

 	<p>GENERAL MEETING 27 November 2018</p> <p>Minutes</p>
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Date: Monday 26 November 2018

Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Location: WWCHA Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

Chaired by: Ken Larkin (President)

1 Attendees:

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

Voting Members: Aaron Crump (LAHC), Bernie Howard (CSU), Ben Worldon (Mustangs), Sharyn Wellham (Rosellas), Paula McEwan (CAVS) Dennis Girling (Harlequins)

Members: Pat O'Donnell (RCC), Alicia Rose(CAVS), Asumi Willis (CSU), Maddi Smith (CSU), Mykael Franklin (CSU), Chris Skillen (Harlequins)

2 Apologies: Phil Stone, Cameron Tokley, Kate Wickson

3 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes for meeting held in October.

The October minutes were not uploaded onto the WWCHA Webpage, at the time of the November General Meeting. Minutes will be uploaded before the January 2019 General meeting, then confirmed at the meeting.

Confirmed:

Seconded:

4 Actions Arising

Nil

5 Correspondence In

Hockey NSW 2018 Community Awards Hockey NSW is proud to announce the return of our Community Awards this year. These awards will be presented at the Hockey NSW Awards Evening on Saturday 23rd February 2019. There will be six new categories this year in addition to the four inaugural categories that were awarded at the 2017 Awards Night. The awards are designed to encourage, acknowledge and recognise the outstanding contribution and achievements of volunteers from your local hockey community over many years. To view the criteria

for each award, click here. 4.0 Actions arising from previous Minutes Person Responsible Timeframe Progress 4.1 Nil 4.2 Nil WWCHA General Meeting Agenda 2th November 2018 2 The winners of these Community Awards will subsequently be nominated by Hockey NSW for the Sport NSW Community Sports Awards in early 2019 Hockey NSW is asking Associations and Clubs to nominate an event and people who make a difference in the following award categories;

- Community Administrator of the Year
- Community Volunteer of the Year
- Community Official of the Year
- Community Young Official of the Year (U18)
- Community Coach of the Year
- Community Young Coach of the Year (U18)
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Club of the Year
- Community Team of the Year
- Community Distinguished Long Service Award (25+ Years)

(Please note nominations must be endorsed by Association and Club Executives). Finalists will be contacted directly from Hockey NSW and the winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Night. Nominations close 14th December 2018)

6 New Business

6.1 2019 Competition Structure

- Three divisions are difficult to field
- Women playing in the Mens Competition
- WWCHA has for a number of years allowed Women to play in the Mens competition. We are perhaps the only association to allow this in New South Wales.
- We are concerned that there is a high probability that women players can suffer a severe injury when competing in the mens competition, something that the association has a responsibility to minimise or eliminate. In addition feedback from the male players is that they feel obligated to tone their approach to the game when playing against teams with women players, and not playing what they consider to be their natural style of play.
- The association is also conscious that when our women players play in the mens competition they are in fact playing in 2 separate competitions, and should in fact be paying 2 Wagga Association fees.
- It is evident from players statistics across clubs that most clubs have insufficient numbers to compete in the 3 Divisions which has been the norm for a number of seasons. This is a tough challenge and can be even more difficult when players are absent for personal reasons.
- We have been experiencing a reduction in our senior numbers for a number of years and there is no sign that this trend will stop.
- We have for the past couple of seasons held our entire winter competition on the one day (Saturday). Whilst this appears to be working, it is considered time to do a temp check with our players to see if it is still the right way for us to go.
- Survey to be sent out to gain feedback from all Association members on the above.

- Following sharing of the survey results, further discussion of the 2019 competition structure will be held at the January 2019 general meeting.

6.2 Facilities Booking Calendars

- Are now online on the WWCHA Website.
- These calendars will show current bookings and allow you to view what is in place, when you are thinking/planning to make a booking, for the fields or canteen and club house.
- Unfortunately there is not an on-line booking component as yet, that will be the next stage, sometime next year.
- The significant difference to what we have in place at the moment will be that everyone will be able to see all current bookings-just a small step.
- You will find the calendars under 'Facilities' on the web page.

6.3 Jubilee Park Storage Upgrade

- Grant application put in.
- Current plans being drawn up.

