



Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 27 March 2023

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

Chaired by: Lee Murrell

Board Membership:

President: Lee Murrell

Treasurer: Corrie Ellis

Secretary: Rebecca Peel

Competitions Manager: Mel Chyb

Junior Development Coordinator: Nathan Szymanski

Officiating Officer: Zac Tinning

Representative Manager: Jaclyn Hogan

Facilities Manager: Benson Williams

Events Manager: Liz Cronin

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

Present (A-Z):

Board Members:

Benson Williams, Jaclyn Hogan, Lee Murrell, Liz Cronin, Mel Chyb, Rebecca Peel, Zac Tinning, Nathan Szymanski, Corrie Ellis.



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Club representatives:

Club	Representative	Role
Cavaliers	Alicia Rose	President
CSU	Matthew Pickersgill	Vice President
Harlequins	Jackson White	President
Lake Albert	Luke Geigan	President
Rosellas	Sharyn Wellham	Vice President
Royals	Jarrold Thorne	President

Apologies: Daniel Smith, Adam Boyd, Benson Williams

Absent: NA

Opening 7.35pm

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

General Meeting **Monday 27 February 2023**

Accepted: **NA**

Seconded: **NA**

Comment: Not passed - Sharyn Wellham will pass on notes for the secretary to update.



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Board reports

1. President

- a. The 2023 Season has begun - there will be improvements as we learn as a board i.e ice packs and additional supplies. However, it has so far been a positive start.
- b. Come and Try Day was deemed a success. There were approximately 60 children with parents also being quite active and joining in.
- c. Friday night Juniors attendance was low - Feedback for this is around the start of season being in this school term - noted for next year's junior start date.
- d. Wednesday night Division 1 men's - looked like it went well and was played in the spirit of the game - noting in particular the combined men's team game. The WWCHA President has spent more time than usual over the past couple of weeks around the facility and noted it was nice to see the volunteers helping from all clubs.

2. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer Corrie Ellis currently only has access to MYOB with no access to bank records - full treasurers report to come.
- b. WWCHA in MYOB is currently owing \$9,727.00 with a balance of \$22,302.
- c. Note: There have been incoming Club donations for supporting the Scorchers.

3. Competitions

- a. After trialling a new process for Tech bench - it has been decided that everyone would like to go back to tech benching the game before or after their game.
- b. There has been a lot of discussion that there are only 15 rounds in the men's competition. This was brought about by the club presidents in a majority vote.
- c. D2 Men's competitions are able to have 17 rounds on a Saturday. Melinda Chyb has asked club's to take this back to the clubs for a decision at the next board meeting.
- d. Rules state that all nominations must be in by the end of round Three - 'fill-ins' will be added as the season progresses so that nominated players will keep their playing record.
- e. Sharyn Wellham - requested discussion in regards to sign in sheets - should there be two or one? It is time consuming for players. Melinda Chyb responded - Sheets are out from the beginning of the day you must arrive with plenty of time to complete your team's details. Melinda Chyb discussed the benefits of utilising one sheet.
- f. Tech bench needs to record all injuries and cards. Discussion - Is there an issue to record all injuries and cards? General discussion concurred -No, all injuries and cards must be recorded. Records must include player number and name.
- g. Discussion for group: A couple of the umpires think that they should not have to do the 3,2,1 vote, they think the tech bench duty. After some discussion the 3,2,1 vote will stay as an umpire duty.



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- h. Thank you to Mel - for the organisation of the D1 wagga men's combined team and to the players who put their hand up

4. Junior development

- a. Come and Try Day - head count in excess of 60 players - great numbers for the Family fun night /soft start.
- b. Thursday night little flickers and Friday night will be the beginning of the competition.
- c. Thank you to the Scorchers and Club representatives for coming down to the Come and Try event
- d. Thank you to Chris Skillen and Patrick O'Donell for coming down to the U15's the team benefited a lot from their attendance

5. Representative

- a. Under 18's representative squad. Nomination and umpire fee for the U18 boys team division 3 is \$1440. At present we have 10 players - Melinda Chybb is putting out additional messages to drum up more players.
Jaclyn Hogan will need approval have fees paid (Under 18's is different to 15's and 13's)
- b. Current Coach and manager's for each age group

