

WWCHA General Meeting Agenda

29th August 2017



Date: Monday 29th August 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), Cameron Tokley (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 July 24th, 2017 General Meeting Minutes (located on WWCHA website)

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1				
4.2				

5.0 Correspondence In

Nil

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Hockey NSW member protection session
- 6.2 Hockey NSW Concussion Management - Headstart Support
- 6.3 Wagga Council- Feedback from Bi Monthly Meeting
- 6.4 Cavaliers Men's playing shirts
- 6.5 Royals club playing shirt-2018
- 6.6 CSU player renomination

7.0 Board Reports

7.1 President	Attached
7.2 Administration	No Report
7.3 Treasurer	No Report
7.4 Competitions	Attached
7.5 Officiating	Attached
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	Report attached
Harlequins	No report
Lake Albert	No report
Mustangs	No report
Rosellas	Report Attached
Royals	Report Attached

Next Meeting: 25th September 2017

Attachments

6.4 Cavaliers Men's playing shirt

Cavaliers Hockey club would like to put in a letter for the board and other clubs to have a look at a proposal of new men's playing uniform that we would like to change to for the 2018 season.

At this stage we would like to go ahead with the shirts and we also seek approval for the shorts if we decide to change them as well. The socks will remain the same as they currently wear.

Please find attached the pictures of the uniforms we are putting forward.

Thank you for considering this change.

Regards

Paula McEwan and Shannon Curtis
(Secretary) (Facilities)



6.5- Royals club playing shirt



6.6 CSU player renomination

CSU would like to request that we re-nominate Dan Wheeler back down to third division. Dan was a forced up nomination 2 weeks ago as one of our div 2 men's players was unavailable for 4 weeks. Now that all players are again available for division 2 and they can keep their nominated 9, Dan is a 10th nomination. He has

played all season in division 3, filling into division 2 when available/required. He has played enough games to qualify for finals in division 3.

Regards
Thomas

WWCHA- Presidents Report-29 August 2017

Firstly I want to thank all of our players, supporters and the wider Hockey Community for the support of our charity round held on the 19th August.

The great support has allowed us to make a donation of \$1000 to the 'Love Your sister Charity' to enable them to fund Cancer Research.

Thank you to our Treasurer Karen for organising the day and making it happen.

We have had a very productive meeting with council week before last where we discussed a number of topics which I will cover in more detail at the Committee meeting.

Items discussed were:

- . Our recent Grant application for the repairs to the interior fences
- . New User Agreement
- . Wagga Masters Games
- . Future Turf Replacement
- . Refurbishment of old amenities block
- . Storage Issues-Jubilee Park
- . Car park Security
- . Provision of extra picnic tables near canteen
- . Future use of Jubilee Park by other winter sports.

Everything is almost in place for our presentation night. We have confirmed arrangements with Kate Jenner and her willingness to help with the coaching sessions has been fantastic.

Tickets are now on sale and we need the support of all clubs to make this event a successful one.

Our semi finals are not too far away and this is always an exciting time of the season.

Looking forward to some fantastic hockey.

Ken Larkin

President

WWCHA- Officiating Report- 29 August 2017

The new Umpire shirts look really good on the field. I thank Karen in helping me organise these shirts.

The last month has been good in regards in behaviour on the field by players. There have been instances still in the 1st grade men's competition in regards to comments being made towards umpires in an unacceptable manner. If this continues then we will have no hesitation in handing out suspensions if this continues. We have already had a meeting on player behaviour and everyone should know that umpires are only human and can make mistakes. But that doesn't mean you can abuse umpires.

Please can all clubs be aware that with finals brings more pressure on not only the players, but also the umpires as well. If we could all keep our emotions in check and also make sure that your supporters on the sideline need to be well behaved also. during finals we have people come and watch that don't necessarily know the rules. If we can keep comments coming from the sideline to a minimum, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

WWCHA- Competitions Report- 29 August 2017

Firstly I want to thank all the people who helped out and assisted at the Packham Cup Carnival. It was a successful day once the fog lifted. Great to see a Junior Primary Division compete for the first time. Newcomers, Cowra enjoyed the day and are keen Packham Cup next season. I have been a bit busy with work and other commitments and I have not got as far as I would have planned for 2018 season planning with the competition. However this is no reason for clubs to have their own discussions about the competition format in the future.

