

WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 24th May 2022



Date: Monday 24th May 2022

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

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), Phil Stone (Facilities)

Vacant (Representative)

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

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Present (A-Z):

Board Members: Ken Larkin, Phil Stone, Nathan Szymanski, Tamika White

Apologies: Karen Boyd, Mel Chyb, Jason Hill, Amy Smart

Club representatives: Isobell Cowell (Roy), Charmain Gay (Ros), Bonnie Pincini (CSU), Alicia Rose (Cav), Dan Smith (CSU), Ben Speirs (LA), Jarrod Thorne (Roy), Sharyn Wellham (Ros), Jackson White (H)

Apologies: Adam Boyd (LA), Kylie Cowell (Roy), Sharon Smith (Ros), Terry-Anne McBeath (Ros)

Absent:

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, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Accepted: Jackson White

Seconded: Dan Smith

Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress	Update
Paying Juniors for Umpiring	Tamika/Karen	Prior to start of Winter Season	In Progress	Ongoing
Review Umpire Reporting Process	Amy Smart / Tamika White / Charmain Gay	May Meeting	In Progress	Feedback suggests that the association move forward with the form
Invoice Indoor players that sign up for winter season	Karen Boyd/Amy Smart	6 weeks from season start	In Progress	Ongoing
Junior Coaches	All Clubs	1 month	In Progress	Resolved
Order Men's Representative shorts	Karen Boyd	May Meeting	In Progress	Ongoing
Recover missing indoor representative shirts	Karen Boyd / Ken Larkin / Adam Boyd	May Meeting	In Progress	Resolved
Ken to share Zeke Newman presentation with clubs	Ken Larkin	1 month		Ken has reached out to Zeke but is yet to get a response
Charmain to send a copy of the	Charmain Gay	1 month		Completed

Umpire Prompts to Ken				
Clubs to have all players in revolutionise in their teams by 29 th April 4pm	All Clubs	3 days / 29 th April	In Progress	Resolved
Friday night Juniors – Umpire and Volunteer rosters	Nathan Szymanski / Amy Smart	1 week	In Progress	Resolved
Friday night Juniors – Volunteers to be provided by clubs for first night (29 th April)	All Clubs	3 days (29 th April)	In Progress	Resolved
Board / Club Roster	Amy Smart	1 week	In Progress	Resolved
COVID-19 Policy Update	Ken Larkin / Amy Smart	1 week	In Progress	Policy has been uploaded
Expression of interest to Club Teams on those willing to participate in Griffith turf opening	All Clubs / Jason Hill	2 months (July/August)		EOI to be uploaded by 29 May 2022

Correspondence In

Correspondence	Club/Person	Format	Date	Action
Nil				

D1 Women Competition Review

- Discussions were held between the relevant clubs regarding the current Div 1 Women's Competition. The following issues were notified
 - Lake Albert do not like playing 9 a side
 - Combined team have been beaten by significant scores
 - There are a limited number of Div 1 players wanting to play in the combined team
 - Whilst the Lake Albert Womens players are upset, it appears to be from misinformation
- Options were discussed however it was made clear that this issue needs to be resolved by the Div 1 Womens clubs rather than the board.
- It was agreed by the relevant clubs that the current format would be maintained, with the length of quarters being adjusted to 12 mins (as a trial 28/05/2022 only). It was also agreed that this would be reviewed on a monthly basis
- KL reiterated that a permanent solution needed to be determined to fix the current issue of a lack of players.

D1 Umpires

- KL established background to the issue noting:
 - The association has lost a number of umpires recently through abuse from players and supporters
 - Previous umpires have indicated they will not umpire certain clubs due to attitudes towards umpires

- This has been an ongoing issue for a number of years in Div 1 in terms of attitude including that of spectators with no signs of any changes
 - Question was posed as to what the solution is when we run out of umpires
 - Noted that handing out cards is not working – we require the clubs to step in and pull players into line
- It was resolved that starting 4 June, Div 1 Men and Women will be responsible for providing umpires for the Div 1 competition (club allocation only). This will be a trial to be reviewed at the July Committee meeting. If Clubs cannot provide an umpire from within their club, they must make an effort to find a replacement before approaching Tamika. Note there is no guarantee that Tamika will be able to provide an umpire.

Junior Night BBQ

- It was noted that on 20 May 2022 no BBQ was held. Opens Mens were rostered but were unable to run the BBQ. The opportunity was passed to Rosellas however no BBQ was run.
- The question was posed as to whether the Clubs wanted to run the BBQ on Junior Competition nights?
- An option was put to the committee by Alicia that Friday night BBQs are run by the Rep teams as fundraising strategy. This option was agreed by majority vote.

