

## WWCHA General Meeting Agenda Monday 25 March 2019



**Date:** Monday 25 March, 2019  
**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
**Location** Jubilee Park Club Rooms  
**Chaired by:** President  
**Board Membership:** Ken Larkin (President), Emily Paul (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Thomas Belling (Development), Sam Arnold (Officiating), Brittany O'Donnell (Representative), Vacant (Facilities), Vacant (Events).  
**Club Membership with Voting Privileges:** Cavaliers, CSU, Harlequins, Lake Albert, Rosellas, Royals, Mustangs

### Agenda

#### 1.0 Present

**Board:** Emily Paul (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Thomas Belling (Development), Brittany O'Donnell (Events), Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Sam Arnold (Officiating)

**Voting Members:** Aaron Crump (LAHC), Bernie Howard (CSU), Sharon Smith (Rosellas), Paula McEwan (CAVS), Pat O'Donnell (Royals), Benny Worldon (Mustangs), Dennis Girling (Harlequins)

**Members:** Alicia Rose (CAVS), Sharon Wellham (Rosellas), Asumi Willis (CSU), Emma Lynch (CSU), Chris Skillen (Harlequins), Maree Beresford (Royals), Sharyn Wellham (Rosellas), Maddi Smith (CSU), Lara Laurent (Rosellas)

#### 2.0 Apologies: Carla Bailey (Rosellas)

#### 3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

25 February 2019 (located on WWCHA website)

**Confirmed:** Aaron Crump **Seconded:** Paula McEwan

#### 4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1	Nil			
4.2	Nil			

## 5.0 Correspondence In

**To be voted upon:**

### **LACU HOCKEY CLUB**

Request for an exemption for Melissa Rogers to Keep Div1 Women, and play field (only) in Div3 Womens.

This is actually two exemptions (Div1 player playing Div3 the next year) and (More then 1 grade difference in playing)

Mel is a keeper, and has never played field, she has expressed a desire to try playing on the field, and we don't feel that her skills would be up to Div2 standards, hence the request.

Aaron Crump  
Lake Albert President

**Voting Outcome:** Both exemptions passed

Y – 13  
N -  
Abstained –

### **ROYALS HOCKEY CLUB**

I understand that this is all very last minute but we have a couple of items that we would like included in the meeting on the the 25th of March so that we can finalise our teams for the 2019 season. I am aware that this should have been sent at least a week ago, the new committee is still trying to get our head around the running of the club and what needs to be sorted before the start of the season.

The items that we are hoping to be included and voted on are as follows:

- Request for an exemption for Logan Wilford to play in Goals for Division 1 Men and play on the field in Division 2 Men as he has did last season.

**Voting Outcome:** Request accepted

Y – 13  
N -  
Abstained –

- Request for an exemption for Georgia Hughes to play in Goals for Division 1 Woman and play on the field for Division 3 Woman as she has done the last two seasons.

**Voting Outcome:** Request accepted

Y – 13

N -

Abstained –

- Request for an exemption for Maree Beresford to play in Goals for Division 3 Womans and play on the field for Division 1 Woman as she did last season.

**Voting Outcome:** Request accepted

Y – 14

N -

Abstained –

- Last year there was some confusion around the type of under garments allowed to be worn under the Royals playing singlets. We are hoping to provide clarification to our members by getting approval that ALL clubs wear black undergarments when required (no other colours)

**Voting Outcome:** Accepted for all clubs

Y – 12

N -

Abstained –

## **ROSELLAS HOCKEY CLUB**

To Wagga Combined Hockey Association

We at Rosellas would like to make a request for our Division 3 team. For the past 2 seasons we have been inclusive of our team member Flo Edwards who has special needs to encourage and develop her enjoyment of the game of Hockey. Whilst Flo is a player on the field, one(or more) of the team helps her on the field with positioning/coaching etc so we effectively the team is playing with ten players.

We would like to request that we have a player coach on the field with her who is fully dressed in Rosellas club uniform but has a bib on to designate her roll. This maybe only to trap the ball to give Flo a run and position her on the field but not to get involved in other play.

We have had great support from other clubs and some officials when she is on the field. We would like to see this as an opportunity for other clubs to be inclusive of special needs member/s .

