



## WWCHA January Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday 30 January 2023

**Meeting opened:** 7.32pm

**Meeting Closed:** 10.05pm

**Location:** Club Rooms, Jubilee Park

**Chaired by:** Lee Murrell

**Board Membership:**

President: Lee Murrell

Secretary: Rebecca Peel

Competitions Manager: Mel Chyb

Officiating Officer: Zac Tinning

Representative Manager: Jaclyn Hogan

Facilities Manager: Benson Williams

Events Manager: Liz Cronin

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

## Present (A-Z):

### Board Members:

Benson Williams, Jaclyn Hogan, Lee Murrell, Liz Cronin, Mel Chyb, Rebecca Peel, Zac Tinning.

### Club representatives:

Club	Representative	Role
Cavaliers	Alicia Rose	President
CSU	Daniel Smith	President
Harlequins	Jackson White	President
Lake Albert	Adam Boyd	President
Rosellas	Sharyn Wellham	President
Royals	Jarrold Thorne	President

Apologies: Corrie Ellis

### 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

26 September 2022

Accepted: Ken Larkin

Seconded: Daniel Smith

Comment: NA

### Actions arising from previous minutes

Actions arising from previous meeting minutes	Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress	Update
Vacant board position nominations - treasurer and Development Manager	Lee Murrell		In Progress	Corrie Ellis nominated for the position of treasurer. 2nd by Patrick

				<p>O'Donnell. All agreed.</p> <p>Nathan Szymanski nominated by Lee Murrell seconded by Adam Boyd. All agreed.</p>
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## Correspondence In

Correspondence	Club/Person	Format	Date	Action
Update registration details for Griffith/Tumut affiliation	Rebecca Peel	Revolutionise	07 February	Griffith and Tumut registration is available online
<p>NSW Men's Masters</p> <p>2023 Annual Forum 1 February 23</p> <p><a href="#">2023 Calendar and timeline is now posted on the men's master's website</a></p> <p>At the 2023 Annual Forum we will call on associations to express their interest to host our Men's Masters Championships in 2024.</p> <p>Lifetime Contribution to Men's Masters Hockey nominations</p>	Rebecca Peel	Email	<p>01/02/23</p> <p>-</p> <p>Nomination form completed and returned by 04/02/23</p> <p>11/02/23</p>	No Action required

## New Business

### 1. Playing Rules Committee subcommittee membership and direction

- Playing rules committee have reviewed and made notes in G-Drive, however the committee will need to reconvene to merge documents and finalise work to date. It was proposed that the committee be revised to maintain enthusiasm.
- Committee interest was asked for and the following volunteered.
  - i. Lee Murrell to chair

- ii. Charmaine Gaye
- iii. Benson Williams
- iv. along with any former committee members willing to volunteer time and expertise.

## 2. Calendar of events

- To be provided by Mel Chyb and Bec Peel by next board meeting (27 February 2023)

## 3. Competitions - Mel Chyb

### Indoor Competition commenced - update

- Started 29 January
- Call for additional teams to play - could teams be split to create an additional team
- Clubs to try and gain interest

### Summer Competition start date

- Start date 15 February 2023 - due to touch football carnival
- Look at using the come and try format to limit fee payment to encourage additional community participation
- Teams to be made up each week to develop a positive cross club culture
- Half field games
- 8 week program- Summer of Hockey training and development program

### Winter season

- Start date of 25/03/23
- Fees to be confirmed by Treasurer 5 January 2023
- Registrations to open at the beginning of March
- 16 Rounds with the grand final falling on 23 September 2023
- Promotion through High Schools and Primary school newsletters and flyers Rosie will do some preliminary investigation into schools - Bec Peel to do a budget and promotional plan by 27 February 2023
- Come and Try (Juniors) will be organised by Nathan and Liz on a Thursday or Friday night before the start date.
- Clubs need to provide team numbers to Mel by 27 February to plan for competition schedule
- CSU to provide detail around CSU dates to try and facilitate round scheduling and investigate the possibility of how the teams are structured to minimise availability interruptions.
- There are many interruptions to the season for 2023 to work around including:
  - Academy Games 21-23 April
  - U15 Boys State Championships 26-28 May
  - Long weekend in June
- Discussion around Women competition and what the format will entail. 9 a side was a compromise last year and WWCHA will be going back to 11 a side games.

