

## Minutes

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes

**13 February 2017**

Held in the Clubrooms commencing at 7pm.

#### **PRESENT:**

Board	Bert Eastoe, Michael Darmody, Barry Verbunt, Tony White, Sharyn Norie, Chantel Lavis and Cayte Campbell
Life members	Joanne Duffy
Beechworth	Anne Duncan
Falcons	Rowan Wallace, Rod White, Kevin Mason, Narelle Hamilton
Magpies	Darryl Lavis, Lyndon Robertson
Norths	Le Vene Horne, Tracy Wood
Scots	Claire McIntosh
Wodonga	Kyle Brereton, Vanessa Flanagan, Alan Warhurst, Glenn Delaney, Mel Pontt, Don Cullen, Deb Cullen
CR United	Kay Lumby, Jemma Lumby, Shannon Beacom

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Board	Deb Lawrence
Falcons	Hayden Anderson, Deb Mynett
Norths	Gay Harvey
Wombats	Andrew McMillan, Lucy Turner
Wangaratta	

#### **1. OPENING**

The President Bert Eastoe explained how the voting works for an SGM and that each club could allocate their votes in a block or individually.

Clubs & Teams		Votes Entitled to
Beechworth	9	5
CR United	13	5
Falcons	14	5
Magpies	13	5
Norths	12	5

Clubs & Teams		Votes Entitled to
Scots	3	2
Wangaratta	4	2
Wodonga	13	5
Wombats	12	5
Life Members		1

## 1 Wodonga surface replacement

- **Discussion.** The existing surface is 20 years old and is at the end of its useful life. Project time is for tender responses are due on 21 March with possible finish date end of April which is not achievable. If it is done post season then this year will be the same as last year with no games there for D1 Apart from Chandler cup. The Baranduda fields given partnership funding could be 10 years away.  
**Synthetic field replacement strategy.** Albury was replaced in 2009 with expected 10 years life. G1 to be replaced earlier than G2 as G2 has less use. Existing loan is over 10 year term and about \$60,000 is still owing. There is a tripartite agreement that requires this loan has to be paid out before any further loans are agreed.

### Resolution

**That** Hockey Albury Wodonga work with City of Wodonga to replace the Wodonga synthetic surface.

**Moved:** Alan Warhurst Wodonga, **Seconded:** Kevin Mason Falcons.

Passed Unanimously.

## 2. Finance

Project cost is about \$550,000 including site establishment, clean up, installation of an asphalt layer, shock pad and the synthetic surface. HAW costs are capped at \$175,000, and we will remove the existing turf. (This in kind contribution is about \$25,000 including tip fees) and interest in second hand turf will be investigated. Proposal is to borrow \$175,000 with assistance from Wodonga Council over a term of five years allowing for Albury replacement start in four years and then G2 about four years post G1.

Current assets - we have \$175,000 in accounts.

An option to source funds from Wodonga City Council and Hume are being explored. Andrew Leah a former HAW director and engineer involved with Albury upgrade has agreed to assist with technical side and be on the selection committee.

Wodonga lights may require replacing due to age impacting on maintenance cost.

Ground tenure - the lease will be a minimum of the loan term and is being negotiated.

### Resolution

**That** Hockey Albury Wodonga obtains finance up to a maximum of \$175,000 as a contribution to the replacement of the Wodonga field surface.

**Moved:** Vanessa Flanagan Wodonga, **Seconded:** Lyndon Robertson Magpies.

Passed Unanimously.

### Resolution

## 3 Steering committee

That the steering committee comprise members of Hockey Albury Wodonga, Wodonga Hockey Club and Wodonga City.

Wodonga City will be the primary contractor.

**Moved:** Glen Delaney Wodonga, **Seconded:** Shannon Beacom United.

Passed Unanimously.

#### 4. Ground lease

##### Resolution

**That** a new lease be obtained from the Council that extends to the life of the asset being a preferred to be 10 years but no less than 7.5 years.

**Moved:** Glen Delaney Wodonga, **Seconded:** Rowan Wallace Falcons.

Passed Unanimously.

#### Deferred Matter 2016 AGM - Affiliation fees United Hockey club

**Discussion:** The reason for the difference in affiliation costs was to allow a subsidy for out of town clubs including Tallangatta, Henty, Wangaratta, Beechworth etc. This is noted as a subsidy for development of clubs who are building their numbers and don't have access to the broader hockey community. United's has grown and while the subsidy was needed, that time has passed. Comparative training costs were discussed briefly. All clubs share the same Association surfaces. Wangaratta and Beechworth are excluded from this as they are still in a development phase.

