

WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 26th April 2022



Date: Tuesday 26th April 2022

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

Chaired by: Ken Larkin

Board Membership:

Ken Larkin (President), Amy Smart (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Mel Chyb (Competitions), Nathan Szymanski (Development), Tamika White (Officiating), Jason Hill (Events), Phil Stone (Facilities)

Vacant (Representative)

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

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Present (A-Z):

Board Members: Karen Boyd, Mel Chyb, Jason Hill, Ken Larkin, Amy Smart, Phil Stone, Nathan Szymanski, Tamika White

Apologies:

Club representatives: Adam Boyd (LA), Kylie Cowell (Roy), Charmain Gay (Ros), Jack Laurant (H), Terry-Ann McBeath (Ros), Bonnie Pincini (CSU), Alicia Rose (Cav), Chris Skillen (H), Greg Smart (CSU), Dan Smith (CSU), Sharon Smith (Ros), Jarrod Thorne (Roy), Sharyn Wellham (Ros), Jackson White (H)

Apologies:

Absent:

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, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[March 2022](#) (located on WWCHA website)

Accepted: Chris Skillen

Seconded: Dan Smith

Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress	Update
Paying Juniors for Umpiring	Tamika/Karen	Prior to start of Winter Season	In Progress	Junior payments for Umpires will be finalised before the competition starts
Investigate how other associations utilise Paid Administrators <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Emailed 3 x associations- No response as yet, as these associations have been impacted by floods	Karen Boyd		On Hold	No response received from the three associations contacted. Dubbo don't pay administrators anymore
Review Umpire Reporting Process	Amy Smart / Tamika White / Charmain Gay	2 months	In Progress	Amy created a report for umpires to use.

				Charmain, Tamika, Amy to review and have completed by May meeting.
Tentative Team lists to be sent to Mel Chyb by 18 th April 2022	All Clubs	2 months	Done	
Clubs to update their website committee site with committee members	Clubs still pending: Cavaliers CSU Hockey Ducks Harlequins	1 month	Lake Albert Rosellas – Done	Some clubs unable to finish due to registration status of members.
Clubs to publish their payment classes	All Clubs	1 month	Harlequins pending	Jackson White to speak with Amy after the meeting
Invoice Indoor players that sign up for winter season	Karen Boyd/Amy Smart	3 months	6 weeks from season start	Affirmation that HA, HNSW, WWCHA will need to be paid by all players to take field. Note that Indoor players will automatically be discounted \$48, but will be re-issued an invoice to be paid with 6 weeks of season start
Volunteers for Come & Try Days 7 th April, 21 st April.	All Clubs	1-2 weeks	Done	Nathan thanked those that volunteered. Approx. 30 new juniors attended.
Start organising Coaches and Umpires for Friday night Juniors	All Clubs	1 month	In Progress	2 more coaches needed
Order Men's Representative shorts	Karen Boyd	1 month	In Progress	Size confirmed. Will be ordered in the next week.

Recover missing indoor representative shirts	Karen Boyd / Ken Larkin	1 month	In Progress	Adam Boyd to pick up shirts as soon as possible
Zeke Newman umpire workshop – each club to supply 5 members to attend	All Clubs	8 th April 2022	Done	~30 attended. Zeke will be returning before finals. Zeke will share the presentation with Ken, who will share it to the clubs. Charmain will send a copy of the Umpire Prompts to Ken.
CSU Hockey Ducks to advise Mel whether they will have enough players to submit a second Div 1 Womens Team	Dan Smith	3 rd April 2022	To be discussed - done	
LACU New Uniform Vote	Alicia Rose		Done	Ordered

Correspondence In

Correspondence	Club/Person	Format	Date	Action
COVID19 query	Sharyn Wellham	Email	14/04/2022	COVID-19 Policy creation already in progress. To be discussed in the April meeting.

Competitions – Senior - Update – *Mel Chyb*

- Normal Playing rules will be re-instated due to no major impact from COVID lockdowns. COVID Policy to be applied to help carry us over.
- Team Lists discussion
 - Mens
 - Div 1 Done
 - Div 2 Discussion
 - Harlequins
 - 22 players across two div 2 teams, 11 in each.
 - Harlequins are wanting to push ahead with 2 teams. They have discussed with their members, who would rather play

short each week rather than missing field time with substitutions.

- LA
 - 16 players in their team
- CSU
 - 14 Pink
 - 15 Navy
- Royals
 - 12 players in their team
- Cavs
 - 13 players in their team
- Women
 - Div 3 Women Done
 - Div 2 and Div 1
 - Div 2 have 5 teams, and Div 1 have 3 teams.
 - CSU are the only team with enough players to put in a second CSU Team in Div 1. Discussion around CSU Div 2 'Old Girls' team having been a very strong team last year in Div 2, and the new Div 1 quality is lower this year. They would be a good fit to fill the 4th team in Div 1, and it would also remove the bye from Div 2 each weekend.
 - CSU President held phone call with the Old Girls Captain to try to organise this change. Negative result. President of WWCHA to discuss with the OG Captain to explain the impact this decision will have on the whole women's competition. Pending response.
 - Plan B discussed:
 - 9 a side for Div 1
 - Invitational Team with a mix of all clubs
 - Agree to postpone the women's competition by one week
 - All teams agreed to play on an available Saturday to make up for the lost games.
- Revolutionise to be used this year for tracking player attendance and scoring.
 - All members to be registered in Revolutionise and entered into Teams before 29th April 4pm to allow Mel to print off sign-off sheets.
- Conversation around Juniors playing in the Senior Competition
 - The age, size and experience can be a concern. Safe Hockey discussion.
 - It would be remiss of the association and clubs to not discuss this, as there is a risk that the children may be injured or discouraged out of playing all together.
 - Clubs assured members that these risks have been discussed with the children and parents, and they have accepted these risks. Clubs will also ensure that their teams will be spoken to about taking some care around these children on the field during games.

