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**Date:** Monday 23 April 2018

**Time:** 7.30pm-9.00pm

**Location:** WWCHA Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

**Chaired by:** Ken Larkin (President)

### 1 Attendees:

**Board:** Carla Bailey (Secretary), Karen Boyd (Treasurer), Sharon Smith (Representative), Cameron Tokley (Officiating), Brittany O'Donnell (Events), Kate Wickson (Development).

**Voting Members:** Aaron Crump (LAHC), Denis Girling (Harlequins), Richard Engelbrecht (Royals), Phil Bradley (Cavaliers), Maddy Hall (CSU), Ben Worldon (Mustangs), Sharyn Wellham (Rosellas), Ben Worldon (Mustangs).

**Members:** Pat O'Donnell (RCC), Chris Skillen (Harlequins), Larry Rich (Mustangs), Millie Worldon (Mustangs), Paula McEwan (Cavaliers), Bernie Howard (CSU), Emily Paul (Royals).

### 2 Apologies: Sam Arnold (Competitions), Phil Stone (facilities), Ben Spiers (LAHC), Scott Curtis (Cavaliers), Thomas Belling (CSU).

### 3 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes for meeting held 26 March 2018 were endorsed.

Confirmed: Aaron Crump

Seconded: Pat O'Donnell

Amendment to previous minutes: LAHC voted yes to the purchase of the PA system. The previous minutes incorrectly transcribed LAHC as a No vote.

### 4 Actions Arising

Nil

### 5 Correspondence In

#### 5.1 Royals Hockey Club- Player request

- Maree Beresford (Division 1 women's player) to play goalie in the Division 3 women's competition (never played goalie before, purely to allow this developing team to be on the field).

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll	Y	President	Y

Cavaliers	Y	Admin	Y
Royals	Y	Treasurer	Y
Harlequins	Y	Competitions	-
Lake Albert	Y	Officiating	Y
Mustangs	Y	Development	Y
Rosellas	Y	Representative	Y
		Facilities	-
		Events	Y

**Motion: Passed**

### 5.2 Royals Hockey Club- Player request

- We are struggling with our Men's nominations as putting a Division 2 men's team in this year was a stretch. Our division 1 men's goalie, Logan Wilford is desperate to have a run as a field player in the division 2 team. This is not possible as we need him as a nominated player in division 1 to cover the required number of nominations. We are seeking a vote on whether we can nominate 8 in our division 1 men's team to allow Logan to play down in Division 2.

Discussion: the men and women's competitions are separate competitions. In future seasons should the number of nominated players be reduced across both division 1 and 2. There are other associations, states who have adopted a lower number of nominated players required for each division. To provide governance over the competition a grading committee should be established.

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll		President	
Cavaliers		Admin	
Royals		Treasurer	
Harlequins		Competitions	
Lake Albert		Officiating	
Mustangs		Development	
Rosellas		Representative	
		Facilities	
		Events	

**Motion: No Vote required due to the results of voting in item 6.1.**

### 5.3 Rosellas Hockey Club- Nominated players

- Dear Sam (Competitions Manager) and the Board of Wagga Hockey  
As I informed you on the weekend of our Rosellas Club have a problem with the number of players we have registered and to be registered yet. It is very tight in numbers to sustain 3 teams, one in each Division. We have had a couple of new players attend training tonight, but this doesn't solve our problem.  
We would like to put it to you and the board and ask if you would give us permission to nominate 7 players for Division 1 for this season. The Board granted permission for Royals in 2017 for the productivity of the competition. We would like to try and maintain the 3 teams to provide competition to other clubs and a pathway for our developing players to aspire to Division1.

We see this as a matter of urgency and request a possible vote/poll via email before the weekend. We have some players holding off their registration to NSW dependant on the outcome.

We have lost 22 players from our registered playing list from 2017 due to moving away, pregnancy, retiring and other reasons like having a season off, gone to other sports and work commitments

Rosellas in making this request is wishing to maintain its commitment to Wagga Hockey, to provide Hockey for our club members and the other players/clubs in the Senior Wagga Hockey Competition

Yours in Hockey

Sharyn Wellham

Motion: Permission for Rosellas to have only 7 nominated players in Division 1 for the 2018 season.

