

WWCHA General Meeting Agenda

Monday 29 July 2019



Date: Monday 29 July, 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

Agenda

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: Aaron Crump (LAHC), Bernie Howard (CSU), Sharon Wellham (Rosellas), Kate Wickson (Royals), Benny Worldon (Mustangs),

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2.0 Apologies:

Harlequins, Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Sharon Smith, Kerri-Anne McBeth

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

24 June 2019 (located on WWCHA website)

*Amend Sharon Wellham attendance

Confirmed by: Bernie Howard **Seconded by:** Emma Lynch

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1	Procedural Document to support Red Card Penalties document	Developed by The Board		<p>Content and ammendments have been made to document presented at June meeting.</p> <p>Ken and Aaron Crump will continue to work on draft document. Will include a flowchart outlining the procedure.</p>

5.0 Correspondence In

- Incident-Sat 20/7/19-D2 Women's
CSU v LACU: Jesse Thompson (LACU) – Red Card – Umpire Reports

6.0 New Business

6.1 2020 Hockey NSW State Championships EOI

WWCHA are hosting Master in 2020. Ken asked for feedback from clubs on whether we can manage to host another carival in the same year.

- Lose two weeks of the local competition
- U/15 Boys would be the most suitable one to consider due to timing
- Club representatives support the Association submitting an EOI to host the U/15 Boys State Championships

6.2 Umpire Availability

- Without umpires we don't have games
- There is too much commentary about the 'quality' of umpiring without a willingness to contribute solutions to how to develop the numbers and quality of umpires within clubs
- Umpires walk away because of umpire abuse and lack of respect
- Club need to be part of the solution in developing future umpires
- Sam (Officiating) presented the current numbers of umpires across clubs for the 2019 Season
- Many Club can identify people who CAN'T umpire but can't identify players who CAN umpire

UMPIRES IN 2019		BY CLUB		2016 No's
TOTAL	46			63
TOTAL umpired >2 games	36	CSU	5	
Umpires that Play	32	ROYALS	2	
Non-playing Umpires	4	ROSELLAS	1	
Male	17	LAHC	0	
Female Div 1	3	Cavs	2	
Female Div 2	3	Mustangs	1	
Female Div 3	5			

- Ken proposed a pre-season umpire briefing and training
- Ken presented some of the NSW Hockey statistics – Growth in accredited umpires, none from WCHA Association
- Strategy needs to be drafted
- **Other ideas:**
- The first round of the Season should involve gathering ALL umpires for a briefing
- Umpire calender
- Coaching and mentoring for umpires (juniors and seniors)
- Gauge interest from club members at the beginning of the Season (are you interested in umpiring)
- Compulsory Umpire Exam for all Div 1 players and juniors (Community Qual.)

6.3 Grading Committee 2020

- Ken asked clubs whether we should consider having a grading committee for 2020
- Various scenarios and elements for consideration were discussed
- Overall consensus was that a Grading Committee should be considered for 2020
- Ken will continue to work with individuals in developing the guidelines for a Grading Committee

6.4 Playing Rules – Change TO Rule I (8)

6.5 Hockey NSW Alcohol Policy

- Reminder that there is a No Alcohol Policy

6.6 Uniform Policy Review

- Has been circulated. Hockey NSW encourage the option for women to be allowed to wear shorts

- Ammendment to the Playing Rules put forward:

H4. Uniforms

Move that H4. Component of the playing rules be removed to come into effect in 2020.

Vote Outcome: Rule change was unanimously moved by all attendees

6.7 Club Showcase – Rosellas

- Outline of the history of Rosellas Club
- Rosellas have had up to 5 teams in season's gone by
- 6 of the Association Life Members are from the Rosellas Club
- Club is very family friendly with those across generations playing together
- Very inclusive Club. 'Flo' in Div. 3 is well known to many
- Showed us the evolving club uniforms, 90's tracksuit and the skirt that is now the 'Club Trophy' with many stories associated with the additions on the skirt
- Many members of the clubs have played, umpired or officiated at the represenatative level

Next Club Showcase: Harlequins and LAHC

Urgent Business: Tech Officials Course 10 August. Bruce Cook will be facilitating this.

7.0 Board Reports

7.1 President	Submitted
7.2 Administration	Submitted
7.3 Treasurer	No report
7.4 Competitions	No report
7.5 Officiating	Submitted
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

The last 4 weeks have been very busy for our association.

We hosted the Under 15 Hockey NSW Girls championships, and from feedback from Hockey NSW and some of the associations that attended , everyone had a fantastic time.

Thank you to all our clubs and volunteers who helped out over the weekend, and a special

thanks to the board members and club members who helped with the set up on the Thursday before the championships.

From a representative perspective, our Under 13 boys won their division at the Hockey NSW Championships. Along with the Open Men winning their divisions over the long weekend in June, this gave us 2 championships wins for the season-a great result. Congratulations to the Coach Craig Knowles and Manager Mel Chyb, you did a fantastic job.

Thanks again to all the members that attended the Tech Bench Coaching and Information session on the 12th July. This was a great turn out and something everyone should be proud of. If there is further interest, the association is happy to schedule a formal accreditation session later on in the season. Thank you to all the clubs for your support.

One of the best pieces of news that we have received this season is that Hockey has now been added back as a program in the Southern Sports Academy. This will be a great boost not only for our talented athletes from Wagga but also surrounding areas such as Griffith, Albury and Young.

We thank Hockey NSW for their support and persistence in working with the Southern Sports Academy over the last couple of years.

