

# WWCHA General Meeting Minutes

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022



**Date:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Location:** Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

**Chaired by:** Ken Larkin

## **Board Membership:**

Ken Larkin (President), Amy Smart (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Mel Chyb (Competitions), Nathan Szymanski (Development), Tamika White (Officiating), Phil Stone (Facilities)

Vacant (Representative), Vacant (Events)

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

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## Present (A-Z):

**Board Members:** Mel Chyb, Ken Larkin, Amy Smart, Phil Stone, Tamika White

Apologies: Karen Boyd, Nathan Szymanski

**Club representatives:** Terry-Ann McBeath (Ros), Bonnie Pincini (CSU), Alicia Rose (Cavs), Sharon Smith (Ros), Sharyn Wellham (Ros), Benson Williams (Lake Albert, Indoor Coordinator), Jarrod Thorne (Roy), Jackson White (H)

Apologies: Adam Boyd, Kylie Cowell, Sharon Smith

## **Absent:**

## 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

[August 2022](#) (located on WWCHA website)

----- No one read the minutes from the previous meeting

Accepted: Bonnie Pincini

Seconded: Jarrod Thorne

Comment:

## Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress	Update
Follow-up on Indoor players that sign up for winter season	Karen Boyd/Amy Smart	6 weeks from season start	Done	Done
Expression of interest to Club Teams on those willing to participate in Griffith turf opening	All Clubs / Alicia Rose	2 months (July/August)	In Progress – November – Junior teams only	Council are running the opening day. They would like some junior teams to go over in November.  Rosie to send the info through to Ken.

Playing Rules Workshop	Playing Rules Committee		In Progress	Add Sharyn Wellham
New Rule Vote – Technical Officials	Mel Chyb / Tamika White / Amy Smart	1 month		Board members to provide responses

## Correspondence In

Correspondence	Club/Person	Format	Date	Action
<a href="#">Grand Final Day/Club Championship</a>	Lake Albert / Luke Geaghan	Email	25/09/2022	Found the trophies. No room on the trophies to add the new tags. To discuss with Luke about how he wants to proceed regarding the extra space. Will ask Luke to present the award at the AGM.

See Appendix for further details

- Awards being giving out discussion (list all)
  - Umpire awards
    - Umpire of the Year – Perpetual trophy
    - Other trophies were per person
  - Club Championship awards
  - Collect them back on the day due to people not returning the awards
- Panels are not being pulled together properly and it is impacting our competition.

## Finals Series – Discussion – *Mel Chyb*

- Ken thanked Mel for the Finals series.
- What worked well?
  - Juniors involved by games/activities on the fields during the half time
  - The clubs were set up well to create a good atmosphere (surround sound)
  - Positive feedback compared to the presentation night
- What can be improved?
  - Score cards to be pre-printed
  - PA system not working
  - Team warmups should be on Noonan field
    - However, the teams want to warm up on the field they are going to play on.
    - Suggestion to create more time between the games
  - Run sheet for the day for each person involved
  - Request for Life Members to be the people handing out the awards
  - Centre technical official dugout too crowded

- Coffee Van booked too late
  - Hoping Maddish can do it next year
- Soccer get their kids to walk onto the field with them
  - Create a family-day atmosphere

## Rule Update – Supply of Technical Officials

- Pending Board Member responses to the proposed rule. Board members that have not provided a response to do so as soon as possible.

## Playing Rules Committee – Update – *Amy Smart*

- Charmain Gay, Aaron Crump and Amy Smart reviewed all minutes since 2017 to add any amended or created rules to the Playing Rules document.
- Sharyn Welham to be added to the committee
- List to be sent to the committee for response.
- Many members of the committee so far have been unresponsive. Thank you to those that have responded, even if they were not able to attend the meeting.

## AGM in November / 2022-23 Board

- Sub-committee announcements
  - Discussion regarding building sub-committees
  - First Aid Officer
- Facilities manager
  - This role has not been sufficiently filled throughout the years due to Ken working on improvements, and Phil has been working on maintenance.
- AGM Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Nomination forms and role descriptions to be advertised
- Working 3-4 board members down has been a strain on the current board members, and a few will be stepping down.

