

WWCHA General Meeting Agenda

24th April 2017



Date: Monday 24th April 2017
Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Location: Jubilee Park Club Rooms
Chaired by: President
Board Membership: Ken Larkin (President), Carla Bailey (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Sam Arnold (Competitions), Kate Wickson (Development), Andrew Barron (Officiating), Sharon Smith (Representative).
Club Membership with Voting Privileges: Cavaliers, CSU, Harlequins, Lake Albert, Mustangs, Rosellas, Royals

Agenda

1.0 Present

2.0 Apologies:

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 March 27th 2017 General Meeting Minutes (located on WWCHA website)

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1				
4.2				

5.0 Correspondence In

Nil

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Royals HC signage (for voting)
- 6.2 Royals HC Div 1 womens player (for voting)
- 6.3 Rosellas HC- Div 1 womens nominated players numbers (for voting)
- 6.4 U15 Girls State Championships Club Rostering
- 6.5 Shoosh for Kids

7.0 Board Reports

7.1 President	Attached
7.2 Administration	No Report

7.3 Treasurer	No Report
7.4 Competitions	Attached
7.5 Officiating	No report
7.6 Development	No Report
7.7 Representative	No Report
7.8 Events	No report
7.9 Facilities	No report

8.0 Club Reports

Cavaliers	No Report
CSU	No Report
Harlequins	No report
Lake Albert	No report
Mustangs	No report
Rosellas	No report
Royals	Attached

Next Meeting: 22nd May 2017

6.1 Royals HC Signage



Natalie is currently registered with Division 2 Men for Lake Albert. She moved to Wagga from Mildura and intended to play for Lake Albert in the Division 1 Women's competition. When this team folded she resorted to play in the Men's competition.

We don't expect to have a decision by Round 3 but would appreciate a decision by Round 4 if possible. Thank you for your consideration.

We at Rosellas are also having trouble naming 9 nominated players of Division 1 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. I'm sure CSU would like maybe same consideration and I think Lakes United may too have seen a way to nearly have a Division 1 team if they were able to have 7 nominated players.

Sharyn Wellham

6.5 Shoosh for kids

Hockey NSW is encouraging all clubs/associations/leagues to actively participate in the state-wide **Shoosh for Kids** initiative running from 15 to 21 May 2017. Seven sports will be working with the Office of Sport to remind parents that the focus of junior sport is on fun and having a go, not winning.

The purpose of Shoosh for Kids is 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)

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Your club/association can become involved by signing up at **Shoosh for Kids**. Your club/association's commitment level is up to your committee.

MARCH/APRIL

- Raise Shoosh for Kids Week as an agenda item at meetings
- Register your intention to participate in Shoosh for Kids Week on the [Office of Sport](#) website
- Promote Shoosh for Kids Week, encouraging members to support and recognise the importance and aims of campaign

APRIL/MAY

From 10 April download the resources you wish to utilise, including:

- Posters
- Pamphlets
- Web banners
- Media announcements
- Ground announcement scripts
- Social Media posts using **#shooshforkids**

SHOOSH FOR KIDS WEEK (15 TO 21 MAY)

- **Have conversations** – committee members have conversations with members and promote the campaign message.
- **Hand out pamphlets** – print pamphlets and 'Shoosh Ambassadors' hand out to spectators during the week to promote the importance of keeping comments positive and/or email electronic version to all members.
- **Post on social media** – create social media posts using resources provided or take your own photos of athletes 'shooshing' and tag **#Shooshforkidsweek**.
- **Make ground announcements** – make ground announcements over loud speaker system promoting the campaign message.
- **Shoosh the sideline** – prior to each game, (junior) players and officials 'Shoosh' the sideline to remind spectators to keep their comments positive. Then if inappropriate behaviour is being displayed during games the official stops the game and all players and officials turn to the nearest sideline and 'shoosh'.

If you register your interest to participate in Shoosh for Kids before Friday 21 April, the Office of Sport will let media outlets in your local area know that your club/association is supporting Shoosh for Kids and will highlight your proactive actions to address poor sideline behaviour.

Local media may be interested in photo opportunities/local stories with your club/association. A relevant contact person who can assist with any media related enquiries can be added during the registration process to streamline communication to the most appropriate person.

WWCHA- Presidents Report-24 April 2017

We have now completed Rd 3 of our winter competition and we are slowly getting into a good operating rhythm.

We need to continue to:

- . fine tune the canteen and maintenance roster and process
- . ensure we have our umpiring appointments confirmed and communicated well in advance of the weekend.

The board is conscious of improvements required in these areas and we will continue to work with all clubs to ensure we address exactly what is needed.

One a negative the number of cards issued by our umpires so early in the season tells me that perhaps the 'player code of conduct' has not resonated with many of our players.

I would ask all clubs to ensure each of your players is aware and has taken the time to understand each element of the code of conduct.

Our representative teams are starting to come together and the Board is grateful for those that have volunteered to be coaches and managers.