Clubs need to understand that there needs to be at least 12 teams minimum to have a 3 division format. As I have already expressed, too many players back up and regular play for a second team in the senior competition and this is not sustainable. It places great restrictions on draw, umpires pool and club resources. How often have players walked off the field for one game and walked straight back on again to play the same players in a different division?

At the same time, the current competition has little importance to players. After 20 weeks of preliminary rounds, we eliminate only 2 teams across the entire junior (Under 13s and Under 16s) and Senior competition before finals commence. Most other sports and hockey competitions eliminate half the teams or in the very least 2 teams in every divisions.

By having more teams, it means players are not playing the same opposition every few weeks. It means players must make more of effort to play games. The emphasis, is for teams to qualify for finals by making all games more important.

The current playing rules that states that clubs need only 9 players minimum to nominate a team clearly does not work, as two clubs this season have had great difficulty in sustaining teams each week. Despite having more than the minimum players required to nominate teams. This needs to be addressed. Clubs rely too often on the minimum nominated 9 players and have been questioning the competition manager late in the season when forced up nominations are required. The reason behind the rule in the first place was for teams to maintain player nominations and have an even but fair competition. Prior to this clubs would

nominate “dummy” or injured players full well knowing that they would not play or qualify for finals in order to play better players in a division lower in order to win every division. The clubs and association has been reluctant to introduce a match and grading committee so far in believe that the competition is too small and would only penalty and target players because of their reputation not playing ability.

Likewise with player exemption requests, I have not been able at the present time to go ahead with this meeting. My aim is to have the agenda out for the player exemption voting by Friday 25th August and have the meeting for Wednesday 30th August at 6pm at the clubhouse. I understand this is not meet the 7 days guideline for meetings and agenda.

For all finals, as per usual for both Competitions and Officiating clubs need to have to match card filled out CORRECTLY and the match card handed to the Technical Officials in the centre dugout 15 minutes prior to the designated start of the game. Any players arriving late, must sign the card at the dugout before taking the field.

Please note, the timeslots for finals are different to the regular season with the extra 15 minutes allowed in case for the 8 second penalty shoot-out should any game still be tied at the end of the normal 70 minutes.

Still requesting for any outstanding perpetual trophies to be returned ASAP for both Presentation Night (September 9th after the Preliminary Finals) and Grand Final Day.

Good luck to all teams and officials in the finals.

WWCHA- Development Report- 29 August 2017

Junior Development Report August 2017 - Kate Wickson

- With only one round to go until finals, all teams are really coming together and playing great hockey with huge improvements in skill level and team work.
- It has been wonderful to see the assistance given to coaches when they have not been available to coach due to other commitments, with parents and other coaches stepping up to help out.
- The participation of Clubs in umpiring the junior games has made a vast improvement to the level of hockey, as having experienced umpires ensures players are being guided by the rules and playing accordingly. Experienced umpires ensures that new-to-hockey players are becoming more knowledgeable about the rules, thus improving the standard of hockey being played.
- Junior Umpires are continuing to be mentored by volunteers who are assisting them when umpiring Under 11 and Under 13 games. It is great to see so many Junior players wanting to get more involved in umpiring.
- Junior Presentation will be held on Friday 1st September from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This is the first week of finals for the Under 13 and Under 16 grades.
- Team photos have been taken over the last few weeks.
- Junior players have been invited to take part in skills sessions with our Presentation Guest Speaker, Kate Jenner, so we hope there will be many players expressing an interest in taking part in these sessions.

WWCHA- Representative Report- 29 August 2017

- The final representative teams went away to attend the state championships at the women's masters South. Everyone enjoyed the championship.
- Looking to 2018. We are waiting on confirmation of dates and locations and then expressions of interest for coaches and managers for the field state championship teams for 2018.
- If anyone is interested in attending the indoor state championships in any of the ages of U13, U15, U18 Boys and Girls as well as Open Men and Women's and Masters.
- If anyone still has a representative shirt can you please return it to any board member or the canteen please.

CSU Club Report- 29 August 2017

The start of August has been a great month for CSU with bubble soccer training and Packham Cup.