## Indoor Competition Update – *Mel Chyb / Benson Williams*

- Venue:
  - Smith Hall - cannot commit to a set time and day
  - Bolton Park – could be the best option
  - Warehouse might become available
  - PCYC – No
  - Mount Austin High – Tamika White to ask if we can use their hall
- Start date: 2023 unless we can find a venue
- Expression of Interest for Normal competition and Representative
  - Social and Serious
- Representative teams
  - Teams:
    - 2 teams essentially organised
    - Under 15s girls and boys, and Open Women and Open Men have expressed interest.
      - Open Women are due to be nominated by 30<sup>th</sup> September
      - Expression of Interest to be pulled together

- Under 18 Boys – no
- Under 18 Girls – to be confirmed with Carla
- Masters Men – to be confirmed
- Accommodation
  - Coach and Manager to organise the accommodation, decide whether it will be booked and invoiced via WWCHA / revolutionise

## Representative Update

- 8 responses received for Coaches and Managers so far
  - These will be re-advertised, and then shared amongst the board.

## Wi-Fi Extension

- WIFI in the club rooms and canteen
- 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to extend the wifi to the fields
- \$2400 grant received to help pay for it
- Tablet lockboxes stands to have it at the fields

## New Business

- Nil

## Board member reports

### President / Facilities – *Ken Larkin / Phil Stone*

- Cementing between the two fields
  - \$10000 grant received
  - \$15000 grant application pending – to be announced in November
  - Gap of \$6000 to negotiate with council for 50/50
  - Ken to provide Benson with the information for quotes
- Final clean up to be done
  - Complaints raised about the trees

### Competitions Officer – *Mel Chyb*

- Winter Season start 2023
  - SSA tournament date 21-22-23<sup>rd</sup> April, however these conflicts with some other competitions
  - Unable to select a start date until these are announced as being the final dates for SSA.
  - National Under 15s finish on the 21<sup>st</sup> April.
  - Ken will raise with the Academy
- Survey about the Grand Final Day – feedback
  - Mel to provide content to Amy to assist with creating the survey
- Number of games throughout the season
  - This year Div 2 played 12 games out of the 15 rounds
  - General feedback was negative

- Options:
  - Do an entire round on a Sunday
- Rosie raised query regarding the cost per player
  - HA and HNSW to be registered normally
  - Can register per team, and divide amongst the number of players in the team
  - This is a good initiative to try to increase the number of players
  - This will need to be thought through as an option by the incoming Treasurer and Competitions Manager
- Raised an issue that some clubs are manipulating the rules to benefit themselves and go against the 'spirit of the game'.
- Every club each year should be providing a person for the board
  - Conversation around how heavy it is on the current board
  - Ken works very hard
    - Has time due to being retired
    - A new president will not be able to do as much as Ken

#### *Treasurer Report – Karen Boyd*

- Final invoices being sent this week for clubs
- Umpires to be sent to Karen by Tamika

#### *Development – Nathan Szymanski*

Nil

#### *Officiating – Tamika White*

- Only complaint was that the umpires “were too strong” for Div 2 Men’s
- Academy games accreditations – Ken to speak to Zeke

#### *Secretary – Amy Smart*

- Stepping down this year
- Willing to assist the new secretary as part of a sub-committee, with Revolutionise assistance

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**Meeting closed:** 9:06pm

**Next Meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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Ken Larkin (Development / Chairperson)

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Amy Smart (Secretary / Minute Taker)

## Appendix

### Letter of Correspondence - Luke Geaghan

29/09/2022 9:03am via Wagga Hockey email address

Firstly, I would like to thank Wagga Hockey for a great grand final day however I want to raise the issue of two awards that were not presented on the day, the Men's and Women's club championships. They have both been around for 50+ years and are the sole recognition of the most successful club in the association. I personally believe these are the most important awards in the association as it recognises a clubs success over an entire season and not just an individual or team. I understand that this was our first proper season in 3 years but to not present these due to "we lost the trophy" or "the competition's panel didn't realise they were awards" is a bit of a slap in the face to the clubs and the history of the association. I request that this be rectified as soon as possible.

Secondly I would like to apologise to Ken Larkin for my outburst on Saturday night, I did only mean to ask the question on where the awards were but when Ken advised that the association had lost the trophy that was donated by my Grandfather, I got quite emotional and snapped. This was uncalled for and Ken has done a great job of president over what has been a very trying period and did not deserve this.

Can this apology please be noted in the minutes of the next association meeting as I wish for this to be on the public record.

Regards,

Luke Geaghan