend.

Two rep. teams to go away in July.

Open men had a very successful tournament (winning Division 3)

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	Club Showcase

MEETING CLOSED at 8.35pm

Next Meeting: Monday July 29, 2019 – 7.30pm