Yours In Hockey

Sharyn Wellham

## Rosellas Hockey Club

**Voting Outcome:** Request accepted

Y – 13

N -

Abstained –

### **ROSELLAS HOCKEY CLUB**

At our meeting the other night we had discussion re the technical Officials that will be introduced for this season.

We feel that any person who takes on this role needs to have NSW registration and insurance if they are taking part in the game as an official.

**Action:** Board will follow up with NSW Hockey and email the outcome to Clubs

We also heard of one association not playing the 15min quarters as it couldn't guarantee having enough qualified officials to all games so therefore are continuing with the old game times in halves

We are sure for Representative games and some Divisions this would be an advantage to have 15min Quarters.

We, our members, are now also paying more money for less playing time.

President outlined that he understood from the recent Hockey NSW Presidents Forum in Sydney that most associations in NSW were introducing the new 1/4s in 2019 given that it is mandatory in 2020. We are undertaking the new rule to ensure we are ready for 2020.

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 Competition Structure 2019**

Ken discussed a phone call received from Rosellas Hockey Club this afternoon. Rosellas advised that based on the strength of their current teams they wish to withdraw their Div. 1 women's and would prefer to submit two Division 2 teams.

The Board's position is based on the late notice and the nominations submitted on 15 March Rosella's will need to field the team's they previously advised, 1xD1, 1xD2, 1xD3. To support Rosella's in trying to build the quality of their D1 team, all clubs were asked to provide a commitment to action. In addition Rosella's were also asked to contact Tumut association to identify any player opportunities.

**Commitment from Clubs:** Communicate to all members the position of Rosella's and encourage strong 2<sup>nd</sup> grade players who may wish to play in 1<sup>st</sup> grade for a game to contact Sharyn Wellham.

**Commitment from Rosellas:** Approach Tumut players to potentially play in 1<sup>st</sup> grade team as well as be more proactive in recruiting players

Draw:

Will be emailed to Clubs tonight. If there are any issues Competitions Manager needs to know by Wednesday.

Key notes:

- 6.30pm is a spare time slot to be used for deferred matches
- Have tried to avoid “double ups”
- CSU have been catered for where possible so they have a bye during uni holidays.

**CSU Request:** Based on merging of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade mens division CSU would like an exemption to allow their men’s players to play across teams within the same division to allow the Club to work out final team and ensure the team’s are even.

#### VOTES

YES: 12      NO: 1

Request Accepted – Team names will also go to the Competitions Panel for review after Rd 2

#### For discussion and voting at the meeting - Rule Changes for 2019 competition:

1. Men who ‘qualified’ for first grade last year are unable to play in Division 2 in 2019 based on the two division format that has been introduced this year

#### VOTES

YES: 12      NO: 0

**Outcome:** Rule passed

#### For discussion and voting at the meeting - Rule Changes for Juniors

1. Only children turning 12 and above are able to play in the Seniors competition.

#### VOTES

YES: 12      NO:

**Outcome:** Rule passed

2. Children of Juniors playing age (u/16) who wish to play in the Seniors competition must all play in the Junior competition unless an exemption is sought.

#### VOTES

YES: 10          NO: 3

**Outcome:** Rule passed

### 6.2    Officiating

Every Club must have at least one tech bench official for EVERY game. Must wear a vest. Procedures are currently being developed and will be in the officiating (middle) dugout next weekend.

**Action:** New rules need to be advertised to your players.  
Not enough umpires available to fill all Division 1 games.

**Action:** Clubs to encourage and support the development of umpires.

Code of conduct will be distributed directly to all players from WWCHA President.

WWCHA will also promote 'Take the Pledge' (NSW initiative)

President emphasised the importance of club leaders (committee members) to be role models for all.

**Action:** Clubs will now need to organise umpires for ALL grades.

### 6.3. Registrations 2019

#### - Fees

The U/13 and U/16 NSW fee should be \$82.72 and it was advertised in Fee \$53.14.

Players must be registered prior to round 1

Site link had some problems on Sat night (subscription expired – now rectified)

Junior registrations – MUST register through juniors portal (including any U/18 playing in Seniors)

## 6.4 Juniors

- Coaches 2019 (5 required) – U/9 don't have a single coach at this stage, **Action:** VOLUNTEERS needed

- Comp starts Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March

Has been communicated in the past 4 emails.

Thomas (Development Manager) absent this Friday due to unavoidable prior commitments)

**Action:** Urgent request for Clubs to organise some senior members to assist this Friday night. Please contact Thomas with names of volunteers by Wednesday COB.

