

WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 28th February 2022



Date: Monday 28th February 2022

Time: 7.30pm

Location: [Zoom](#)

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).

Vacant (Facilities)

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

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Present (A-Z):

Board Members: Mel Chyb, Jason Hill, Ken Larkin, Amy Smart, Phillip Stone

Apologies: Nathan Szymanski, Tamika White

Club representatives: Adam Boyd, Karen Boyd, Kylie Cowell, Charmain Gay, Terry-Ann McBeath, Alicia Rose, Gregory Smart, Sharon Smith, Jarrod Thorne,

Apologies: Chris Skillen, Dan Smith, Sharyn Wellham,

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

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

Accepted: Karen Boyd

Seconded: Gregory Smart

Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress
Paying Juniors for Umpiring	Tamika/Karen	Prior to start of Winter Season	In Progress
Authorised Signatory to the account	Karen Boyd / Ken Larkin	1 month	Done
Investigate how other associations utilise Paid Administrators	Karen Boyd		In Progress
Update Playing Fees information	Amy Smart	1 month	In Progress
Send out How-Tos for Revolutionise Administrators and Committee Page updates	Amy Smart	1 week	Done
Create How-To for Revolutionise Payment Classes	Amy Smart	1 month	In Progress
Update Meeting Schedule to reflect August meeting to be held on 4 th Monday	Amy Smart	1 week	Done
Send Field Bookings for Training, along with 2 mobile numbers for light codes, to Ken <hr/> Update: Mobile numbers not required. Schedule lighting with the council. Clubs advised of the new process.	Kylie Cowell (Royals) Aaron Crump (Lake Albert) Alicia Rose (Cavaliers) Chris Skillen (Harlequins) Dan Smith (CSU) Sharyn Wellham (Rosellas)	1 month	Done

Review Umpire Reporting Process	Amy Smart / Tamika White / Charmain Gay	2 months	In Progress
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Correspondence In

Correspondence	Club/Person	Format	Date	Action
New Rule Book – FIH	Rosellas/Charmain Gay	Email	20/02/2022	Clubs to agree to implementation of new rules. WWCHA to communicate to all registered members closer to season start.
In school hockey program	Royals/Nikki Lloyd	Email	21/02/2022	Pat O'Donnell has contacted them. Request update from Pat.
Memorandum of Understanding	Cavaliers/Alicia Rose Lake Albert/Adam Boyd	Email	21/02/2022	Discussion to be held during this meeting

2022 Fees – Amy Smart

- [Playing Fees Version 2](#)
- Discussion around changing the playing fees, to be in line with Hockey NSW and Hockey Australia (the same fee regardless of Seniors or Juniors participation).
- Agreement to leave the playing fees as is, and clubs will ensure their players are registered through their portal if they are a junior player (16 and under).
- Agreement to allow Juniors playing into Seniors for free for their first year to encourage their participation
- Amy to update the playing fees.

FIH Hockey Playing Rules Update

- [Rules of Hockey | FIH](#)
- Implementation and Authority

The Rules of Hockey apply to all hockey players and officials. National Associations have discretion to decide the date of implementation at national level. The date of implementation for international competition is 1 January 2022.

The Rules are issued by the FIH Rules Committee under the authority of the International Hockey Federation. Copyright is held by the International Hockey Federation.

- Rule Changes
 - Rule 4.2 was changed to allow for defending players using Penalty Corner protective equipment to continue to play the ball outside the circle after intercepting during the taking of a penalty corner. Players can now continue to run with the ball while keeping their protective equipment on but they must remove that same equipment immediately after the first opportunity to do so and always inside the 23 m area. No player using PC protective equipment can play the ball outside the 23 m area at any time.
 - Rule 9.10 was changed to allow for the playing of what is commonly designated as Aerial Balls. The previous text did cover for the possibility for players to safely intercept a falling ball, which is now seen as both legitimate and positive to the development of the game. Aerial Balls will continue to be closely monitored by all stakeholders so that player safety can be maintained.
 - Charmain has videos that demonstrate this change.
 - The mandatory experiment Rule 2.2, allowing teams to play with a Field Player with Goalkeeping Privileges has been incorporated in the rules. There are now two options: to play with a Goalkeeper who wears protective equipment comprising at least headgear, leg guards and kickers and who is also permitted to wear goalkeeping hand protectors and other protective equipment or play with Field Players only. Any player changes other than these should be treated as a substitution.
 - In the last Rules of Hockey update in January 2021, Rule 13.5g had been removed. It stated that the awarding of a bully would be one of the conditions that would determine the completion of a PC. This is no longer possible, as now any stoppage of play for injury or other reasons during the taking of a penalty corner is a retake of the penalty corner per Rule 6.5d.
 - Other changes were merely clarifications, such as the rewording of rule in 6.5d to make the intention of the rule clear. The word “NOT” was removed (as in the previous text this led to an opposite interpretation of the rule).

Notes:

- Charmain will be away as the Assistant Manager Under 18s in Cairns, 5th April – 20th April away from WWCHA.
- Charmain and Tamika to discuss dates and Zoom options to present and discuss the changes with the Umpires and Players
 - Charmain has videos that demonstrate the Aerial Ball changes
- Apply new rules from Round 1 of the Winter Competition

Cavaliers / Lake Albert Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – *Alicia Rose and Adam Boyd*

- [Cover Letter for Memorandum of Understanding request](#)
- [MOU 2022 Agreement](#)
- ~2017 brought in this agreement to work together to form the LACU women side.