U11 -	Coach <i>vacant</i> Manager Lauren Gailey
U13 Boys	Coach - Jarrod Thorne Manager - Lauren Gailey
U13 Girls -	Coach - <i>vacant</i> Manager - <i>vacant</i>
U15 Boys -	Coach Nathan Szymanski Manager Melinda Chyb
U15	Coach Alicia Rose Manager Carla Bailey
U18	Coach Adam Boyd <i>not present- at Illawarra Hockey centre</i> Manager - Mel Chyb
U18 Girls	Coach <i>nomination</i> Carla Bailey Manager
Open Men's	Coach nomination Patrick O'Donell Manager <i>vacant</i>
Open Womens	Coach <i>now at MacArthur Hockey Centre</i> Manager
Mens Masters	Coach <i>nomination</i> Sam Arnold
Women's Masters	Coordinator Sharyn Smith and Sharon Whellam
c.	Call for Working with Childrens check numbers to be supplied to WWCHA - Follow up in revolutionise.



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- d. Request: Uniform purchases skorts and shorts - lead time 10 days. Do we need to purchase additional stock? What stock numbers do we need? 10 in womens and up to 20 in juniors. Comment Amy Smart: Skirts did not last more than a weekend. No official conclusion or direction to progress.

6. Events

- a. Academy Games: 21 to 23 April 2023 Key Items
 - i. Volunteers - Friday is always difficult can Clubs go back and request if there are any volunteers 10 to 11 volunteers in each time slot over the weekend
Friday times - 11-2pm 2-5pm- 5-9pm
Saturday (Clubs times) 8am- 10.30 Lake 10.30
Sunday (Clubs times)
 - ii. Canteen supervisor - Kristy
BBQ supervisor - *not nominated*
Grounds Supervisor Liz Cronin, Benson Williams, and Zac Tinning
 - iii. Umpires - Zac Tinning to organise umpires
 - iv. Pre Ordering food from canteen for teams
 - v. Grounds are being cleaned Benson to organise
Check PA System is working or arrange to use Touch footballs' PA system
Do we need to apply to Touch Football to use their PA of rooms
 - vi. Liz Cronin requested a purchase - buckets to clean shoes and long tongs to pick up rubbish <\$200 for basic facility maintenance.
2nd Alicia Rose
Show of hands all voted in favour.

7. Facilities

Benson is not present - Thank you to all who came to prepare the grounds for the weekend start.

- a. First aid kit - Alecia Rose suggested taking first aid kits to the pharmacy. The Koorungal pharmacy will do a stocktake on the contents and the expiry dates. Lara Laurent will take to the pharmacy and make sure everything is ready to go. Defib patches were out of date.
- b. First aid question Jaclyn Hogan - Do we have to have a first aid person at all times?
Response: No, only for tournaments.
- c. Practice /hit up area - to be maintained or refinished.
- d. Needs to be a weekly check on the netting for the goals
- e. On the Paul side there is a hole in the fence where the balls keep getting through
- f. Put on the schedule for next year - a working bee for facility start up. Missed for the 2023 season.
- g. Request for tables in the tech bench area - please use small tables so that if there are additional people in the shed they have space. **Noted.**

8. Officiating



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- a. Zac Tinning has approached clubs - the only person who we haven't heard from is Harlequins. Ideally Zac would like a list of people who would like to learn to umpire or anyone who is able umpire D1 games each week.
- b. Tech bench will return to how it was last year.
- c. First grade umpires will be named on a Monday night at the latest for the Wednesday night games.
- d. Organisation of an information night for umpires and some work will happen in the background to create value in the night.
- e. Junior night will be rostered and out on Facebook.
- f. Radios: After talking with Charmaine Gay it would be beneficial to have radios to help mentor umpires as they get more experience and support them - Zac Tinning to get quotes and present at next meeting.
- g. Tech bench course - put out an Expression of Interest.

