

WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 24th May 2021



Date: Monday 24th May 2021

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Jubilee Park Club Rooms

Chaired by: Ken Larkin

Board Membership:

Ken Larkin (President), Amy Smart (Secretary), Brad Ristivojevic (Treasurer), John Marshall (Competitions), Pat O'Donnell (Development), Marcus Manning (Officiating), Craig Knowles (Representative), Phil Stone (Facilities), Vacant (Events).

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

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Present (A-Z):

Board Members: Ken Larkin (President), Marcus Manning (Officiating), John Marshall (Competitions), Brad Ristivojevic (Treasurer), Amy Smart (Secretary), Phil Stone (Facilities)

Apologies: Pat O'Donnell (Development), Craig Knowles (Representative)

Club representatives: See [Attendance Register](#)

Apologies: Alicia Rose (Cavaliers/LACU)

Meeting opened 7:34pm

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

[April 2021](#) (located on WWCHA website)

- Karen Boyd raised that the outcome of the Juniors Tech Benching discussion in the previous meeting was not in the minutes.
 - o *Since reviewed and it is included in the minutes in the Officiating Report*
- Also raised that some documents are not accessible via the agenda/minutes.

Accepted: Emma Lynch

Seconded: Aaron Crump

Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress
WWCHA Officials – Accreditation Report. Update from Clubs	Delegate from each club	1 month	Refer notes below
Zoom Video Conferencing – explore options and cost	Ken Larkin/Brad Ristivojevic/Amy Smart	2 months	In Progress
Change Rooms	Amy Smart	1 month	Done
Paying Juniors for Umpiring	Marcus Manning / Brad Ristivojevic	2 months	In Progress

- WWCHA Officials – What are clubs doing to encourage their players to become accredited umpires?:
 - o Royals are all lapsed
 - o LA no updates

- Harlequins no updates
- CSU no updates
- Cavs no updates
- Rosellas no updates
 - Closed
- Zoom option for meetings – Unable to look into this year
- Change Rooms
 - COVID-19 restrictions are currently 1 person per 2.5m² in enclosed spaces. Signs have been put up on the change rooms for 8 people maximum at any one time. Since the toilets must be cleaned by WWCHA and would be part of the facilities responsibilities of the club that is rostered on each weekend, we ask that players use the Council-managed toilets as their first preference and use the Change Rooms for showers/changing ONLY.
- Junior Umpire payments – Board to discuss and report back in June Meeting.

New Business

Nominated players and Competitions Update

- Royals have moved some of their players as asked
- Harlequins to remain as is – Lloyd Hart to be monitored in the interim.
- CSU Hockey Ducks to remain as is.
- Rosellas to remain as is.
- Lake Albert – Paul Oakman is named on their 7 but has not registered. He needs to be removed and we have requested that Bevan Swaffield move into Div 1 to take his place.
- Div 1 Men minimum to 7, Rosellas Div 1 minimum to 5.
 - 16 player cap to be discussed for next year.
- Karen Boyd raised that some players are named in Div 3 but are playing most of their games in Div 2. Query: If they are named in Div 3, are they allowed to play the finals for Div 2?
 - Answer: Yes. Any player can play in either division as long as they have played the minimum games in that division.
 - During finals, print list of names of players that qualify for that division for Technical Officials to check.
 - Board to review throughout the season and give feedback to clubs if their players are not going to be meet the minimum.
- Alternative Uniform Update from clubs
 - CSU: ordered in Feb, told 6 week turn around, but still waiting. Business has advised that it will be another 2 weeks.
 - Lake Albert: Shorts still pending
 - Harlequins: Players are up to date
 - Question raised: Women only allowed to wear skirts? No. Voted in 2019 that they can wear shorts as part of Inclusion – Hockey NSW initiative.
- Game books
 - Not being filled in correctly
 - Captains need to ensure that the players are marked for goals scored, etc
 - Umpires will not receive payment if they are not:
 - Providing MVPs
 - Making sure that the game book is filled in properly by tech bench

- Provide any match reports as required
 - Injuries must be recorded
 - Cards must be recorded
- Can we provide a checklist?
- Cards are not being recorded properly
 - Red cards are no longer counted towards points – they are part of suspension system.
 - Points for Green (2), Yellow (5)
 - John Marshall to send out list of cards to each club on regular basis
- Packham Cup
 - Looking to build it up this year – formal night the night before.
 - Ball style with sit down dinner prior.
 - Seeking an event planner(s) to assist from the clubs.
- Masters
 - Age groups – can we expand them? Rather than just over 35s, also Over 60s.
 - Masters committee to raise with Albury.
- Reminder that COVID-19 Protocols are still in place
 - Please check in when entering the facilities
 - Sanitise hands
 - Keep 1.5m apart
 - Respect each other

Replacement Scoreboards

- \$16500 grant secured from Sports
- \$2000 grant from Council (July)
- Blue Vein (Company)
 - \$18139 Base model (Home and Away) - Agreed
 - \$23199 Next model up
 - \$2000 installation

National Redress Scheme

- Recommendations into Royal Commission – Institutional Response to Child Sexual Assault.
 - Compensation and/or support
 - Hockey Australia and Hockey NSW joined
 - If anyone that was affected was once part of our association / clubs you may be contacted. If you are, then reach out to WWCHA Board and we will work with Hockey NSW.