One area of concern for the board is what appears to be a lack of interest in the Open Men's and Open Women's side. These 2 sides are in some ways the pinnacle of our representative teams, and it would be a real shame for WWCHA not to send away a team to their respective state championships.

We have always performed well both Men's and Women's and in some ways our creditability as an association would be challenged if we were unable to field a Mens or Women's team, this year.

I would ask all clubs to get behind the Board and encourage as many players as you can to nominate for these teams.

Facilities

Only one club provided their thoughts on the next priorities for our facilities upgrade. A request for all clubs to provide input on the priorities was made at the last committee meeting.

Based on the feedback from the club who provided their thoughts as well as input from board members it is considered that the next 2 projects for our facilities upgrade will be:

- . Cementing the drains at the Northern and Southern ends of Paul field.

. Replacement/Repair to the internal fences for both fields.

These 2 projects will form part of our 2017 Grant applications.

Quotes will be obtained for the works, and this will allow us to commence our grant applications.

We will also call for quotes etc on our FB page, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in quoting on the works please encourage them to contact me for details of the works required.

We will also be shortly meeting with council to fine tune the facility requirements/support for the Hockey NSW Under 15 Championships.

Finally it would seem we still are not getting the grips on the new recycling program, as the garbage bins still have many bottles etc rather than being placed in the recycling bins.

Can I please ask that Club officials are vigilant in encouraging players to make sure they use the right bin particularly the recycling bin.

Ken Larkin
President

WWCHA- Competitions Report-27 April 2017

The focus for the draw in Season 2017 was to reduce and avoid the number of deferred matches in comparison of the previous season.

All divisions except for 2W and 3M have 18 games with 2 byes for each team, with 2 rounds split in half with a single game. Meaning players need 9 games to qualify for finals.

Division 2 Women and 3 Men have 5 teams that play 16 games with 4 byes across the 20 rounds following the withdrawal of Mustangs from 3M after Round 1. Players only need to play 8 games to qualify for finals.

Once again, there are issues with player registration on the new NSW – revolutionise SPORT page which I am slowly working through.

Thank you to the clubs who submitted their team nominations by the due date as requested.

A number of issues have appeared since the last meeting – particularly clubs wishing to gain players from a club that do not field teams in the top division.

I am trying to come forward to work out a solution.

I would also like to nominate Phil Bradley to help out with moving the draw online as this take time with a new platform.

Sam Arnold

Club Reports

Royals Club Report-24 April 2017

Royals have been doing a lot behind the scenes leading up to the start of the 2017 season. A main focus of this year has been to improve our financial position to best support our Club members and ensure they are getting value for money and a positive experience though playing Hockey for the Club.

We have held two general meetings to discuss and plan for a comprehensive sponsorship proposal. Stage 1 of this proposal has gone ahead with distribution of a proposal to local businesses to sponsor our Club for \$250 in return for their logo being printed on our 2017 club training shirts as well as exposure on our correspondence and website material. We have had 12 local business commit to this so far for the 2017 season as well as one business committing to the goalie sponsorship package offered.

The Koorinal Hotel have agreed to remain as our major sponsor this year. We have also confirmed the Wagga Country Club as a sponsor and have confirmed the date of our Club Presentation evening with a plan to make this a more formal event this year.

Royals plan to roll out the rest of our Sponsorship Plan in 2018 as part of a broader strategic approach in increasing the success of our Club into the future.

To kick-start the season we secured two Bunnings BBQ slots, the first being held on Saturday 4th February making a fundraising profit of \$979.40. The second BBQ was held on Saturday 4th March raising \$1523.60.

Royals held their AGM on Sunday 5 February at the Wagga Hockey Club rooms with a strong attendance. We had two outgoing members of our Committee including Club President – Charles Web-Wagg and Club Treasurer – Jen Hawkins. Both were thanked for the significant contributions they'd made to the club.

The following is the newly elected committee for the 2017 season:

President – Richard Eneglbrecht

Vice President - Lu Nickell

Secretary - Emily Paul

Treasurer – Bronwyn Harper

Umpiring Coordinators - Males: Adam Boyd, Females: Zoe Wild

Social Coordinator - Sarah Bonny

Uniform and Merchandise Coordinator - Tracey Gibbons

We also have a number of sub-committee groups this year. All club members are encouraged to join at least one of these groups. They include the Coaching and Training Group led by Patrick O'Donnell as well as Sponsorship, Social/Functions/Fundraising, Umpiring/Facilities/Canteen groups and finally a media/communications representative, which is Kelsey Griffin.

This season has seen our Club take the step of submitting two Division 1 Women's teams to allow the Division 1 competition to go ahead with 4 teams. This decision was made after much consultation between Club members. The process was lengthy, with the intention to ensure we had two even, competitive teams whilst also doing what was in the best interests

of all players. After a lot of work behind the scenes we have managed to still nominate 9 division 1 players in our Royals White team and 7 division 1 players in our Royals Blue team.

We look forward to a successful season ahead with a lot of work underway to put strong foundations in place to best support the Club into the future.

Emily Paul
Royals Hockey Club Secretary