From a facilities perspective our Storage Shed is now complete and we have taken up formal residence, and have moved everything out of the club rooms. This has provided a lot more space in the club room.

We have also installed new carpet. We had a rodent problem, that was starting to create some unusual smells, which was making it unpleasant. The kitchen has also been cleaned up and is now fresh and operational for making a coffee etc , at meetings.

Finally we have been told that the cleaning of the newly renovated toilets and toilets (below the clubrooms) is the responsibility of Wagga Hockey (Winter) and Wagga Touch (Summer).

If we could ask all members that use these facilities to keep them clean and tidy, and pick up and dispose of any rubbish.

7.2 – Administration

Contact has been made with NSW Hockey who are willing to support us in facilitating training Revolutionise training for all Clubs later in the Season. September has been proposed and we will confirm dates in the coming month. The purpose of this training is to support all clubs in moving to the Revolutionise platform in 2020.

No Newsletter was distributed in the School Holiday period. This has recommenced. I propose it may be best to move this to a fortnightly distribution so that association members are more likely to read it and there is less repetition of content. Life Members are now receiving the Newsletter which may be a good way to engage them in what is

happening. I plan to showcase one association member each newsletter for the remainder of the Season provided those asked respond to the questions in time. I will initially approach individuals, however, if clubs have someone they'd like included please contact me.

As always, contributions for inclusion in the newsletter, including photos, would be most welcome.

7.3 – Treasurer

- Canteen – Till is out by \$30 - \$40 each week. Please don't put juniors on the cash register. If a mistake is made please write a note.
- Consider how you leave the canteen when on duty, where things are stored, cleanliness etc.

7.4 – Competitions

7.5 – Officiating

There has been a number of things been happening in Officiating recently with meeting and presentations in order to improve everyone's understanding of the game.

Wagga Hockey held separate meetings on short notice for both umpires and Division 1 teams on a Saturday morning. Many thanks to all people who attend the meetings and for Ken Larkin to take the lead to initial the meetings, as well as Charmain Gay providing the technical support.

Again through the networking done by Ken, Wagga Hockey was able to provide a TO course from Bruce Cook from Hockey NSW aimed at a localised level for our domestic game. There was great support from most clubs which was ran on a Friday night at no cost to the association which Hockey NSW wishes to rolled out to other associations. Bruce initially observed some games on the Saturday before getting involved, giving an actual visual experience to all at the games of what a TO should aim to do.

This has resulted in Wagga Hockey looking to host an official TO course run by Hockey NSW on Saturday 10th August and need a minimum of one volunteer from each club for it to go ahead.

However, there is concerns with the very obvious umpiring shortage particularly with females representation in the association as a whole. This was highlighted by the fact that with only 24 hours notice the two Division 1 Women in Round 14 had to switched around in order to have suitable umpires to officiate them. Thank you to the four Division 1 teams accepting the change of game times.

The whole situation comes down to I as Officiating need to appoint 8 umpires capable of officiating Division 1 games in only 3 timeslots and sadly for a number of seasons now, the women competition has not been to supply four Division 1 umpires on their own. The reason not to defer the games, still highlights the problem that I would need to find umpires when the games are scheduled. Having the rule change to have Officiating appoint umpires for Division 1 has masked the issue in reality.

The umpire shortage is also taking its toll with fewer umpires overall in the association having to umpire more regularly and players (particularly seniors ones) abusing the umpires. This comes down to Officiating getting its umpires from the clubs, so therefore the clubs need to be developing umpires. Officiating offers support where needed, but all clubs need to look at boosting their umpiring ranks which means getting players to take up the whistle and physically step on the field in the lower divisions and juniors each week.

A more detailed outlook will be conducted at the general meeting about the umpire shortage on how to move forward.

7.6 – Development

- Unfortunately James Dallas, our U11 Green team coach, will be unavailable for the rest of the season due to work. I would like to extend a huge thank you to James, who has also been an integral coach on Monday night training, taking the U11 group each week. James will leave a big gap in our training skills for the back-end of the season. Mark White has kindly accepted the task of coaching the U11 green team for the remainder of the season
- I have very much enjoyed this season as Junior Development manager. It has been a great challenge trying to balance this position, working full time, studying part time and having my own time. However, I think it has exposed some areas that this position could be improved. Whilst I do enjoy the administration side (selecting teams, doing the draw, calendar, etc), I struggle to commit to Monday and Friday night every week (this is in addition to my own CSU training Tuesday and game Saturday). Moving forward next year, I would propose having a junior sub-committee consisting of the following positions:
 - * Junior umpire coach coordinator
 - * Junior training coordinator
 - * Friday night coordinator

The creation of these positions would ease the burden on the current small number of volunteers. And these positions would NOT be filled by coaches.

In addition, I would also like to see more responsibility given to the club, mainly opening the fields and setting up the goals for U11 (and moving them back for U13). This task could be assigned to the clubs as part of the duty club roster.

Thanks,
Thomas

7.7 – Representative

- All representative hockey has now finished.
- 5 teams went away to Masters in Bathurst on the Weekend (Including Wagga/Griffith teams and Wagga/Tumut teams)
- 40's Wagga Wagga team drew in their final classification game
- 50's Wagga Wagga team came 5th also having a draw in their final classification game

7.8 – Events (N/A)

- Organisation for Presentation Night is well underway. Tickets and details will be distributed shortly. Scheduled for 14 September.

7.9 – Facilities

- Phil does a great job cleaning up grounds. Clubs need to continue to support Phil through helping Phil out when allocated a duty.

Meeting Closed: 9.13pm

Next Meeting: Monday August 26, 2019 – 7.30pm