

# WWCHA Annual General Meeting Agenda

## 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018



**Date:** Monday 26th November 2018  
**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
**Location** Jubilee Park Club Rooms  
**Chaired by:** K. Larkin

**Attending Board:** C. Bailey, K. Boyd, S. Arnold, S. Smith, B. O'Donnell

### Apologies:

K. Wickson, P. Stone,

Confirmation of previous AGM meeting Minutes 28th November 2017

Moved: Seconded:

A maximum of three (3) patrons are to be elected at the annual general meeting.

Traditionally:

Mayor of Wagga Wagga  
State Member for Wagga Wagga  
Federal Member for Riverina

Councillor Greg Conkey  
Joe McGirr, MP  
Michael McCormack, MP

### Board Reports

#### Presidents Report- Ken Larkin

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Thank you for the opportunity to again be President of WWCHA for the 2018 season, albeit that it was only for half of the season.

We have made significant progress in the last few years including facility upgrading, growth in juniors playing numbers and a renewed interest from our players to represent WWCHA at the various State Championships.

Looking forward we still have a number of challenges including:

- . Having members of the association committed to being part of the WWCHA Board each year. It should never be a struggle to have people nominate for a role. Our association is at risk of continuing if we do not form a full board each year.
- . Limited growth in our Snr playing numbers, resulting in not enough players to conduct 3 divisions in each competition (men's and women's).
- . Shortage of umpires across both the women's and men's competitions.

- . Replacement of the playing surface on Paul field.
- . Continued break-in's at the complex.
- . Lack of storage for representative gear, canteen equipment and other electronic and essential equipment.

Each of these areas will require careful planning by the board, strong and un-biased input from clubs as well as engaged dialogue and agreement with Wagga council, to ensure the association keeps moving forward.

From all reports the 2018 season finished off with a fantastic grand final day. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up on the day.

The Presentation night was a great success again, clearly validating that a step up in the quality of the night, is very much appreciated by all members who attended. Thank you to those board members who put in a lot of hard work in making the event a special occasion.

From a combined association perspective we have a strong working relationship with Griffith, and they are strong supporters of the combined focus and this has seen them grow over the last 2 seasons. They will also be getting that elusive synthetic field in the not too distant future.

Further work is required with Tumut, although we have made some progress in the last year.

I would like to take an opportunity to highlight some of our achievements this year:

From a representative perspective our teams continue to represent WWCHA with passion, pride and to the very best of their ability. Our state championships results were mixed, however special congratulations to our Under 13 girls who were successful in winning their Division of the Under 13 Hockey NSW Championships.

Our new playing uniform continues to receive glowing comments from around the state.

Congratulations also to all those players that have represented Riverina and Murrumbidgee, at PSSA and High School level, well done to everyone.

A special mention also to Dylan Martin who continues to climb the ladder of success. We will soon see him being part of the Kookaburra's, and also a special mention to Cameron Tokley for being selected to umpire at the Australian Country Championship's.

Also congratulations to Jackie Macarthur from the Royals club who was selected in the Australian Country Team. From a Master's perspective congratulations to Craig Knowles from the Lake Albert Club who was selected in the Hockey NSW Over 45 Masters Team, Peter Outrim also from the Lake Albert club who was selected in the Hockey NSW Over 55 Masters team, and also Helen Landsdown from the Royal's Club who was selected in Hockey NSW Over 65 Masters team. Helen and Peter have also been selected as shadow players for the Australian team to compete at next year's Trans-Tasman series, to be conducted on the Gold Coast.

Congratulations to Sophie Bailey one of our junior players and also from the Rosellas Hockey club on her selection in the 2019 NSW Under 15 Girls State Squad. We wish Sophie the best of luck as she pursues state team selection.

From a facilities perspective this season we have continued to upgrade our facilities including:

- New fences around both turfs
- New gates on both technical dugouts and player dugouts on Noonan
- Repairs to the goals on Paul field and also to our existing spare goals (they were looking a little bent)

We also currently have 3 grant applications in for additional storage facilities at Jubilee Park (joint project with Wagga Touch Assoc) , new mobile PA system and one with Australian Sports Commission for new LED scoreboards on both fields.

We successfully hosted the Hockey NSW Under 13 boy's championships - feedback from Hockey NSW was fantastic.

Special thanks to Board Members Brittany O'Donnell (Events Manager), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Sam Arnold (Competitions Manager) and Phil Stone (Facilities) for ensuring the event was as successful as it was.

We have already been awarded another championship for next season and Hockey NSW are currently negotiating with Council to confirm a new 3 year hosting agreement which will also include WWCHA hosting the 2020 Women's Masters Half State Championship.

Finally I would like to thank the current board for their tireless work to ensure the season was a successful one and ran smoothly.