As a bit of a special training before things get too serious with finals, our social coordinators Erica Davis and Jacob Barnsley organised bubble soccer for our training on 8th August. Check out the photo below of the night. Everyone had a ripper night in the bubbles, and lucky there were no injuries! Our social coordinators also had a few other games on the night to enjoy. If anyone else is interested in organising bubble soccer in the future, you can get in touch with Jordan Orr 0407 223 217. He charges \$350 for two hours.

Packham Cup is always a massive social occasion for our club and this year was no exception. It all started with our Pre-Packham Party at the Home Tavern the night before. Thanks again to our social coordinators for putting the shindig together, to Trevor and the Home Tavern for your drinks and hospitality and a special mention to the few of the Cavs boys who came and learnt how to party! We held an auction on the night and auctioned off most of our club executive to be 'slaves' at Packham Cup. Emma Lynch our Vice President was the highest selling 'item' of the night going for \$150!! Overall we raised a touch under \$1000 for the club after the auction and event cover charge! Our executive slaves were hard at work the next day umpiring, being taxi, cooking breakfast and doing canteen duty the next day for their new owners.

Possibly the most unlucky was our treasurer Bernie Howard who was purchased by Wagga Hockey's own Sam Arnold. Sam certainly kept her busy the next day running around helping him run the day. On that topic, a massive shout out to Sam for organising Packham Cup. Everyone from our club had an awesome day and you put in a lot of work organising the event! Can't wait for next year.

After the shenanigans of the night before, Packham Cup started off a bit "foggy" (sorry...), but soon lifted once our teams got to full strength mid-morning. Congratulations to our Duck Yourself and 'Turtles' teams who both came second in women's and men's comps respectively. And congrats to our other teams the Ducklings and Wubba Lubba Dub Dub who put in a great effort on the day amid many a "get down girl" and "shamona".

Coming into finals we have all of our teams in contention and playing some good hockey. It would be great to claim a few trophies again this year after a few successful years now on the trot. Good luck to all of our teams and officials in this pointy end of the season.

Our next social event will be our Silly Sunday after grand final day and then our AGM/Presentation night to be held on 30th September at the RSL Club.

That about wraps the news from the Duck Pond
Thomas Belling
President



Royals Club Report- 29 August 2017

Royals have continued our fundraising efforts throughout the season which has put us in a strong financial position and allowed us to best support our club members through both reduction in fees and subsidizing the tickets for the Royals Presentation night.

Fundraising has come from a number of sources including:

- A fortnightly meat raffle at one of our major sponsors, The Koorungal Hotel on a Saturday night.
- Sponsorship on Club training shorts – 12 x minor sponsors charged \$250
- Engaging 3 major sponsors including The Koorungal Hotel, Wagga Meat Supply and HFT ural Contracting Service.
- Selling Chocolate Boxes

Our goal leading into the end of the season is to finalise the new sponsorship packages to build on in 2018 and continue to build strong community partnerships whilst also ensuring our club members get value for money.

Currently we are busy planning our annual Presentation Evening to be held at the Wagga Wagga Country Club on Saturday 2 September. This event will be a cocktail evening featuring a 2 course meal, drink and canapes on arrival and entertainment. The night is a much more formal event compared to previous years and will no doubt be a well received by our Club members with invites extended to our major sponsors.

All Royals teams, both men and women, have continued a successful season of Hockey and hopefully continued success leading into finals.

Our Club Day at the end of July managed to raise \$670 which went directly towards supporting one of our hockey families who has been affected by MS. We appreciate Wagga Hockey giving us the opportunity to run this day and raise funds.

Our Committee have worked extremely hard this season in a variety of areas and our Club members have benefited from this. We look forward to building on this in 2018.

Emily Paul
Royals Hockey Club Secretary



Rosellas Club Report- 29 August 2017

Rosellas for 2017 started the year with lots of interest in playing Hockey this year ,We were at one stage looking at the possibility of 5 teams but we have increased our player base by to 4 teams from 3 last year.

At the end of May we had our Annual Fundraiser a Pie Drive , which seems to give us the basis to keep our fees fairly stable over the years for our members,

We also had a canteen day this year again the first time since 2015 which didn't seem to be as profitable as in the past, probably due to not having the numbers (juniors and families there on Saturdays)

Rosellas will be 75years a Womens Hockey Club next year 2018 so we hope to get a Committee together to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee .
Good Luck to Our teams for the up coming Final Series.

Sharyn Wellham
Rosellas Hockey Club