

WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 22nd March 2021



Date: Monday 22nd March 2021

Time: 7.30pm – 8:30pm Location Jubilee Park Club Rooms

Chaired by: Amy Smart

Board Membership:

Ken Larkin (President), Amy Smart (Secretary), Brad Ristivojevic (Treasurer), John Marshall (Competitions), Pat O'Donnell (Development), Marcus Manning (Officiating), Craig Knowles (Representative), Phil Stone (Facilities), Vacant (Events).

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

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The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:33pm and requested all attendees sign the attendance register located at the entrance if they have not already completed.

Present (A-Z):

Board Members:

Amy Smart (Secretary), Brad Ristivojevic (Treasurer), John Marshall (Competitions), Pat O'Donnell (Development), Craig Knowles (Representative), Marcus Manning (Officiating), Phil Stone (Facilities)

Apologies: Ken Larkin (President)

Club representatives:

Refer to the attendance register attached as Annexure A for Club delegates and Club representatives in attendance.

Apologies: Terry-Ann McBeath

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting

[February 2021](#) (located on WWCHA website)

Aaron Crump noted the minutes were missing for the February 2021 meeting were missing additional club representatives. It was agreed by those present the minutes for the February 2021 meeting are approved subject to the inclusion of the following attendees not presently recorded:

- Jesse Thompson
- Casey Robson
- Pranibhay Nand

Accepted: Aaron Crump (Lake Albert)

Seconded: Emma Lynch (CSU)

Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress
Education week – access to recorded webinars	Amy Smart	1 month	Complete
WWCHA Officials – Accreditation Report. Clubs to review the accuracy of the listing and provide updates. (Name, qualifications)	Delegate from each club	1 month	Refer notes below
Zoom Video Conferencing – explore options and cost	Ken Larkin/Brad Ristivojevic/Amy Smart	2 months	In Progress

- Education Week recordings and other webinars are available on the Hockey NSW Website.

- <https://www.hockeynsw.com.au/info-hub/education-week-hub/>
- WWCHA Officials:
 - Karen Boyd advised Royals have no accredited officials
 - Sharyn Wellham queried a potential issue regarding married and maiden names.
 - Chris Skillen advised he had not checked the listing
 - Aaron Crump advised the listing was correct.
 - Alicia Rose advised Cavaliers do not have anyone accredited.

New Business

Revolutionise Training, Fees and Active Kids

Update from the clubs re: the Revolutionise Training Zoom Meetings with Rachel during 15-19th March. Club delegates provided the following updates regarding revolutionise training and active kids registration. It was noted that active kids activation takes four weeks.

Club	Revolutionise Training	Active Kids
Royals	Completed	In progress
Rosellas	Completed	In progress
Harlequins	To follow up	Registered
CSU	Completed	Not required
Cavaliers	Completed	Registered
Lake Albert	Not required	Registered

Women's Masters - Update

Line markings for all grass fields booked. It was noted that Ken Larkin is meeting with representatives in Sydney.

Royals Uniforms

Royals Secretary raised that Royals are in short supply of playing shorts and singlets. They are planning on new uniforms for 2022. During the 2021 season:

- request that men be able to play in plain royal shorts (similar colour but without white on the sides)
- request that some players wear the training singlets (similar to Royals playing singlets but with old sponsors on the back of the design)

There were no objections raised to the above uniform amendment for the 2021 season.

Canteen Operation

Expression of Interest has been posted to Facebook and shared amongst the club pages.

Wagga Community Board posting to proceed if no internal interest.

Sharon Wellham asked whether there would be club days this year. The Chairperson confirm there would be and noted the required for a COVID Safe Plan. Aaron Crump queried the position if a COVID Safe Plan is not held by a club, and the Chairperson confirmed that it would not be possible for the Club to hold a BBQ without a COVID Safe Plan.

Facilities Report

Reminder: A working bee is scheduled for 27 March commencing at 9am. The Chairperson noted that tasks include:

- Gutters to be cleaned
- Installation of new protection barrier for the Paul field.

Phillip Stone noted any volunteers able to assist would be greatly appreciated.

Secretary Report

Fact Sheets – most clubs have completed.

Revolutionise Training & Fees/Active Kids

Code of Conduct and Checklists have been added to the registration process.

Treasurer Report

Brad Ristivojevic advised the Over 34 Men's team arrangements have been completed. All required payments for the association have been made.

Representative Report

Craig Knowles advised representative gear has been ordered and there has been a change of supplier.

Officiating Report

An update regarding the Umpire's forum was provided, including:

- The Umpires Forum has been scheduled for 12 April.
- Zeke Newman from Hockey NSW would be attending.
- Initial plan to set goals to achieve for the year.
- It was clarified that the Umpires Forum is for selected umpires only initially to work on umpire development activities.