A number of board members will not be seeking re-election next year, and I would like to thank those board members for their strong contribution over a number of years.

### **Secretary- Carla Bailey**

This season a workshop to complete part two of our strategy was completed in collaboration with Hockey NSW. This enabled finalisation of our 3-5 year plan providing Wagga Hockey with a clear and focussed pathway to develop, grow and promote hockey as a key sport in Wagga.

The NSW Government Office for Sport introduced the Active Kids rebate program which commenced in January 2018. There were a number of challenges with the introduction this year, however through working with Hockey NSW most of these were resolved. Hockey NSW have made a number of changes in conjunction the NSW Office of Sport which should make the process more streamlined for 2019.

### **Meeting Dates for 2019**

January 28th	May 27th	September 23rd
February 25th	June 24th	October 28th
March 25th	July 22nd	
April 29th	August 26th	

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Lastly, I would like to thank the board members for their support throughout the season and those members that volunteer their time throughout the season assisting the board to run a successful hockey season.

## **Treasurer's Report- Karen Boyd**

Balances of accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

	\$
Cheque account	34969.06
Cash reserve account	38993.21
Term Deposit	244089.06
MasterCard account	336.24
Fundraising account	851.76
Total	319239.33

### **2018 Books**

Accounts for end of October yet to be finalised. As soon as this is done books will be handed to accountants for checking.

### **2018 Fees**

Fees for 2018 had two major changes.

1. Adding of the Wagga Membership fee to Revolutionise being paid when players registered. This has had no complaints come our way. I have spoken to a few club treasurers and the consensus was that it was easier, and clubs didn't have to chase up fees from day 1. Wagga Hockey's has had a more consistent cash flow, which is better business sense. Large discussions need to be had in relations to collecting fees from players who play in 2 competitions. Clubs are saying they need women to bump up their numbers, but they are not paying their way. This will be a heated discussion and needs to be had sooner rather than later. Prior to 2019 season.
2. Representative fees added to revolutionise and the introduction of \$100 deposit. This was not 100% effective. I feel this was because information was not fore coming from team managers to players. This is easily fixed with better communication between Representative manager and team managers, so that parents understand the payment process. The feedback from parents has been mixed. Majority like the payment process a cost. making things easier and others (minority) complaining about the additional cost. The start of the \$100 deposit was very poor. Again, I feel this is a communication problem.

Using revolutionise makes the treasurers job much easier. At the start I didn't have access to check payments. But when that was rectified things were made easier. The process and time of checking team payments is made quicker and easier. I recommend that we try again for 2019 with more communication and information sheets to be given to players.

### **Canteen**

Canteen for 2018 was a struggle.

This year we had a Canteen Supervisor. This was not 100% effective. Clubs did not support her and thought that she should have been their 100% of the time. It was explained several times that this

was not the case. And due to unforeseen circumstances, she finished up before end of season, which left things up to me with little help from others.

On several occasions clubs failed to supply workers on their days and no workers showing up on Friday nights. On some occasions, too many workers were supplied, and this had the same effect as it was treated like a party and little work getting done. On several occasions canteen was left in a disgusting state. This was the clubs fault and the board person on duty. I have several calls from touch when they were taking over on a Sunday. Which resulted in me having to come to town and clean or be mediator with Touch.

On the other hand, State Championship were our best. Due to the cold weather a large amount of hot food was sold. Lots of drinks left over which were sold through the year.

Thanks to all those people who helped. Fun was had by all. Big thanks to Sam Arnold and Brittany O'Donnell for all their work and attention to detail that they put in over the 4 days.

Income for Canteen \$20770.61. Expenses \$16312.61. As you can see little profit made from canteen. With profit coming from Championships. These figures are subject to change as books not finalised for 2018. Grand final day had dismal results.

Little support is coming from players to the canteen. Will very small amounts being banked for Friday nights. And occasional support on Saturdays.

#### **Facilities**

2018 seen us with new internal fencing. Being the black rubber and the netting. Also, work has been done on goals and gates. This has seen our facilities become one of the best in NSW. Total spent on facilities was \$34832.54.

#### **Presentation night**

What another great night. 116 member, partners and life members attended the night. Another great meal put on by the commercial club. Big thanks yet again to Sam and Brittany or all they did to make this great night. A big congratulation of all players who received awards. Most were in attendance.

#### **Conclusion**

2018 was a hard year for me with the President away, trouble in canteen, state championships. Filling a board position is a tough gig. But also, very fulfilling. This year seen me abused by a parent about the rep payment, by players while tech benching, by spectators with dogs in grounds, take these things out and its easy. So, it comes down to our members doing the right thing and having respect for those who give up their time so that they can have hockey as a sport. Wagga members need to embrace our volunteers so that everyone has an enjoyable experience for all the season.

