

WWCHA General Meeting Agenda

27th March 2017



Date: Monday 27th March 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 February 28th 2017 General Meeting Minutes (located on WWCHA website)

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

4.0 Actions arising from previous Minutes		Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress
4.1	Endorsement of Canteen and Facility Policies	Clubs	12/3/17	Nil feedback received from the clubs. These policies are now considered to be endorsed and therefore take effect immediately.
4.2				

5.0 Correspondence In

5.1 Resignation of Lauren Woods from Hockey NSW

6.0 New Business

6.1 Royals HC nominated numbers for DIV 1 Women's teams (for voting)

6.2 CSU Player exemptions (see attached)

6.3 Tendering Process for Future Minor Works at Jubilee Park

6.4 Facilities upgrade, what are the priorities

- Continuation of the Safety Net installation
- Completion of cement drains for Paul Field (North and South ends)
- Fence replacement/upgrade both fields
- Dugout upgrade
- Practise turf refurb
- Scoreboard upgrades

6.5 Panels Workshop- Competitions, Facilities, Officiating

7.0 Board Reports

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

8.0 Club Reports

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

Next Meeting: 24th April 2017

Attachments

6.1

As everyone knows our Div. One women's competition for this year has been left with 3 teams, something that is not healthy for the competition and something that will take a long time to fix/address.

With this mind the board thought long and hard about whether one of our current clubs could sustain 2 Div. One Women's teams in this year's competition.

Because of this the Board approached the Royals HC who have now confirmed that they can sustain a 2nd side, and they saw this as something that they believe will continue to sustain a healthy Women's Div. 1 competition.

As a concession and to ensure that Royals HC can remain as competitive as they can, the board will allow Royals to have 7 nominated players for their 2 Division One teams, as opposed to the required 9, for this season only.

The board through the Competitions Manager will monitor the impact of this change to the nominated players rule, to ensure that the spirit of the game as well as the integrity of the decision is maintained.

This decision wasn't taken lightly and will be closely managed by Royals HC and the association.

In closing the board would like to thank the Royals HC for their support of the overall competition, as well as the Division One Women's competition.

6.2

As per the Wagga Hockey playing rules, CSU are seeking exemptions for Mitchell Pitkin and Cameron Tokley to play in Division 1 Men for CSU, and still play Division 2 Men for Cavaliers. Both of these players approached our club, and we did not try to actively recruit them.

In regards to section G, part 2 of the playing rules, our club sees this as a benefit to Wagga Hockey as it will strengthen the division 1 competition having these quality players playing. Allowing Mitchell and Cameron to play in Div1 will also benefit their skills, making them better candidature for the Opens squad and will keep their skills better prepared for following seasons should Cavaliers be able to field a Div1 team in the future.

WWCHA- Presidents Report-27 March 2017

As I write this report Round 1 of our competition would have been completed.

This season I am looking forward to see some fantastic hockey and a lot of new faces across all clubs enjoying the great game of Hockey.

Our facilities are looking great with:

- . Grandstand refurb now completed
- . Shoe Cleaners installed

- . Safety nets at the northern end installed
- . Grandstands, dugouts and container painted.
- . New WWCHA signage

There is still more work required and tonight I would like to talk a little bit about what is important for the next stage of works as well as grant applications. I would also like to talk about the approach to tendering for the minor works that will be required over the next couple of seasons.

WWCC Grants for 2017 are now open and I am can to commence our application process asap.

I would like to thank all clubs for their support this season for the new club roster, and it is all about sharing the workload for the canteen and the maintenance of the field.

It is critical that for the roster to work we all need to stay committed.

The new recycling program has been commenced so I would ask all clubs to ensure their members are aware of the requirements, particularly in terms of recycling.

Finally, I would like to wish all clubs a successful 2017 both on and off the field.

Ken Larkin
President

WWCHA- Representative Report-27 March 2017

Under 18 Boys & Girls

Training has been happening each Sunday for the 18 boys and girls with good numbers turning up. The 18 girls at the first representative team to attend the state championship this year. While Kelsey is coaching the team, we are still looking for a manager for this team. If anyone is interested or know of anyone that would be interested, please let me know so that I can contact them.

Open Men & Women

Expressions of interest have gone out to players via Facebook and Wagga hockey. If you are interested, please contact Pat O'Donnell for the ladies and Benson Williams for the men.

Over 35 Men

Sam has been in contact with most players who are eligible for the over 35 men's team this year but has only got about 6 players who are keen to attend the championship at Bathurst. If anyone is interested or know of anyone interested in playing please contact either Sam Arnold or myself.