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll	N	President	Y
Cavaliers	Y	Admin	Y
Royals	Y	Treasurer	Y
Harlequins	Y	Competitions	N
Lake Albert	Y	Officiating	Y
Mustangs	Y	Development	Y
Rosellas	Y	Representative	Y
		Facilities	Y
		Events	Y

**Motion: This was passed via email vote on 20 April 2018.**

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 2018 nominated players

- Thank you for agreeing to an email vote for Rosellas Hockey club as above in item 5.3.
- Harlequins have sent through a request for reduced nominations in Div. 1 and 2 men's as they are struggling to find enough players to meet the nominated 9. They have requested 7 nominated in div 1, and 7 in Div. 2, this will allow Harlequins to maintain their 3 teams in the competition,
- Cavaliers have also raised concerns over their playing numbers in the men's and their ability to meet the required nominated 9. Cavaliers are requesting 7 nominated players in Division 2 men's.
- LAHC have lost several players this season. Players are playing across several grades and in both the women and men's competition. LAHC would like permission for a nominated 7 in div 1 and 8 in division 2 men's.
- It has been noted that there are a number of women playing in the men's competition, particularly this season. We are competing against other tier one sports. This is not a sustainable model going forward.
- CSU have challenges at the start of the season due to University holidays and struggle to work out the nominations in the first 3 weeks. Should there be an adjustment to the nominated players having to be identified in the first

3 rounds. Agreement that the current playing rules need to be reviewed for the 2019 playing season.

- Royals are struggling with nominating 3 men's teams, spots have been filled with women to make up the team numbers. Royals men would like 7 nominated in div 1 and 8 in division 2.
- There are a number of players playing between 2 and 4 games each weekend across multiple teams.
- In 2013 there were 349 senior players in 2017 the number has declined to 260.
- Nominations need to be ethical and in the spirit of the competition.
- Junior numbers have been growing consistently over the past few years. A strategy to transition juniors to senior clubs needs to be developed going forward.
- A few people were put off by having to pay the association fee before taking the field.

Harlequins are requesting to have 7 nominated players in division 1 and 7 nominated players in division 2 men's for the 2018 season.

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll	N	President	Y
Cavaliers	Y	Admin	Y
Royals	Y	Treasurer	Y
Harlequins	Y	Competitions	-
Lake Albert	Y	Officiating	Y
Mustangs	Y	Development	Y
Rosellas	Y	Representative	Y
		Facilities	-
		Events	Y

**Motion: passed**

- Cavaliers are requesting 7 nominated players in Division 2 men's for the 2018 season.

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll	N	President	Y
Cavaliers	Y	Admin	Y
Royals	Y	Treasurer	Y
Harlequins	Y	Competitions	-
Lake Albert	Y	Officiating	Y
Mustangs	Y	Development	Y
Rosellas	Y	Representative	Y
		Facilities	-
		Events	Y

**Motion: passed**

LAHC are requesting 7 nominated players in Division 1 and 8 in Division 2 men's for the 2018 season.

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll	N	President	Y
Cavaliers	Y	Admin	Y
Royals	Y	Treasurer	Y
Harlequins	Y	Competitions	-
Lake Albert	Y	Officiating	Y
Mustangs	Y	Development	Y
Rosellas	Y	Representative	Y
		Facilities	-
		Events	Y

**Motion: passed**

Royals are requesting 7 nominated players in Division 1 and 8 in Division 2 men's for the 2018 season.