WiFi – Jubilee Park – *Ken Larkin*

- Stage 1
 - Club Rooms & Canteen (Infrastructure)
- Stage 2
 - To the grounds
- Motion was carried to spend up to \$2000 to install WiFi in the clubrooms and additional infrastructure in the canteen to be routed outwards.

Playing Rules Review – Sub Committee Required – *Ken Larkin*

- KL advised that the playing rules had now been converted to a word document to allow adjustment. It was put to the committee that that the rules now be reviewed with changes to be proposed. It was agreed that a committee be organised with representatives from each club to review the playing rules and propose appropriate changes. The following were nominated:
 - Chair – Charmaine Gay
 - Royals – Corey Hill
 - CSU – Daniel Smith
 - Cavs – Alicia Rose or Janet
 - Harlequins – Jack Laurent
 - Lake Albert – Aaron Crump
 - Board – Phil Stone
- Agreed that the Board Secretary to coordinate day and time for the workshop

HNSW – Player Pathway – *Ken Larkin*

- It was agreed that Ken Larkin would organise Claire Prideaux (HNSW) to give a presentation on the new HNSW player pathway

COVID-19 policy – 2022 – *Amy Smart*

- An alternative wording which simplifies the policy was presented to the committee, which provides a change to dot point 3 being “A team can reschedule a game once per season due to COVID”
- It was clarified that this was per team and not per club and that all deferral requests must be issued to the Competition Manager
- This revised wording was accepted by the Committee
- It was noted that an adjustment to the Exemption Form for the minimum number of games was required for consideration of COVID. SMS registration will be provided as evidence.

New Business

- Tony Gronk Goalkeeping camp – Daniel Smith to coordinate. An EOI will be issued to gain interest.

Board member reports

President / Facilities – *Ken Larkin / Phil Stone*

- Works have been conducted on the Noonan field and further works are programmed for the seams. Whilst it is recognised that it is not in the best condition, there is insufficient funds to have it fully replaced.
- Scoreboards have been repaired and the dimmers are to be installed.
- Patching to be conducted on Paul Field fence (southern end) to restrict dirt migrating onto the turf.

Treasurer – *Karen Boyd*

- No report

Competitions Manager – *Mel Chyb*

- An email was issued by Mel in her absence and contained the following update:

Division 1 women

- 9 a side versus 11 a side do clubs have enough players for this to happen??
- Players are permitted to play up 3 times and then they are only allowed to play for that side eg Rosie has played for Wagga combined twice so after a third game she is unable to help out LACU Div 1.
- Nominations 9 per team not 7 reasoning behind this is Wagga combined is made up of division 2 players initial expectation was that teams would offer up some division one players for this team!

- Wagga combined have been beaten convincingly in the first two rounds unfortunately had a deferred match on the weekend with LACU.
- What are our expectations going forward for the Wagga combined side??

Division 1 men

- All going along nicely we seem to have 4 strong competitive teams this season. The only comment is still a level of negativity and aggression towards umpires.

Division 2 men

- Mixed results over the four rounds so far. Some questions about players in division two that are clearly division one quality please use your players in the appropriate division for their skill level.

Division 2 women

- Mixed results over the three rounds with no significant issues.

Division 3 women

- Is the only division that tech benches their own games!!!
- Mixed results over the three rounds and no significant issues.

Competitions in general

- Could I please ask that all clubs list their teams for each division highlighting their nominated 9 but also listing players that regularly play in that team. Eg harlequins Div 1 have 10 players for Div 1 obviously they have other players playing up on a regular basis. Reasoning is that I can put the team List in revolutionise and they are all printed out on the score sheets. Players that are away can be crossed out and any unusual players playing up can be written on the sheet for that day.
- ALL players must sign next to their name before commencement of play. Players are not signing or even writing their names down which may cause an issue when it comes to finals and number of games played.
- Exemptions must be put in as early as possible with a replacement date and time for the game organised as soon as possible! Both of these need to be coordinated with both myself and Tamika.
- Any issues with the draw or results please send me a message and I will sort out as soon as possible.

Officiating Officer – *Tamika White*

- Tamika advised that if there are any new umpires willing to have a go, please forward their details through.

Events Officer – *Jason Hill*

- All is on track for Masters
- Griffith – it is proposed that there will be an exhibition game when the new turf opens in Griffith. Wagga is proposing on taking a team. This is schedule to occur end of June or early July.

Representative Officer – *Karen/Ken/Jason/Amy*

- Under 18s girls performed well going down in their semi final 2-0.
- The under 15s girls are the next to go away.
- There will be a game against a female boarding school team - agreed that a combined under 15s and 18s team would be put together for the exhibition match.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm

Next Meeting: 27th June 2022

Ken Larkin (President / Chairperson)

Nathan Szymanski (Development Manager / Minute Taker)