- Expression of interest form to be sent out to get an idea on what division there is interest in. Bec to develop form and collate information.

### Packham Cup

- Date 13 August 2023 - Benson to discuss date with Council
- Cost, promotion, and registration - no further information as yet

## 4. Facilities - Benson Williams

- Turf cleaning vote to proceed with quote \$4,422.00 proposed by Benson Williams for a deep clean of the fields. Accepted: Daniel Smith 2nd: Adam Boyd. In favour: All.
- Discussion in regard to procurement of regular grooming options. - Benson Williams to reach out and schedule.
- State touch carnival Junior State Cup reminder - closed fields

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- No outstanding accounts
- Water repairs \$6000
- Grand stand is the next large asset project aimed for by previous committee for 2024
- Presented quote for concreting the walkway at the end of fields. Council has agreed to contribute 50%. Jacqui has requested to conduct some additional investigations into cost and options.
- Report accepted by Christie Burdette 2nd Dan Smith

## 6. Canberra Premier League application - WWCHA endorsement

- A presentation was given to address the emergent issues around the Canberra Premier League team and application to Hockey Canberra. The presenters spoke about the positive impact that introducing the CPL to Wagga would have including:
  - i. elevating hockey to other sports in Wagga such as Basketball
  - ii. pathway development
  - iii. developing and bringing back technical skills to WWCHA
  - iv. Improved inter club relationships
  - v. Addition of a development squad
  - vi. Mentorships from a CPL player
  - vii. Media coverage
- The presenters acknowledged that the first year would include many learnings and believe that there are many examples from both Goulburn and Albury to illustrate how WWCHA can grow as an association.
- The representatives for the CPL team proposed that they would like to:
  - i. Manage their own finances
  - ii. Have their own governance - for timely decisions

- iii. Have their bank account under Wagga Hockey
- iv. Explore whether WWCHA D1 Women's comp be moved to the same week night as the D1 mens will be moved to
- v. Have a 90 minute slot on:
  - 1. Saturdays between 12-3pm
  - 2. Sunday 10am to 12pm
- vi. That they would supply their own umpires
- vii. Would request the involvement of juniors to fill the roll of ball girls and boys
- Financially the CPL representatives have gained the sponsorship support from a number of local businesses and request that:
  - i. training fees be waived - as they are for representative teams
  - ii. Waive fees for home games
  - iii. WWCHA pay the initial Canberra Hockey installment with scorcher to reimburse when they have cash flow
  - iv. For the WWCHA to consider a financial sponsorship - this has also been requested from Wagga Clubs
- The CPL representatives requested a letter of support from WWCHA to present to Canberra Hockey as a requirement to register.
- Due to the complexity and emergent nature of some of these items the WWCHA President requested that we narrow the discussion to emergent items only and revisit other requests at the next board meeting. as a result the following was discussed and agreed upon:
  - i. Financially:
    - Facility usage fee for training and games be waived
    - \$7000 nomination fee be paid (due April and June) - under the understanding that it will be paid back.
  - ii. WWCHA provide unbiased support for the Capital League competition
- 2nd Benson Williams
- Vote: All approved
- A letter needs to be prepared and provided to Ken Larkin tonight for submission tomorrow at the Canberra Hockey board meeting.  
Bec Peel to provide.

## 7. Thanks to outgoing board members

- Outgoing board members Ken Larkin, Karen Boyd, and Amy Smart are to be removed from the authority on the account. Nominated that the incoming President, Treasurer, and Secretary are the new signatories on the WWCHA account.

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**Meeting closed:**       **10.05pm**

**Next Meeting:**       27 February 2023

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Lee Murrell (President/ Chairperson)

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Rebecca Peel (Secretary / Minute Taker)