

WWCHA General Meeting Agenda

Monday 27 May 2019



Date: Monday 27 May, 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: Ken Larkin (President), Melinda Chyb (Competitions), Thomas Belling (Development), Britt O'Donnell (Representative), Sam Arnold (Officiating), Phil Stone (Facilities)

Voting members: Scott Curtis (Cavaliers), Bernie Howard (CSU), Chris Skillen (Harlequins), Aaron Crump (Lake Albert), Sharyn Wellham (Rosellas), Maree Beresford (Royals), Ben Worldon (Mustangs)

Members: Amy Smart, Asumi Willis, Emma Lynch, Dennis Girling, Helen Landsdown, Ryan Hutton, Sharon Smith

2.0 Apologies: Karen Boyd, Emily Paul

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

29 April 2019 (located on WWCHA website)

Confirmed: Aaron Crump **Seconded:** Chris Skillen

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

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4.1	Nil			

4.2	Nil			
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5.0 Correspondence In

Lake Albert Hockey Club (15 May 2019)

Wagga Hockey Board

In the interest of improving the 3rd grade women's comp, we are requesting that Mel Rogers exemption to play third grade for LACU, be replaced with an exemption to play 3rd grade on the field for Mustangs.

This is done wholly for Mustangs, to provide them with another number on the field, as the women have struggled week in, week out with low numbers, going so far as playing injured players. Mel would like to help them out, and hopefully make the games more enjoyable for opposition players. Mel has never played field before, so the only main impact she would have, is providing another number on the field.

Originally when I was approached by Mel, I declined her request, as it would affect our Div 1 nominations, but after hearing that a Mustangs player was visibly upset, due to comments made about how bad it is playing against them, I was approached by Benny to see if something could be done.

We (LACU) are happy for Mel to do this but doing so impacts our nominations for Division 1.

- We would like to request that Mel stay a nominated Div 1 player but have an exemption to play Div 3 with Mustangs.*
- If that vote fails, we would like to request that we be allowed to have 8 women nominated for Div 1, so Mel will be able to help Mustangs.*

Regards,

*Aaron Crump
President of Lake Albert Hockey*

Voting Outcome for first proposal:

Y – 8

N – 2

Abstained – 2

URGENT BUSINESS – ROSELLAS – (23 May 2019)

Dear Ken and Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association

Our President , Narelle McMahon attended the meeting you convened tonight with all club presidents:

When asked what was not working this year, she replied Rosellas being in Division1 for this season. As we expressed in our Initial nomination on March 15, for season 2019 we would need possible considerations. We after the first Round games, also requested talking with Competitions Board Member Mel Chybb and Ken on Saturday 6th April and a letter was sent to Wagga Hockey with our concerns . We Rosellas received a reply on the 11th April Stateing the Boards requirements of 5 nominated players. Also stated this would be reviewed regularly by the executive.

We are now into round 8 this weekend, our team/or club hasn't won a game yet. Over the past few weeks our Division 1 have played with mainly Div2 players and even Div3 players

to make up the numbers, as the nominated Div 1 players have been away or injured during the games. The scores have been in the high single digits or low double digits eg (8-0 or 10-0 losses). This week we have only ONE (1) Division 1 player available. Our Division 2 players are Diverse in age 14-53 and also ability and their own Division 2 game is suffering. Our younger players are learning fast with the physical nature of higher grades and are at times intimidated by it and fear injury. Our duty of care is with our club members too. Even though our Club spirit is High there is only so much these players need to endure. We don't know how sustainable our Division 1 team can be for the rest of the season going by the recent weeks.

Sharyn Wellham
23 May 2019

There was robust discussion on this topic.

President's Summary: Thankyou for the update. We acknowledge that a number of other clubs/teams are in similar situations. Ken would like Rosellas to go back and see how much they would charge a player from another club to play div 1 for them and provide this cost to WWCHA by COB Friday. And asks all clubs if they have any players from division 2 or 3 that would be suitable to help out Rosellas to contact them. There are a lot of learnings to be taken from this for next year. Unfortunately at this stage of the competition we can not allow Rosellas to take their team out.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Rule amendment – failing to meet umpiring commitments

See attachment

Voting Outcome:

Y – 11

N – 0

Abstain – 1

6.2 Deferments – timing

Mel reminds clubs that on the WWCHA website, deferrments need to be submitted 2 weeks prior to the game to give due time to the process and notify all parties. We have had occasions where umpires have shown up unaware that games have been deferred.