Alicia Rose asked how the list was put together. The Chairperson advised that it was based on experience and accreditation with the group to come back to the board. Sharon Wellham asked whether this was one representative per club. The Chairperson advised it is not and that the initial group will be kept small to start with.

Club Updates

Moving forward, Club Updates will be sourced on a bi-monthly basis.

Competitions Update

John Marshall presented an overview of teams for each club / grade on the whiteboard and sought confirmation regarding numbers from each club.

Sharon Wellham noted playing numbers for Rosellas would be dependent upon the times of games.

Emma Lynch advised the number of men for CSU division 1 should be 7 or 8 rather than the recorded 3. It was noted further players could be pulled up, but the team won't be competitive.

John Marshall queried whether we leave it like it is where we pull players up? Alicia Rose noted that Rosellas have been pushed to do so, with a current imbalance in the women's competition.

The Chairperson noted the player numbers is an association issue but also a club problem.

Chris Skillen advised Harlequins would have 2 men's teams. Dennis Girling noted that Harlequins would be unable to contribute more players to other clubs.

Sharon Wellham added that Rosellas have asked other players to join but no one has wanted to play.

The opportunity for players at other clubs including Cavaliers to play into first grade was discussed with it requested that the opportunity to do so be taken back to each of the Clubs.

Phillip Stone noted that the CSU men would have the potential to play up but it won't be pretty. It was agreed that CSU be put down as a team for division 1 men.

It was noted that Royals division 1 men's team is open for more players.

Following confirmation of team numbers, John Marshall provided an overview of the rationale for the development of the draw including the following key considerations:

- Getting umpiring right
- No games before 11am.
- Feedback received from a survey completed following the 2019 season has been reviewed and considered.
- No one liked the late timeslot.
- Some comments like locked in times but these were from teams not playing the late timeslot.
- There is an extra time slot for division 2 men.
- Even share of water and sand field games.
- Women have an extra timeslot to make use of the water.

A table was presented on the whiteboard summarising the proposed times for each division across a rolling four week period.

John Marshall opened discussion to the Clubs for positives and negatives.

- Aaron Crump asked Marcus Manning whether division 2 men and division 2 women could play at the same time? Marcus Manning noted that the draw factored in umpire availability with both Richard and Charmaine doing shift worker.
- Comments were made regarding a preference for division 1 men to play the late game so that they can play on the water every week.
- Marcus Manning noted that Clubs would be responsible for the tech bench duties of their own games. General discussion followed with consensus that it was not appropriate for clubs to undertake tech bench duties for their own games and there should be a neutral tech bench
- It was noted that the Club umpiring should supply the tech bench official, and the officiating requirements could be stipulated in the draw.
- A suggestion was made to have a rotating 4 week block where teams would play in the same timeslot for a 4 week period.
- Alicia Rose noted that following from positives:
 - Set women's times was a positive for mums to assist in coordinating kid's sport.
 - Predictability of the draw is important
 - Important to know the draw in advance.
- Alicia Rose noted that following from negatives:
 - Commitment of playing a 2pm game and then being required to umpire the late game (6:30pm) creates lots of waiting around.
 - A similar issue arises in respect of tech bench duties.
 - The LACU division 1 women do not like playing the late game

- Emma Lynch noted that students typically work nights as their income source and that it would be fairer if the draw was rotating.
- Sharon Wellham noted that with the structure of the draw, there would only be 4 weeks of the late timeslot across the whole season of 16 rounds. There was consensus supporting this point from those present.
- There were positive / negative comments provided by representatives for Royals, Lake Albert or Harlequins.

Some obstacles noted were:

- That division 1 men would not always be on the water. This was noted as a fair outcome for all players.
- Tech bench timing. Whilst it was noted as an issue, the Clubs agreed that it could be made to work.

There was a suggestion regarding a change to the playing times in weeks 3 and 4 to resolve a gap that resulted in the last game being played at 6:30pm on the sand rather than a potential earlier finish of 5pm. There was a brief discussion and agreement reached that time slots would be changed to resolve the gap in games occurring in weeks 3 and 4.

There were no further questions or issues raised with the proposed format of the draw.

Other Business

The Chairperson asked whether there was any other business.

Karen Boyd asked whether other clubs have had any issues with lodging the T4 required by NSW Fair Trading each year and paying the associated fee.

The Chairperson closed the meeting and reminded anyone yet to sign the attendance register to do so.

Meeting closed: 8:29pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, 26 April 2021

Annexure A: [Attendance Register](#)

Annexure B: [WWCHA Officiating Accreditations List](#)

Amy Smart (Secretary / Chairperson)

Brad Ristivojevic (Treasurer / Minute Taker)