## 6.5 Canteen 2019

No one has come forward to nominate as Canteen Manager.

**Proposal:** President and Treasurer (Karen and Ken) to take on role in a shared capacity for 2019 – Conflict of Interest declared.

No canteen for the first 2 weeks due to storage shed being completed.  
Healthier options for the menu will be explored.

## VOTES

YES: 12      NO:

**Outcome:** Proposal passed.

Agreement will be drawn up and signed.

Canteen roster will be emailed out to clubs.

No canteen on Friday nights.

**Action:** Club Day available for rounds 1 and 2 if a Club would like this option

When Clubs have a Club Day rostered they must run a sausage sizzle on the Friday night for juniors

## 6.6 Club Reports/Showcase

Mustangs have nominated for next meeting – APRIL 29

## 6.7 Working Bee

THANK YOU to all Clubs. Great turn out.

## 7.0 Board Reports

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

### 7.1 – President Report

President Report

Committee Meeting: 25 March 2019

As we move closer to the season commencement it is timely that we remind all of our players and supporters re the Code of Conduct that underpins the game of hockey in Australia.

The board will be sending out a copy of the player code of conduct to all players, however we will require all clubs to remind their supporters re the Supporters Code of Conduct. The board will post on our FB page but we will require clubs to ensure their supporters are aware of the code of conduct.

I would like to thank all clubs for their support around the restructure of the Snr competition, and this will now give all clubs the opportunity to focus on the development opportunities for your club without the added burden of trying to fill every grade over every weekend.

Last weekend I attended the annual Hockey NSW President Forum and AGM. This was attended by most associations across NSW. A presentation pack will be provided covering all of the guest speakers, and once I receive this I will brief all clubs.

One thing I did glean from the forum is that we are on track with our future strategies, and I was pleased by the No of associations that wanted to know about the good things we are doing in Wagga.

From a board perspective we still have vacancies and still require an Events and Facilities Manager. The Facilities Manager is a critical one as the role also incorporates the canteen supervision.

At this stage unless something changes we will have no canteen in 2019.

From a facilities perspective:



- . Both turfs have now had their annual clean and maintenance
  - . Repairs to Noonan turf have been completed. We will need to ensure that annual maintenance on Noonan is completed to ensure the longevity of the field.
  - . The new storage works construction should commence within the next 2 weeks. Just finalising Council requirements.
  - . The new goals and Nets for Noonon field will be delivered before the commencement of competition.
  - . We are also seeking quotes to repair the nets where the practise circles are on Paul field.
- Looking forward to a great start to the 2019 Winter Season.

## **7. 6 – Development Manager Report**

On Saturday 16th March we held our Come and Try Day. The day was a great day with over 50 kids taking part, 30(ish) of who had never played hockey before. Thankyou as always to our coaches on the day and to CSU for manning the BBQ.

Thankyou to a number of schools who helped advertise in the lead up (including Mt Austin Primary, Wagga High, Mater Dei and Wagga Christian College). I'm sure there were other schools but unfortunately some schools don't have their newsletter online or reply to my email so I can't 100% confirm other schools).

Information sheets were handed out on the day. However, next year (if I'm in this position, or to whoever takes over) I would suggest an improvement by having a laptop or tablet available so parents can register kids on the day. Or at least provide contact details for follow up communication.

At time of writing this email (late Sunday night 17th March) I have received a few emails regarding not being able to apply Active Kids Voucher online. I will have looked in to this by the time of the general meeting.

I have included in this meeting my wet weather policy which has been formed off the feedback in my survey end of 2018.

Current coaching staff for 2019

U16s: Pat O'Donnell, Jackson White, Craig Knowles and Glenn Baker

U13s: Jarrod Thorne, Phil Stone, Chelsie McEwan, Mel Chyb (likely need 1 more)

U11s: Kate Wickson (Henschke team), Lucy, Alexis Bailey, Maddie Baker (likely need 2 more)

U9s: no one officially

Hopefully these positions will be full by the general meeting - I will provide update.

My next big tasks will be to sort junior teams and draw/calender

Unfortunately I will be away for round 1 for work conference :( Not ideal!!! I will organise someone to fill in for the Friday night games

Thanks

Thomas

## 8.0 Club Reports

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

**Next Meeting:** Monday April 29, 2019 – 7.30pm