Question: When we have a deferral during the day, can we please let the 6:30 time (Div 1 women) know, so they can potentially re-schedule their game to the vacant time slot. Mel agrees that she can advise clubs

6.3 Turf Cost Incentive – Who qualifies?

Emily has been working on this but is a last minute apology for the meeting. Will be followed up with email to clubs

6.4 Updated Club Fact Sheets

This was discussed last meeting and club fact sheet link was resent to clubs. However, NO clubs have provided updated club fact sheets. Ken – this is the last time will be discussed.

6.5 Club Showcase – CSU

Bernie Howard (CSU President) gave a lengthy presentation. Main points below:

- Club executive is elected at AGM in September/October each year at presentation night. 8 positions in executive: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 x hockey coordinators and 2 x social coordinators
 - o President and VP oversee all proceedings of the club and liase with Wagga Hockey and CSU
 - o Secretary – send weekly email to all memebbers highlighting draw, results, and upcoming social events. In charge of social media (Facebook) account of the club
 - o Treasurer – Liases with CSU. Sets budget in accordance with CSU policy
 - o Hockey Coordinators – Organise umpiring duties each week and select teams at start of year
 - o Social Coordinators – Organise social events and push pub attendance. Trivia night was a few weeks ago, Pre-packham party is also a big event for the club
- This year CSU have tried to have a coach and manager for all teams and not have any player/coaches. Manager is important position for club – they are responsible for filling out the team sheet, facebook poll to see who is available for teams, run water bottles during quarter time breaks
- Normal training on a Tuesday night, however fitness training is run on a Thursday night at the Uni in either the gym or on the oval. This is run by 2 members of the club: Erin Loxley and Phil Stone. Can receive up to 20 people some weeks. For all fitness levels – not just elite athletes
- The Duke Hotel has come on board as the new major sponsor after the Home Tavern closed over the off season. Membership cards give drink and food specials. There is a big push in the club to try and get players to go after training and games each week
- Club portion of fee is paid through online University portal. The University SRC subsidise player fee \$50 for CSU students only. SRC also give small amounts of 'sponsorship' money towards facility costs
- Fundraising
 - o Pre-season Bunnings BBQ – very successful making around \$1200. Waiting times are approx. 1 year however so need forward thinking
 - o Cadbury chocolate fundraising has been used effectively over the previous seasons but can take up a large amount of time. Recommend the \$1 Freddos
 - o In 2017 Exec members were raffled off at the Pre-Packham party to act as 'slaves' the next day at Packham Cup. This was very effective and raised a lot of money.
- Biggest problem faced by club is player turnover. CSU can have approx. 30% player turnover each year with transient uni population. Second biggest problem is that to be a CSU club, the club requires at least 60% of members be CSU students. Another problem for CSU is having a lot of players need to leave during uni holidays. CSU thank Mel (Competitions) for her help in accommodating CSU in the draw this year – have not had to ask for any deferrals at this stage

- CSU have a grading day at the start of the year to encourage new and old players to 'dust off the cobwebs'. This is an effective way to get the old players to return and get back into the swing of things and grade and select new players into teams
- Phil Stone – CSU isn't connected to juniors in terms of player pathways. However we have a number of volunteers who help out. So to have more of a connection to Juniors, CSU have challenged themselves to raise \$1000 for Juniors this year. This is mostly through the 10c can return. Phil raids the bins at hockey each week and collects all cans. Also collects cans from club parties. Currently the club is at \$214 after 6 weeks of collection

Thankyou Bernie for your Presentation. Royals are asked to Showcase at the June meeting. Rosellas volunteer for July. Harlequins August.

7.0 Board Reports

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

7.1 – President Report

- Last week I attended a seminar hosted by Office of Sport (Wagga).

Attending the seminar were development representatives from a number of sports across Riverina. It was interesting from the perspective that most sports despite a clear difference in funding, that we all face similar challenges particularly around player development and flat line in Snr No's despite good growth in junior no's.

All of the reps from the other sports were paid positions and covered a Riverina and Western Riverina district.

The seminar was a great opportunity for us to profile our sport in Wagga and to share our journey so far and the challenges that we currently face.

We have also been invited to attend future planning forums, to link our sport and other sports to the strategic direction that Office of Sport have recently promoted.