Correspondence In

Correspondence	Action
<p>Scorchers - Association commitment for volunteer duties of the Scorchers are reasonable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Come and try day (once in 2023), 3-4 players to attend 2 hours 2. Attend as support network at Junior training sessions Thursday nights, 2 players per month. 3. Attend as a support network for junior games Friday nights (ie assisting is coaching, umpiring), 2 players per month 4. Attendance at WWCHA representative team training as a support network, weeknights only, 2 players 1 hour. 	No action. Accepted.
Active kids vouchers for +16 registering through clubs	
<p>Due to Royals fielding two Div 2 Men's teams this year, Royals would like to request the following uniform changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Royals Blue wear blue socks with white tops (reverse of the current socks), blue shorts, blue singlet - Royals White wear white socks with blue tops (current socks), blue shorts, white singlet <p>If approved, this would take effect by round 5 when uniforms can be sourced- Royals White to continue wearing the current blue singlet with white socks.</p>	<p>Board vote for: 6</p> <p>Club vote: 5</p> <p>Against: 0</p> <p>Abstain: 3 (Royals club members)</p> <p>Abstain clubs: 1 Rosellas</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
Player considerations:	Responses:



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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarification of Div 1 women's CSU team allocations from February meeting. 2. Royals would like to ask for consideration for a: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. nominated division 1 women's field player to play as a goalkeeper in Div 3. b. nominated div 1 men's player to play as goalkeeper for our second div 2 men's team White team. 	<p>CSU team allocation:</p> <p>Player requested to play in the other team. CSU will create 2 teams.- there will be a combined team.</p> <p>If a player wants to play in a different division and the players club does not have a team in that division, an application to WWCHA and a determination can be made.</p> <p>Usually it would be courteous for CSU to write an email to the Association to request the players however the association recognises that CSU have done the association a favour in organising a second team with the assistance of players from other clubs.</p> <p>Royals request:</p> <p>Procedure going forward. After a group discussion on field players being able to play down into goals. The player must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. be a field player that has not played in goals before. b. That player can be a named player in a higher division. c. We must continue to support players to be able to try the goalie position. d. approval of rule is subject to wording. <p>Abstain: 4</p> <p>Yes: 6</p> <p>No: 1</p> <p>Board to provide wording to clubs outside of board meetings for approval.</p>
<p>Correspondence: After using a sporting grant for after school hockey last year, I decided to put forward a team from our school for the girls knockout competition this year. Unfortunately there are no other teams from the Riverina (boys or girls) involved in the knockout. We are scheduled to play Bowral in May.</p>	<p>Motion allow to use for free</p> <p>Umpire: Zac Tinning to umpire PSSA development</p> <p>Vote Yes: 12</p>



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Mt Austin Public School - Paul field for an 11am game, Thursday 18th May
In addition to a couple of training sessions leading up, during school hours. what days/times are best for this.

As none of the students currently play in the local competition, they are hoping to encourage them to sign up with Wagga Hockey. This is potentially another 13 juniors. In return, they would be extremely grateful to have WWCHA's support in providing the field, and one qualified umpire for the match, at no cost.

Vote No: 0

Abstain: 0

approved

Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Update
board signatories signed over	Lee Murrell		No progress
Registrations live	Bec Peel		Complete
Discount changes	Bec Peel		Complete
Canteen/Clubs roster	Lee Murrell		Incomplete

New Business

9. Sponsorships and grants

- EOI for grants working group - have not received any.

Action: Send email out to request formally the EOI with the minutes

10. Meeting night and time

- earlier time different day of the week explored -

Action: Monday time remains at 7.30pm



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11. Urgent business

- a. Request: All board members details on the website
Action: Will update revolutionise - not personal emails - exploring position emails
- b. Sharon Wellham: Balance of duties for smaller clubs - Rosellas have only two teams 26 players. Allocated club days. there needs to be parity in the time allocation with membership bases. There is an understanding that the smaller clubs already have half.
Action: Board to discuss and determine.
- c. Charmaine Gay : Scorchers - can you please get in touch with Canberra to clarify the playing rules and any changes i.e. time stoppage for short corners. Addition of umpires and recorded correctly.
Action: Patrick O'Donnell requested an email from Charmaine and their committee will follow up.
- d. CSU has requested fewer nominated players than the other teams for Division 1 Women, due to providing two teams to keep the competition viable. Request for an exemption for 1 player to be nominated in Division 2 as the Goalkeeper only, and still count as 1 of the 9 nominated on-field players in CSU Division 1 Navy team.
Vote for CSU: 12
Against: 1
- e. Patrick O'Donnell wanted to thank everyone for coming down to watch the Scorchers games on the weekend
- f. Updates sent through email for example the draw. Notifications for all changes to be through email.

Meeting closed: **Meeting closed at 9.25pm**

Next Meeting: 01 April 2023

Lee Murrell (President/ Chairperson)



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Amy Smart (Secretary / Minute Taker)