Over 50 Men

The championship is in Grafton this year. At this stage, there are only about 4 men who are interested in attending. If anyone is interested or know of anyone interested in playing please contact me.

Steakhouse Cup

The Steakhouse Cup will be held on Sunday 4th June in Wagga this year.

Uniforms

Our new rep uniforms have arrived. A huge thanks goes to Karen Boyd for arranging the new uniforms.

Riverina PSSA Trials

Wagga had several players attend the Riverina Trials in Albury on Monday 20/3. Congratulations to the following juniors who were selected to attend the PSSA carnival to be held in Moorebank in July Hayley Beresford, Summer Beresford, Amy Cowell, Georgia Doll, Jessica Engelbrecht, Abbey Jolliffe, Katie Jeffery (Tumut). The boys will attend the PSSA carnival in Wyong in August Charlie Kirkby, Ethan Blanch, Angus Walsh and Ben Holt (Batlow).

Wagga Catholic Schools Trials

Trials were held in Wagga last Friday. Congratulations to the following juniors who were selected to attend the Mackillop Trails in Canberra, Alexis Bailey, Rose Wickson, Matilda Wickson, Tom Nightingale, Lucy Mackay and Michael Paolucci-Ellis.

Sharon Smith
Representative

WWCHA- Development Report-27 March 2017

Junior registration days

Were held Friday 10th March and Friday 17th March 5:30-6:30pm

Fantastic numbers for both days with many new to hockey players coming along.

A very big thank you to Pat O'Donnell for once again coordinating our Junior players in assisting in setting up drills and activities for the players coming along to the Registration days.

2017 Teams

After the two registration days, we now have formed the following DRAFT teams:

Under 8: 4 teams of 9 players – total of 36

Under 11: 4 teams of 2x10 and 2x11 players – total of 42

Under 13: 4 teams of 3 x 11 and 1 x 12 players – total of 45

Under 16: 4 teams of 2 x 10 and 2 x 11 players – total of 42

Junior draw

The draw will be finalised early this week.

All Junior games are being played on Friday nights.

The game times will be

5.30pm U9 and U11: (Under 11: game duration 20 mins with 3 min half time / Under 9: skills for 20 minutes, followed by a 20-minute game, short break after 10 minutes)

6.30pm U13 (game duration 20 mins with 3 min half time)

7.30pm U16 (game duration 25 mins with 3 min half time)

Junior umpiring

Clubs will again be asked to assist in the supply of Umpires this year to umpire the U16 and U13 games.

We are asking for the support of all the clubs in assisting in mentoring junior umpires. The quality of the junior games relies heavily on the quality of umpiring, but our juniors can't develop unless they receive on the spot feedback as they are umpiring.

Coaches

We quite often require fill-in coaches over the course of the season, so we would appreciate anyone who is able, to let me know if they can offer their coaching services on a casual basis. All coaches must have a Working with Children Check clearance, which is free when applying as a volunteer.

Kate Wickson

Development

Club Reports

CSU Club Report-27 March 2017

Uni is back and so is hockey. Our new 2017 committee are looking forward to a great year of hockey for our club. We have a mostly new committee who I'm sure will do a great job.

President - Thomas Belling

Vice President - Emma Lynch

Secretary - Rachel Hindi

Treasurer - Bernie Howard

Men's Hockey Coordinator - Chris Hutchinson

Women's Hockey Coordinator - Maddy Hall

Social Coordinators - Erica Davis and Jacob Barnsley.

We are very excited for the impending arrival of our new uniforms. The shirt and socks have been designed by Maddy Hall and they look fantastic. Hunters Clothing have been fantastic to deal with. Fingers crossed our uniforms arrive before round 1!

In what I hope is welcome news for the rest of the association, our Club is very much hoping to cut back the number of deferral requests our club seeks this year due to university holidays. One problem I have identified from previous seasons, is our club trying to stretch our players across too many teams, like butter over too much bread. This year, we have made the decision to drop from four Women's teams to three, though we still have approximately the same number of players. This leaves a greater player pool for each team to draw upon during Uni holidays. We trialled this last year in our Men's teams by dropping a division 2 team (from 2015) and it worked to good effect. Financially it is also wise for us as it lowers our playing costs.

On Sunday 5th March, our club held its annual scratch match / trial game day event. We had around 50 players show up and after a warm up we played several 20 minute games to dust off the cobwebs. It was a great opportunity to meet many of our new players and welcome them to our club. A BBQ afterwards and 'light refreshments' at the Home Tavern - our Major Sponsor - were well received after a hard day of hockey.

That's about a wrap from the Duck Pond now. Very much looking forward to playing hockey, instead of just talking about it.

Thomas Belling

CSU President.