I will stand for the Treasurer position for 2019, with this being my 5 years as treasurer. But I will not do canteen as this comes under facilities. 2 years is enough.

#### **Facilities Report- Vacant**

Covered in presidents report

#### **Representative- Sharon Smith**

No report

## **Competitions- Sam Arnold**

Firstly to congratulations to all the competitions winners of both individual, team and club awards. All a big thank you to everyone involved with the local media outlets and spread the hockey story particularly the run in to Grand Final week.

## **2018 Statistics**

Women competition with 12 teams, four teams in each competition (with each club having a total of one team in each division) has 166 female players. (159 qualified)

Broken down by club

CSU – 45 registered players – no under 16s, 41 qualified (43 players)

Royals – 43 registered players – 7 players 16s and under (four 13 and under), 41 qualified for finals

Rosellas – 39 registered players – 9 players 16s and under (two 13 and under), 36 qualified for finals

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Lake Albert - 12 registered players – 2 players 16s and under (all qualified for finals)

Cavaliers – 25 registered players – 3 players 16s and under (one 13 and under) (all qualified for finals)

Mustangs have seven female players play in the men's competition in which two are playing for CSU women teams.

In the Men's Competition – there was 15 teams amongst the 3 divisions with 162 male players plus the 7 Mustangs female player and 12 women players from the other clubs that qualified for the men finals as well as almost another 30 female players that took the field in the men competition that did not qualify. The men competitions had the greater number of requests for reductions of player's nominations.

Cavaliers – 22 registered players – 3 players 16s and under (one 13 and under) (20 qualified)

CSU – 45 registered players – 1 player 16s and under (42 qualified for finals)

Harlequins – 29 registered players – 4 players 16s and under (two 13 and under)

Lake Albert – 31 registered players – 2 players 16s and under

Mustangs – 8 male player/(7 female) – 1 player 13s and under – 15 players in total which two did not to qualified

Royals – 27 registered players – 7 players 16s and under (two 13 and under) and 26 qualified for finals)

## **Key dates for 2019 Season**

Round 1 for Senior Hockey – Saturday 23rd March

Junior Competition Start Date - TBA

Prior to Round 3, all players need to renew their registration with Hockey NSW

Easter Break (General Bye) – Saturday 20th April (Between Rounds 4 and 5)

Queen's Birthday Long Weekend (General Bye) – Saturday June 8th

Hockey NSW Under 15 Girls FSC (General Bye) - Saturday June 22nd (Only one round between the two general byes)

Packham Cup Carnival – Sunday 11th August – (Round 18)

Finals Commence – Saturday 31st August

Grand Final Day – Saturday 14th September

## **Events- Brittany O'Donnell**

This year was a great year for events, 2018 saw us host a very successful Under 13 boys state championships from which we got great feedback not only from Hockey NSW but from the associations that travelled to attend the championships.

We also ran a successful Packham cup, which we saw some great competition in our senior and junior comp for the day was really great to see everyone travel over for the day. Lastly we held our presentation night at the commercial club in September which was a great night as we had over 100 guests attend. Again we had some extremely good feedback from our members, and the commercial club had been a great venue for the past 2 years for the night that we have locked in our 2019 presentation night already in preparation for the new board for 2019.

### **Officiating- Cameron Tokley**

Well what can I say? Season 2018 was a big year for umpires in Wagga. Not only with the development of younger Umpires but also seeing our senior Umpires and tech officials being rewarded for outstanding seasons. In terms of our local group of Umpires it is good to see so many junior members wanting to learn the basics of Umpiring. The few times I managed to get up to a Friday night round it was good to see the enthusiasm around the grounds. I would like to thank Jackson White and Mitch Foster for their time and effort in helping out with coaching the umpires on a Friday night. These two men are passionate about umpiring and to see that passion rub off onto the younger members is great to see.

Looking at our senior competition, I feel having the staggered Division 1 time slots worked well as it was a lot easier to find umpires each week. A big thanks to all umpires over the season. Especially those of you that umpired 2 or 3 games each weekend.

Looking at each club and seeing who umpired every weekend for them. I could see it was the same people each and every weekend. Whether this was by choice or whether it was simply by having no one else to umpire from their club. I know umpiring isn't the most fun thing to do but I feel every club should still try and make it more appealing to have people umpire.