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll	N	President	Y
Cavaliers	Y	Admin	Y
Royals	Y	Treasurer	Y
Harlequins	Y	Competitions	-
Lake Albert	Y	Officiating	N
Mustangs	Y	Development	Y
Rosellas	Y	Representative	Y
		Facilities	-
		Events	N

**Motion: passed**

**Note: The above motions are approved on the basis on a fair and enjoyable competition. At the end of the second round of games (May Meeting) a review will be undertaken, and potential changes can be applied.**

Clubs	Vote	Board	Vote
CSU/Rivcoll	Y	President	Y
Cavaliers	Y	Admin	Y
Royals	Y	Treasurer	Y
Harlequins	Y	Competitions	N
Lake Albert	Y	Officiating	Y
Mustangs	Y	Development	Y
Rosellas	Y	Representative	Y
		Facilities	N
		Events	Y

**Motion: passed**

## 6.2 2019 Board structure

- The Board at the workshop reviewed board positions for the 2019 year. The following positions will be vacant for the 2019 season: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Officiating, Development, Competitions.

- There are a number of items to consider for the 2019 season. The competition is at risk without the right people on the board and a full complement of board members.
- We currently have a strong relationship with Hockey NSW and the Wagga City Council that needs to be maintained.
- The RCCC role has been established and is going strong, this needs to remain a focus so that we do not lose this valuable position for our developing junior players.
- The relationship with Griffith has grown and they are engaged in continuing to work with Wagga to continue to grow the sport in their town. They are being supported through the RCCC role and the Wagga board.
- Wagga are also re-establishing the relationship with Tumut.

## **7.0 Board Reports**

### **President**

- Fencing on the Paul field should commence this week. The concreting will be completed over the coming weeks.
- Some sharp pieces have been identified on the nets. The facility manager will ask Quinn fences to review the fences.

### **Secretary**

- Hockey NSW have reached a resolution with the Office of Sport to resolve the active kids voucher issues experienced during the registration process. The active kids rebate can now be used for the entire fee. Hockey NSW are continuing to work with the Office of Sport to identify if those children who have already utilised the voucher can be reimbursed for the full amount of the voucher. More information to follow on this one.

### **Treasurer**

- The current financial position is strong. There are some facility items that will be expensed over the coming month.
- A request from the floor for salad sandwiches to be offered in the canteen. There are not enough sales on sandwiches to justify the cost of adding this item to the canteen at this time.

### **Competitions**

- The draw for round 4 will be released tonight with the full season draw to be released in the coming weeks.
- All team nominations need to be in to Sam before round 4.

### **Officiating**

- Please ensure as clubs you have your umpires allocated each week. If you miss an allocation there are penalties to the club.

### **Development**

- Still looking for 1 under 9 coach, please see Kate.
- An additional team has been allocated in Under 13 which will mean a bye round.
- Looking for senior umpires who can come and support our junior umpires in the U13 comp.
- Club responsibility list will be provided to the clubs.

## **Representative**

- Steakhouse cup is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> June. It has been a struggle for many years to get players to play in this event.
- WWCHA will write to Albury indicating our intention to discontinue with the steakhouse cup. WWCHA would like to explore other opportunities.
- Still looking for players for Open Men. Still do not have a coach for this team.
- Over 35 men's team going away to Men's Masters. U18 boys also go away in the coming week.
- Looking for expressions on interest for umpires wanting to go away for 13 and 15 years age divisions.
- Canberra carnival June long weekend, WWCHA will be sending U11 teams. Coaches and managers will identify if the 13 and 15 teams will participate in the Canberra Carnival.

## **Events**

Nil further updates

## **Facilities**

Nil further updates

## **RCCC**

## **7.1 Club Reports**

Cavaliers

Nil

CSU

Nil

Harlequins

Nil

LAHC

Nil

Mustangs

Nil

Rosellas

Nil

Royals

- Happy to share sponsorship information with other clubs. Royals to send to Wagga Hockey and it will be published on the website.

## **Other Items**

Congratulations to Rosellas on their 75-year diamond Jubilee as a club. Rosellas celebrated this event on 21 April with some great memories, photos and memorabilia shared. 5 members were awarded life membership with the club. Those players are Della Noonan, Sharyn Wellham, Kaylene Price, Sharon Smith, Julie Jones.

## **9.0 Urgent Business**

Nil

## **10 Next Meeting**

Monday 28th May 2018

WWCHA Club Rooms, Jubilee Park.

## **11 Close of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 9.04pm.