Inclusion Workshop

- Available on YouTube now – ask that all Presidents (at a minimum) [watch this workshop](#).

Women's Masters

- 2 meetings held since last committee meeting
- Friday 23rd July – 25th July Women's Masters South
- Tents hired and to be erected by the organisation
- Goals have been condemned
 - Griffith looking into portable goals to see if they are suitable for use.
- Raffle over the weekend.
 - Just Hockey Sponsors

- Griffith Wines
 - Need more sponsors
- Messages
 - Marcus from Synergy Healthworks
 - Site charge to be discussed at the next Masters meeting
 - CSU students would like to participate but need to be supervised
- Canteen and Coffee Vans
 - Maddish
 - Lucid
 - ~\$300 per day (\$600 in total for the weekend)
 - 8am-5pm Saturday
 - Amy to distribute the Menu for review
 - Create QR Code for handout with a Masters Hub
- Team Nominations still pending
 - 65 players nominated
- Advising the police of the event
- Ken has been working with Council for the information centre, parking, line marking, can trailer
- Liquor licence
 - Licenced venue will be the marque
 - David from Farrah Hotel has offered his staff
- Opening Ceremony
 - Invite the patrons – see if they're available.
 - Letter to be penned to Dr Joe McGirr
- Send letters to the high schools for community service
- Announcers for Time Keeping, Music, Sponsor plugs etc needed
- We need volunteers for Thursday for setup, Friday start-up, clubs rostered on Saturday and Sunday.
- Just Hockey contributing to cost of the tents and security
- Hockey NSW would like us to put the Umpire location in a more accessible location as long as we can provide power and heating.
- AGM, morning manager meeting and Umpires meeting no longer required on location, they will be done via video conferencing.
- Women's Masters Newsletter will be sent to Ken and Amy for review.
- Send a one-page summary to John Marshall to assist with sponsorship recruiting.
- Require an Umpire Pool for the weekend
 - Other Associations pay for their umpires
 - Wagga needs to look to see if/how to pay.
 - ~\$150 per weekend
- Costing – Brad and Ken to work on it.
- Next meeting will be 27th June 2021

Umpire's Forum – 22nd May – Alicia Rose

- Alicia has provided some feedback, the Board needs to review before discussing further with clubs.

Technical Official Workshop – 29th May – Sharon Smith

- Ready to go

- Send a reminder to the clubs and on Facebook pages

Coaching workshop – Pat O'Donnell

- Pat to provide a date on the Monday evening

Wagga Touch Carnival 26th-27th May – Canteen

- Touch Football Carnival being held with teams from around the Riverina.
- Amy Smart, Canteen Manager, still looking for volunteers.

School Visit

- School coming down to mingle with our hockey players – Under 18s girls.
- Jackson White has volunteered to umpire.
- 3.45pm 3rd June 2021

Facilities Report

- Noonan scoreboard fixed
- Pressure valve in pumpshed was leaking – has been fixed
- Goal on Paul field has some tech screws missing – we need to fix.
- Phil and Ken to review the water guns as they are going onto the seats
- Cleaning/Maintenance duties to be handed over to clubs per the usual policy, starting with Royals after the long weekend.

Secretary Report

- [Canteen report](#)
- [Volunteering report](#)

Development Report

- This weekend will be a bye
 - o Rosellas were meant to be on duty, they have moved their Friday night to their next Duty Day (August).
- June Long Weekend – we should look at making this a bye
- Umpire duties are on the website

Treasurer Report

- Upgraded MYOB to be a live subscription (fee) and bank feed setup.
- Term Deposit has matured
 - o Will be used for Polytan
- Invoices for lighting to be sent out in the next few weeks
- Refunds are on roadblock until we receive a response from Hockey NSW about Pin Payment balance

Representative Report

- Under 15s men going away this weekend in Armidale
- Under 18s women

Officiating Report

- Red card on the weekend issued
 - o Working with the club and the player
 - o Still haven't received the Umpire Report from Adam Boyd

- Few questions raised over changes to the rules. Amy Smart to distribute an update to all players on any rule changes.
- Incident at the 6.30pm Div 2 Men's game – Lake White vs CSU – with spectators and players behaviour impacting the Umpires, Jack Laurent and Georgia Smith.
 - o Discussion around the behaviour, clubs have addressed the issue.

Meeting closed: 9:19pm

Next Meeting: Monday, 28th June 2021, 7:30pm

Annexure A: [Attendance Register](#)

Annexure B: [WWCHA Officiating Accreditations List](#)

Annexure C: [Canteen Report](#)

Ken Larkin (President / Chairperson)

Amy Smart (Secretary / Minute Taker)