Competitions – Junior – Update – *Nathan Szymanski*

- Thursday night (28th April) will be the commencement of training
 - 13s and 16s training

- Friday night Junior Competition starts (29th April)
 - o Request for volunteers to help hand out shirts, socks, etc. from 5pm
- 81 registered Juniors as of 12pm 26th April 2022 and still growing
- Coaches will be contacted in the coming days
- Draw has been started. 15 weeks plus finals.
 - o Avoid Fridays before long weekends, Masters, and middle/end of school holidays
- Still need 2 more coaches
 - o This will assist with feeding into clubs
- Umpires:
 - o Seniors umpire Under 16s
 - o Under 16s Umpire Under 13s
 - o Under 13s Umpire Under 11s
 - o Email Nathan with any umpires that you have interested

COVID-19 policy – 2022 – *Ken Larkin/Amy Smart*

- [Policy for review](#)
- This policy was based on the HACT policy. Agreement by delegates that we need to re-assess the policy to be based on the NSW government rules since the recent changes, and update.
- Those that are household/close-contacts will only need to be symptom free and return a negative RAT Test to be able to play.

Fees and reminder about playing rules – *Amy Smart*

- All players that take the field must have paid Hockey Australia, Hockey NSW and WWCHA fees prior.
- Members that played Indoor will be automatically discounted \$48 of the WWCHA component due to a new feature added to Revolutionise that we were not aware of. This \$48 was for the court hire during indoor competition. These members will be invoiced for \$48 to recover this discount after they have registered. These members will be given 6 weeks to pay these invoices.
- Members that take the field while being unfinancial will result in the following, as [WWCHA Playing Rules](#) Section G states:
 - o All club players, coaches and executive members must be registered with the WWCHA.
 - o All individual player registrations with HNSW/WWCHA must be completed prior to the commencement of their 1st competition game.
 - o If any team fields an unregistered player that team will be penalised with a forfeit and the player will receive an automatic suspension of 1 round.
 - o A forfeit is a result of 10-nil.

Club Roster 2022 – *Amy Smart / Karen Boyd*

- Clubs are reminded that they will be assisting with Canteen and Facilities this year.

- Due to the Women's competition being delayed, the Canteen will not open this first weekend and there will be no clubs rostered on.
- Phil Stone will cover Facilities this weekend. If anyone wants to assist him, please let him know.
- Canteen will not open on Friday nights this season, however Clubs are encouraged (not required) to host a BBQ each Friday night in line with their Club Roster. This is a great fundraising opportunity for clubs. We will attempt to align this with Umpire commitments.
- The first few weeks of the competition will be dedicated to Representative Teams to assist cover travel costs.
- Clubs will have Friday nights to run BBQs. Try to align with Umpire commitments.
- Amy to do a draft schedule and clubs to let her know if there any conflicts.

New Business

- Royals
 - o The blue shorts that they wear are no longer being produced in the same shade, and some players still have the old shorts. Asked for approval to play in these as they are.
 - Approved by all clubs
 - o Locky Peele exemption – not required now due to more players joining the team.
- CSU Hockey Ducks
 - o Supplier has caught COVID and has delayed delivery of new shirts and socks.
 - o Request to play in full pink socks until new socks arrive
 - Approved by all clubs
 - o Request for CSU Div 2 Men to wear white socks and shirts when using the other CSU Team due to colours being too similar
 - Approved by all clubs

Board member reports

President / Facilities – *Ken Larkin / Phil Stone*

- New CEO of HNSW will be present during Masters
- Academy Games a success. Big thanks to all involved.
- Scoreboards – one remote getting fixed
- New spotlights to be replaced over the dugouts.
- New security panels in the canteen
- Fields have been cleaned.
- Clubs to start assisting

Treasurer – *Karen Boyd*

[Report available here](#)

- Academy Games \$7000 profit in Canteen.
- EFTPOS took about \$5000
- A big thank you to all those who volunteered

- Keep the same Menu for Masters
- Academy paid \$4000 turf use and paid Umpires
- Need to clean the toilets more often next time
- Reminder that we will be hosting this event for the next two years, and even though it is held outside of the season we need Clubs to encourage more volunteers to assist.

Officiating Officer – *Tamika White*

- Academy Games went well
 - o Thank you to Sharon Smith for being the Tech Bench Coordinator
- Kylie Cowell feedback
 - o A few umpires were quite intimidated by the level of umpiring during the session with Zeke
- Charmain happy to run a session for Juniors and Seniors
- Karen to look into TV options for setting up in the Club Rooms

Events Officer – *Jason Hill*

- Women's Masters
 - o BBQ on Friday need volunteers (will be rostered)
 - o Marquees have been organised
 - o Welcome packs organised
 - o Micheal Crosato (Griffith President) has advised that the new turf will be opened in July/August.
 - Asked us to send a few teams each to help them christen the new fields
- Packham Cup to go ahead this year
- Presentation Night to go ahead this year

Representative Officer – *Karen/Ken/Jason/Amy*

- Booked some accommodation
- 1 team pulled out; we lost the deposit.
- Tamworth accommodation an hour away from the venue, accommodation close to venue sold out already.
- Under 15 Girls and Boys to be nominated this weekend
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Meeting closed: 9.38pm

Next Meeting: 23rd May 2022

Ken Larkin (President / Chairperson)

Amy Smart (Secretary / Minute Taker)