6.4 2019 Club Fact Sheets

- Have been sent to all Clubs. These need to be returned as soon as possible (after each Club AGM).

7 Board Reports

President

- No report

Secretary

- No report

Treasurer

- No report

Competitions

- No report

Officiating

- No report

Development

Development Report

Firstly I would like to thank and congratulate Kate Wickson and her team she has led for their excellent work with the juniors over the past five years. Junior hockey is certainly growing in strength in Wagga Wagga and I have some big shoes to fill.

My vision for junior hockey is ultimately for the clubs to be in charge of their own junior program. However this is a long term goal and there are many smaller steps that will need to be taken. In 2019 my goals are to have two junior reps from each club, have greater participation from the clubs with junior trainings and games and start to look at older kids transitioning into the senior competition.

I have so far been working on a short survey that will soon be circulated to the members of the association seeking feedback from the 2018 junior season and looking for ways to improve the 2019 season. Once this survey comes out (hopefully this week) I would greatly

appreciate everyone who takes the time to fill it out, especially parents who have had children playing in the 2018 season.

Moving forward in 2019, I would like to improve communication to the association and will soon be launching an email account specifically for junior hockey. I would also like to formalise a wet weather plan as a few weeks during the 2018 season there was some confusion as to whether junior hockey would be on or not. And finally, I would like to look at ways of improving attendance to junior training in 2019 season.

I'm very much looking forward to this position

Thanks

Thomas Belling

Facilities

- No report

RCCC

- No report

Club Reports

Cavaliers – Nil

CSU – Report attached

Harlequins - Nil

LAHC - Nil

Mustangs - Nil

Rosellas – Nil

Royals – Nil

2018 Club Report – CSU/Rivcoll Hockey Ducks Club

2018 failed to produce any silverware for CSU teams but we did have a few individual successes. Adrian O'Rourke had a great year and received the Division 2 Men's MVP. Thomas Belling umpired at U18 Girls state carnival. And Cameron Tokley umpired at U18 Boys, Open Men's and the Country National Championships in Berri, South Australia.

As always, our club had many highlights off the field. The Pre-Packham Party was well attended, with a few of the Lake Albert boys coming along. Beating them in a boat race, was about the only thing we could beat them in all year. Our presentation night this year was held at Romano's Hotel and was a great celebration for the club.

Sadly, the Home Tavern is closing its doors at the end of the year. The Home has been our major sponsor since 2011 and has played host to many great nights. Thankyou Trevor and your team for your support. We will now need to look for a new Duck Pond over the summer.

This is also my last year as club President so would like to thank the outgoing committee and all my committee members from the past three years. I've really enjoyed giving back to the club and hope that I have left a strong legacy. Good luck to Bernie Howard as our new

President, you will do a great job!

2019 Committee

President – Bernie Howard Vice President – Emma Lynch Secretary – Casey Robson Treasurer – Rhys McDonald Women's Coordinator – Cameron Tokley Men's Coordinator – Andrew McGrath Social Coordinators – Madi Smith and Asumi Willis

Regards Thomas Belling 2018 President

The incoming 2019 CSU Executive Committee would like to extend our best wishes for all our members which have graduated or will move on to bigger and better things in 2019! We hate to see members leave, but we trust they have enjoyed their time as Ducks and playing hockey in Wagga.

We would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Thomas 'Butters' Belling for his time as President and as a member of our Exec. His leadership will be greatly missed, we wish him all the best in his future endeavours!

As Thomas mentions above, our beloved pond, The Home Tavern will close in December. The incoming committee will be looking for a home over the summer. We hope to have news of a new major sponsor soon.

Finally, we would like to thank the 2018 Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association Board for another great year! Without their hard work and commitment to hockey we wouldn't be able to play this great game! A special mention going to our members who were on the board, Cameron Tokley, Phillip Stone and Sam Arnold. You have represented our club well and we are very proud to call you Ducks!

We look forward to improving on and off the field in 2019. We already have a few fundraising activities planned and have begun recruiting new members.

Sincerely,

Bernie Howard 2019 President

Other Items

9.0 Urgent Business

Nil

10 Next Meeting

Tuesday 29 January, 2019, 7.30pm.

WWCHA Club Rooms, Jubilee Park.

11 Close of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 8.55 pm.