- Lake Albert and Cavs have found that their numbers will be too low this year to split. They were looking positive last year, however as mentioned in the above letter, they have lost numbers again.
- Both Lake Albert and Cavaliers are separate Incorporated entities. They have agreed to the MOU to help each other. There is no obvious end date for the MOU.
- Cavaliers and Lake Albert encouraged to put together a recruitment plan.
- No vote required for the continuation of the MOU.

Academy Games – *Ken Larkin*

- 8th- 0th April
- 18 teams attending
- We need umpires, technical officials, etc – Request to clubs to advertise this and get together a few people from each club to assist.
- Working bee the weekend before (2-3rd April) – Ken to send out request to clubs for assistance
- Hockey NSW and Academy Reps will be visiting
- Canteen will be open
 - Ken to send times to Karen

Board Positions – Update – *Ken Larkin*

- Canteen
 - Amy and Karen to jointly run the canteen
- Representative
 - Craig Knowles has stepped down from the role
 - Karen, Jason and Ken will work together to cover this role
 - Discussion re: accommodation
 - Amy to add a question to the Representative EOI survey to find out the groups that want to travel and stay together

COD update from Mel, Rosie, Jason

- Riverina Heat went to COD over this last weekend
- Increase hockey all year round
- We need to increase COD junior numbers – more training, more work on getting the kids excited to attend
- Lost players due to COVID
- Positive conduct/behaviour by the juniors. Resilient.
- We need to increase time spent with the other associations to build team cohesion.

Ken thanked all members and players that assisted and participated during the weekend.

Competition Discussion – *Mel Chyb*

- Start dates 29th April Juniors, 30th April Seniors

- Hold 'trials' for the clubs, with tentative team list sent to Mel by 18th April to organise the structure.
 - **Trials 26th March, 2nd April, 23rd April**
 - Competition Panel from each club to work together to grade the players
 - These will be held as Come and Try Days. Players will need to register to an event in Revolutionise to cover themselves for any injuries that may occur.
- Discussion around holding 'friendlys' with other associations
 - Men going to Albury in the next few weeks for a competition
 - Ken to follow up with Albury Wodonga regarding the Hockey ACT affiliation registration fees
- Competition structure
 - Looking at Options to regards to feedback that we normally receive, for example:
 - – Keep Men Div 3 → Div 1, reverse Women Div 1 → Div 3
 - Survey Monkey to all players to assist with understanding the time slots
 - Mel to put together the questions and send to Amy
 - Clubs to promote this to their members
- Summer Comp going well
 - 5-6 teams so far
 - Umpires rotating each week to give everyone a turn
 - New players have joined in
 - Everyone is treating it in good spirits

New Business

Recruitment

- Strong Div 1 players moving to already strong Div 1 teams
 - Breaks down the competition
 - We need to be careful with this, as Clubs may dissolve and there will be no competition.
 - Request for clubs to act ethically when recruiting new players
 - Commentary that a lot of players and clubs as a whole are directing players to clubs/teams in need

Board Updates

President Update – Ken Larkin

- Strong marketing campaign for participation/recruitment from HNSW
 - Targeted advertisement for our region
 - Budget for different advertisement platforms
- Facilities:
 - Noonan – Blue circles and field repairs – 2 weeks
 - Pump for Paul to be fixed soon
 - All Training including lights have been booked
 - Cleaning for Paul to be reviewed
 - Two grants submitted for concreting

Treasurer Update – Karen Boyd

- Looking for a Bookkeeper to assist with the treasurer role
- A few outstanding invoices from Indoor being followed up
- Revolutionise training with Amy

Secretary Update – Amy Smart

- Assisting with Representative Teams – planning and management in Revolutionise
- Working with Hockey NSW
- Ensuring all players taking the field are registered with Hockey NSW and Hockey Australia in 2022
- Canteen preparation

Development Update – Nathan Szymanski

- Working towards a new program for Juniors
- Nathan will present this to the committee in the coming weeks

Officiating Update – Ken Larkin on behalf of Tamika White

- Pending response from Zeke at Hockey NSW

Representative Update – Ken Larkin/Jason Hill

- Open Women trials booked in
 - Ask Clubs to share on Facebook pages
 - Amy to send out to all members via Revolutionise
- Open Men – bookings to be sent in
- Junior teams – put these on the Junior page
- Note to be considerate of junior teams that require players to travel

Events Update – Jason Hill

- Away for Academy Games (4th April going away)
- Working Bee for clean up

Club Updates

Cavaliers

- Team numbers getting pulled together
- Mid-March training start
- Participating in Summer Comp

CSU Hockey Ducks

- Access to Revo
- Bookings for training
- Market day on the 23rd Feb
- Clubs day on the 22nd March

Harlequins

- N/A

Lake Albert

- Waiting on a few numbers to work out whether there can be multiple teams

Rosellas

- Struggling with numbers. Div 2 and Div 3 teams, no Div 1.
- AGM being held this Friday

Royals

- AGM held two weeks ago, low numbers.
- Karen and Kylie, Secretary and Treasurer
- Jarrod Thorne, President
- Numbers are looking good

Meeting closed: 9:30pm

Next Meeting: 28th March 2022

Ken Larkin (President / Chairperson)

Amy Smart (Secretary / Minute Taker)