The lesson for me from this seminar is that there is a lot to be learnt from the other sports and we should ensure going forward that we participate in future discussion to ensure we have a voice in sport in Riverina.

- We still need volunteers on the Thursday of the Hockey NSW Under 15 championships, to help with some of the heavy work in setting up the fields. This includes, marquee set up, ground cleaning and organising the canteen, BBQ etc.
- We have had some delays in the provision of materials to finalise our storage area. However despite these delays, it is expected that the storage area will be completed 1st week of June.
- Additional lights have been installed in from of the careen to provide better lighting. We have also installed a sensor light in the corridor between the storage area and the canteen.
- We have submitted a Council Grant application to purchase a no of aluminium benches to place around both fields.
- We have obtained a great price for the benches so the board have made a decision to purchase and install before the Under 15 Girls Championships.
- At the time of writing this report, our Presidents Forum had not been held. I will provide an update on the Forum at this meeting.

** Presidents forum has now been held and was a successful night. Will continue to have these at later times.

** Re: Roster for U15 girls carnival: Cavaliers are seeking to change their rostered time to attend the Lake Albert 40th year celebration Saturday night

** Reminder to have only registered players/officials in the dugout

** Reminder for all clubs to make sure they supply members to work in the canteen when rostered. Harlequins this week did not supply anyone during their Divison 1 mens game

7.2 – Administration

- We have now published four newsletters. As promised, the newsletter is published each Thursday. Submissions are due by Wednesday of the week you wish to have it published. I welcome feedback on the content and whether this is a worthwhile form of communication. Thank you to those Clubs and individuals who have submitted items. If you have photographs from the previous round, please send them though as there is no doubt readers may be more interested in viewing these.

- Thank you to clubs for your approach to the 'Club Showcase'. It is great to see clubs considering what they'd like to 'showcase'. This is a great way to celebrate and recognise the work of club committee's as well as share ideas and open up conversations with other clubs.

7.3 – Treasurer

(Attached)

7.4 – Competitions

The Competition Manager will talk to the following:

- Deferments – see above
- Competition person from clubs
- Respect for All – Remind all members to show respect in discussions of other clubs
- Start times – thankyou to all clubs for their improvement in this aspect over recent weeks

7.5 – Officiating

People in the tech bench has been poor in recent weeks with many clubs failing to supply volunteers. And there has been a number of players taking the field without signing the card and errors on the cards (not having goals recorded etc). As we approach the halfway point of the year, should we start to penalise clubs for failure to supply or carry out duty correctly.

CSU asks if something can be provided in the tech-bench boxes with instructions on how to perform correctly.

7.6 – Development

- Wagga Hockey are again proud to support the "Shoosh for Kids" initiative run by the Office of Sport and backed by Hockey NSW. The initiative aims to create a supportive atmosphere for juniors in sport and remind parents and all spectators to only provide positive comments to players and umpires. Or more simply, "if you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say it". Wagga Hockey will officially run the event on Friday 31st May, and have a photo shot between the u9/11 and u13 games, approx 630pm. Would be great to get some clubs down that night. I'll speak to this more at the meeting, and continue to flood the Facebook Page
- Junior draw and results are now available online. I will continue putting this info in junior newsletter too

- Thankyou to Cavaliers Hockey Club who have been running the bbq most Friday nights. Your efforts are appreciated by the kids and parents alike.
- Junior umpiring (u16) roster has been sent to all clubs (twice) for the next 4 rounds. There will be no excuses accepted, and failure to supply umpires will be penalised
- Remember there is a standing invitation to all clubs and Association members to come to juniors Friday and Monday nights. Come and help move goals, help the kids, help the coaches, recruit players

7.7 – Representative

U15 boys have just been away with mixed results. Overall finished 5th in their pool. Well done boys and Jackson for coaching.

Next team to go away is the Mens Opens on the June Longweekend

7.8 – Events (N/A)

Next big event to come up will be the U15 Girls Carnival. Roster has been provided. But we are still searching for volunteers to help out on the Thursday and Friday

7.9 – Facilities

Reminder to all clubs to make sure they complete the 'fields maintenance' part of their duty. Especially now as the leaves fall and litter the fields. Further reminder to all clubs to clean rubbish.

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 June 24, 2019 – 7.30pm

MEETING CLOSED at 9:05