The fees are attached to the minutes

Voting will be done by ballot paper after a caucus break and only the result will be disclosed. Challenges of club maintaining grounds and goals and with increasing costs it is difficult for clubs to raise their fees. A loss of players is anticipated with an increase in fees particularly for some families that have three or four to trips to Albury a week. The grounds at Corowa are required for games and an outlay of about \$5,000 is required to maintain the two grounds at Corowa (which is not their training ground) including mowing, goals, line marking and power (5 hours). They feel that they are being penalised for having a successful club. It was indicated Albury based clubs pay \$7000 per annum for local clubs. Beechworth mentioned that they travel to train.

##### Further

Federation Council does assist with ground maintenance of irrigation and surrounds.

United's' fees were \$210 senior (\$13 per game) \$120 junior (\$7 per game) excluding HV fee Structure of fees includes juniors who play seniors have a reduction, but they all pay their fees. The club owns the uniform and hands it out – very few players own their own.

- Claire McIntosh suggested an amendment to the motion so that the cost is phased in over two years – a staged increase of \$200 this year and \$200 next year. (Note that the motion can be amended at the meeting if it is substantively the same – which it is in this case)
- Association should assist with covering the field costs. Maintenance costs be on charged to the clubs that use the fields. CRU currently train on a former bowling green synthetic surface. Cost recovery is to be investigated.
- Letter from Life members to the SGM was outlined including their preference to grow the sport and have players participating while it's not solely about money.
- If passed the CRU should have priority to training.

##### Motion

That the United Club subsidy be discontinued

### **Amendment of motion**

**That** the resolution be amended to include “and the fee increase be phased in over two years”.

**Moved:** Joanne Duffy Life Member Rep, **Seconded:** Alan Warhurst Wodonga.  
Passed **Unanimously.**

### **2 Resolution**

That the United Club subsidy is to be discontinued and the fee increase be phased in over two years.

**Moved:** Michael Darmody **Seconded:** Alan Warhurst Wodonga

### **Motion passed**

## **2. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Autumn Carnival

- If there are not 25 teams by the end of the week then the carnival will be cancelled

By Laws

- Four people have nominated for the by-laws committee. They are Laddie Bardy, Dawn George, Matt Bardy and Bert Eastoe. Due to time restraints the task will not be ready for the General meeting in March. The committee intends to work on each section separately and keep the clubs involved as they progress. HV have got a copy of many of the regional Victorian constitutions and we will use the best bits of these as well as trying to dovetail with other states and territories.

Meeting closed at 8.45.

### **Attachments**

- Affiliation fees
- Member record

## Affiliation & Ground Hire Fees 2017

Fee	2015	2016	2017
<b>Affiliation (Albury Wodonga &amp; Corowa Rutherglen based)</b>			
Seniors	1,010	1,030	1,050
Juniors	188	192	196
Veterans	280	285	290
<b>Affiliation (Other clubs based)</b>			
Seniors	642	655	668
Juniors	122	125	128
Veterans	280	285	290
<b>Game fees (synthetic only)</b>			
Seniors	108	110	112
Juniors	65	67	69
Veterans	88	90	92
Twilight	65	65	65
<b>Training fees (per field per hour)</b>			
Full field	73	75	77
Half field	46	48	50
Full field (with lights)	113	116	119
Half field (with lights)	73	75	77
<b>Other hire fees (per field per hour)</b>			
Secondary schools	60	60	60
Primary schools	33	33	33
Non-hockey full field (with lights)	136	140	144
Non-hockey half field (with lights)	91	93	95
Non-hockey full field	102	105	108
Non-hockey half field	68	70	72
Grass field	44	44	44

## Hockey Albury Wodonga Special General Meeting

### Attendance Sheet

Albury Hockey Centre Clubroom, 7pm, Monday 13 February 2017

Name	Club/Board affiliation
Tony White	BOM
Jemma Lumby	CR United
Kaylene Lumby	CR United
Shannon Beaumont	CR United
Nick Smith	WHC
Al Warkhurst	Lull C.
Chantal Lewis	BOM
Douglas Agar	Scots
Sharyn Norie	BUM
Clare McIntosh	Scots
Lyndee Robertson	Maggies
Tracy Wood	Norths
Leanne Haine	Norths
Anne Duncan	B'worth

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ROWAN WALLACE	FALCONS
Kevin Mason	Falcons
Rod White	Falcons - Life Member
Joanne Doffly	Life Member.
Vanessa Flanagan	Wodonga
Glenn Deane	Wodonga
Narelle Hamilton	Falcons.
Deb Cullen	Wodonga
Ann Cullen	Wodonga
DARREN LAWS	MAGPIES.
BARRY VERBUNT	BOOM
Michael Jago	BOOM