

# WWCHA General Meeting Agenda

## Monday 29 July 2019



**Date:** Monday 29 July, 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

### 2.0 Apologies:

### 3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

24 June 2019 (located on WWCHA website)

### 4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

4.0 Actions arising from previous Minutes		Person Responsible	Timeframe	Progress
4.1	Procedural Document to support Red Card Penalties document	Developed by The Board		Content and amendments have been made to document presented at June meeting. New document has been drafted for this meeting.

### 5.0 Correspondence In

- Incident-Sat 20/7/19-D2 Women's  
CSU v LACU: Jesse Thompson (LACU) – Red Card – Umpire Reports

## **6.0 New Business**

- 6.1 2020 Hockey NSW State Championships EOI
- 6.2 Umpire Availability
- 6.3 Grading Committee 2020
- 6.4 Playing Rules – Change TO Rule I (8)
- 6.5 Hockey NSW Alcohol Policy
- 6.6 Uniform Policy Review
- 6.7 Club Showcase - Rosellas

## **7.0 Board Reports**

<b>7.1</b> President	Submitted
<b>7.2</b> Administration	Submitted
<b>7.3</b> Treasurer	No report
<b>7.4</b> Competitions	No report
<b>7.5</b> Officiating	Submitted
<b>7.6</b> Development	No report
<b>7.7</b> Representative	No report
<b>7.8</b> Events	No report
<b>7.9</b> Facilities	Incl. in President Report

### **7.1 – President Report**

The last 4 weeks have been very busy for our association.

We hosted the Under 15 Hockey NSW Girls championships, and from feedback from Hockey NSW and some of the associations that attended , everyone had a fantastic time.

Thank you to all our clubs and volunteers who helped out over the weekend, and a special thanks to the board members and club members who helped with the set up on the Thursday before the championships.

From a representative perspective, our Under 13 boys won their division at the Hockey NSW Championships. Along with the Open Men winning their divisions over the long weekend in June, this gave us 2 championships wins for the season-a great result. Congratulations to the

Coach Craig Knowles and Manager Mel Chyb, you did a fantastic job.

Thanks again to all the members that attended the Tech Bench Coaching and Information session on the 12th July. This was a great turn out and something everyone should be proud of. If there is further interest, the association is happy to schedule a formal accreditation session later on in the season. Thank you to all the clubs for your support.

One of the best pieces of news that we have received this season is that Hockey has now been added back as a program in the Southern Sports Academy. This will be a great boost not only for our talented athletes from Wagga but also surrounding areas such as Griffith, Albury and Young.

We thank Hockey NSW for their support and persistence in working with the Southern Sports Academy over the last couple of years.

From a facilities perspective our Storage Shed is now complete and we have taken up formal residence, and have moved everything out of the club rooms. This has provided a lot more space in the club room.

We have also installed new carpet. We had a rodent problem, that was starting to create some unusual smells, which was making it unpleasant. The kitchen has also been cleaned up and is now fresh and operational for making a coffee etc , at meetings.

Finally we have been told that the cleaning of the newly renovated toilets and toilets (below the clubrooms) is the responsibility of Wagga Hockey (Winter) and Wagga Touch (Summer).

If we could ask all members that use these facilities to keep them clean and tidy, and pick up and dispose of any rubbish.

## **7.2 – Administration**

Contact has been made with NSW Hockey who are willing to support us in facilitating training Revolutionise training for all Clubs later in the Season. September has been proposed and we will confirm dates in the coming month. The purpose of this training is to support all clubs in moving to the Revolutionise platform in 2020.

No Newsletter was distributed in the School Holiday period. This has recommenced. I propose it may be best to move this to a fortnightly distribution so that association members are more likely to read it and there is less repetition of content. Life Members are now receiving the Newsletter which may be a good way to engage them in what is happening. I plan to showcase one association member each newsletter for the remainder of the Season provided those asked respond to the questions in time. I will initially approach individuals, however, if clubs have someone they'd like included please contact me.

As always, contributions for inclusion in the newsletter, including photos, would be most welcome.

### **7.3 – Treasurer**

### **7.4 – Competitions**

### **7.5 – Officiating**

There has been a number of things been happening in Officiating recently with meeting and presentations in order to improve everyone's understanding of the game.

Wagga Hockey held separate meetings on short notice for both umpires and Division 1 teams on a Saturday morning. Many thanks to all people who attend the meetings and for Ken Larkin to take the lead to initial the meetings, as well as Charmain Gay providing the technical support.

Again through the networking done by Ken, Wagga Hockey was able to provide a TO course from Bruce Cook from Hockey NSW aimed at a localised level for our domestic game. There was great support from most clubs which was ran on a Friday night at no cost to the association which Hockey NSW wishes to rolled out to other associations. Bruce initially observed some games on the Saturday before getting involved, giving an actual visual experience to all at the games of what a TO should aim to do.

This has resulted in Wagga Hockey looking to host an official TO course run by Hockey NSW on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August and need a minimum of one volunteer from each club for it to go ahead.

However, there is concerns with the very obvious umpiring shortage particularly with females representation in the association as a whole. This was highlighted by the fact that with only 24 hours notice the two Division 1 Women in Round 14 had to switched around in order to have suitable umpires to officiate them. Thank you to the four Division 1 teams accepting the change of game times.

The whole situation comes down to I as Officiating need to appoint 8 umpires capable of officiating Division 1 games in only 3 timeslots and sadly for a number of seasons now, the women competition has not been to supply four Division 1 umpires on their own. The reason not to defer the games, still highlights the problem that I would need to find umpires when the games are scheduled. Having the rule change to have Officiating appoint umpires for Division 1 has masked the issue in reality.

The umpire shortage is also taking it toll with fewer umpires overall in the association having to umpire more regularly and players (particularly seniors ones) abusing the umpires. This comes down to Officiating gets it umpires from the clubs, so therefor the clubs need to be developing umpires. Officiating offers support where needed, but all clubs need to looks at boosting their umpiring ranks which means getting players to take up the whistle and physically step on the field in the lower divisions and juniors each week.

A more detailed outlook will be conducted at the general meeting about the umpire shortage on how to move forward.

## **7.6 – Development**

## **7.7 – Representative**

## **7.8 – Events (N/A)**

## **7.9 – Facilities**

## **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 August 26, 2019 – 7.30pm