This year we had 2 umpire clinics from 2 different umpires from out of town. The first was with Stirling Sharpe from Hockey ACT and this was well attended with almost 30 members attending the clinic on the Friday Night and Saturday Morning. The second was with Zeke Newman from Hockey NSW. Zeke spent a full Saturday at the fields and the Sunday Morning performing clinics throughout the day. The morning clinics were represented well by a few clubs. But as the day progressed the numbers fell away to less and less people. The final clinic of the day having only 2 people attend. The junior clinic on the Sunday had roughly 7 young kids attend to learn the basics of umpiring and loved every minute of it for the couple of hours they spent with Zeke. The senior Clinic was a complete failure with only 1 member turning up to the clinic. This was very disappointing and I felt embarrassed that we only had 1 person turn up.

There are just a couple of things I would like to see in season 2019. The first is great protection of Umpires from players and spectators verbal abuse towards them. Every Player and Spectator has a code of conduct to abide by and I feel that we as an association need to make sure that the amount of abuse towards umpires needs to be negated ASAP. Whether this is by harsher penalties or some other way of dealing with it, I don't know. But if we do not stop it now, we are going to lose a lot more Umpires that we have worked so hard to gain. The other is a commitment by clubs to make sure they have 5-10 umpires that can umpire up to at least a 2nd Grade level. The more higher quality umpires we have, the better quality the hockey will become in the seasons coming.

Moving forward into the 2019 season I will not be standing again for the position of Umpire Manager for Wagga Hockey as I take a step back to focus on my own umpiring and also with work commitments becoming too great. But as I leave I feel that I have contributed something good to our association and I hope whoever takes over the role can continue to grow our quality and quantity of umpires in Wagga.

## **Development- Kate Wickson**

- Extremely successful junior season with many new players taking up the sport of hockey.
- It was also great to see many under 16 players taking that step up into the Senior Competition and playing in the Division 3 competition.
- Registered Teams: Under 9's 4 teams  
Under 11's 6 teams  
Under 13's 5 teams  
Under 16's 4 teams
- All grades played on Friday Night which proved again how successful the move has been to this day and times. Feedback from parents confirmed their support of playing on Friday nights which enabled players to play in other sports over the weekend.
- New and existing coaches took on the management of teams and were able to guide their teams throughout the season. A huge improvement in many players' skills and understanding of the rules can be attributed to the assistance of these coaches.
- It was another successful season of having senior clubs providing experienced umpires to officiate at all of the Under 16 games. Under 11/13 games were managed by junior umpires whose confidence increased as the season progressed. Junior umpires were assisted by Jackson White and Mitchell Foster, thank you to both of these umpires for providing ongoing and vital support.
- Many juniors sought selection in our Junior Representative teams and truly benefitted from the experience.
- It is also good to note the increase in junior players taking up the Centre of Development Summer training program in order to increase their skills.
- Thank you to all those who assisted in running the Junior Competition during my absence. It was wonderful to see so many people helping out and this support was ongoing throughout the season.
- Grand finals and presentation night was supported by players and their families. Both the Under 13 and Under 16 games were extremely close with Black taking out the Under 13 Premiership and Green winning the Under 16 Premiership.
- I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me throughout my five years as the Junior Coordinator. It has been an incredibly rewarding job where I have been able to watch the Junior Competition continue to grow through the support and guidance of so many within our association. I hope that with everyone's continued support the junior numbers will increase and our level of skill amongst our junior players will increase and become evident in the results of our representative teams.
- Thank you to my fellow board members and my family who provided me with a huge amount of support throughout the five years.

## **Election of Committee for 2019**

### **Election of committee members**

*(1) Nominations of candidates for election as committee members of the association:*

*(a) must be made in writing, nominating the committee position they wish to stand for. and*

*(b) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.*



- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill a position on the committee, The chairperson may seek nominations from the floor for the position.
- (3) If insufficient nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.
- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as a committee member of the association must be a member of the association.

As per WWCHA constitution *clause 4* only one nomination has been received for each of the positions (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Manager, Representative Manager and Development Manager) those people who nominated for these positions are taken to be elected.

Position	2018 Member	Nomination 1	Nomination 2	Nomination 3	2019 Member
<b>President</b>	Ken Larkin	Ken Larkin			Ken Larkin
<b>Secretary</b>	Carla Bailey	Emily Paul			Emily Paul
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karen Boyd	Karen Boyd			Karen Boyd
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	Phil Stone	Vacant			Vacant
<b>Competitions Manager</b>	Sam Arnold	Sam Arnold			Sam Arnold
<b>Officiating Manager</b>	Cameron Tokley	Vacant			Vacant
<b>Representative Manager</b>	Sharon Smith	Brittany O'Donnell			Brittany O'Donnell
<b>Development Manager</b>	Kate Wickson	Thomas Belling			Thomas Belling
<b>Events Manager</b>	Brittany O'Donnell	Melinda Chyb			Melinda Chyb

**Meeting Closed:**  
**Next AGM: 25 November 2019**