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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of the Hockey Albury Wodonga Annual General Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in the Alexander Park Clubrooms commencing at 7pm.

### **PRESENT:**

Board	Bert Eastoe, Michael Darmody, Barry Verbunt, Tony White, Sharyn Norie, Chantel Lavis, Deb Lawrence and Cayte Campbell
Life members	Joanne Duffy, Bill Russell
Falcons	Deb Mynett, Rowan Wallace, Kevin Mason, Hayden Anderson, Veronica Kimball
Magpies	Darryl Lavis, Lyndon Robertson
Norths	Le Vene Horne, Tracy Wood, Emma Thorneycroft
Scots	Doug Agar
Wodonga	Vanessa Flanagan, Alan Warhurst, Glenn Delaney, Debbie Cullen, Don Cullen, Mel Pontt, Phil McQuilton
Wombats	Andrew McMillan
CR United	Kay Lumby, Jemma Lumby, Kellie Storer, Lorraine Plunkett, Matthew Davis
Wangaratta	No members present
Beechworth	No members present

### **APOLOGIES:**

Resolved that the following be accepted.

Norths	Gay Harvey,
Wodonga	Craig Mundy,

### **1. OPENING**

The President Bert Eastoe opened the meeting at 7pm and explained how many votes were available to each club and voting sheets will be issued if required. Will vote on show of hands until any issues arose requiring voting papers.

### **2. PROXIES**

As per submitted forms.

### 3. MINUTES OF 2016 AGM

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the 2016 AGM be signed as a true and accurate record

**Moved:** Bert Eastoe - Chair

**Business arising:** Nil

### 4. PRESIDENT & BOARD REPORTS

The President and Directors referred to their reports.

- President Bert Eastoe
- Competitions Deb Lawrence
- Umpires Barry Verbunt
- Representative Chantel Lavis
- Development Sharyn Norie
- Carnivals & Special Events Tony White

**Resolved:** That the director's reports as read be accepted

**Moved** Bert Eastoe, Seconded Tony White. Carried

- Finance Report Michael Darmody

Michael Darmody presented the 2017 Financial report including Profit & Loss and Balance sheet.

**Resolved:** That the Audited Financial report as presented be accepted.

**Moved** Michael Darmody, Seconded Kevin Mason. Carried

### 5. APPOINTMENTS

#### 5.1 Accounting

The Association accounts have been audited by Mr. Edwin Burkitt of Milham & Davis.

A query about the independence as Milham Davis arose if the activity statements and audit are by the same person. Finance Director advised that Ed Burkitt does the audit however the BAS is completed at arm's length. If required Rod Bramich can lodge our BAS.

**Resolved:** That Milham & Davis be appointed the Associations Auditor for 2018.

**Moved** Deb Lawrence, seconded Kay Lumby. Carried.

#### 5.2 Public Officer

Bill Russell is the Public officer for the Association and is prepared to continue in that role.

## 5.3 Legal

While Legal counsel has not been appointed, it was noted that Peter Simpson of Simpson Law is prepared to assist on a needs basis.

## 6. BUDGET & AFFILIATION FEES

Michael spoke about the budget for 2018 which has a 2% rise in line with the Consumer Price Index. The proposed second part of the increase of the affiliation fees for United has not gone ahead as we are with United to sort the cost of maintenance. We may propose a small charge for use of the United fields on a user pays basis. We need to iron out the details and this will be presented to the P&S in 2018. The budget will be sent out to the Clubs later in the week.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation of a 2% rise for 2018 be adopted

Moved: Michael Darmody, Seconded Kevin Mason. Carried

## 7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Three nominations were received – two of these were in line with the Constitution time frames and one was late.

- **COMPETITIONS:** Deb Lawrence
- **DEVELOPMENT:** Sharyn Norie

As those that nominated within the time frame were the only nominations for these positions, they are elected unopposed

- **UMPIRES:** Josh Mason (late nomination)

Further nominations were requested from the floor for the Director of Umpires. As no further nominations were received Josh Mason was elected unopposed.

The Board of Management for Hockey Albury Wodonga for 2018 is:

- President Bert Eastoe
- Finance Michael Darmody
- Competitions Deb Lawrence
- Umpires Josh Mason
- Representative Chantel Lavis
- Development Sharyn Norie
- Carnivals & Special Events Tony White

Darryl Lavis moved a vote of thanks to Barry regarding the Umpire meetings and leadership during the last two years. Bert also thanked Barry for his efforts as the outgoing Director of Umpiring.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS: (record of issues raised)**

**Wodonga Hockey Field.** The tenders have been received and assessed. The recommendation of the subcommittee will go to the December meeting of Council. The plan will be for using our own funds as Council would not support a loan guarantee through Hume Bank. Assistance will be required in the demolition phase from clubs to reduce costs.

**Junior Competition:** Query about the possible change to the competitions – impacted by new Wodonga ground and upgraded grass grounds. It is noted that we have 750 (U18) juniors registered and this year we may look to have an ability rated competition as opposed to the current age (2 year) grouping for a more competitive competition. This will depend on team nominations.

**Masters Finals:** Query on Master rules and why not available at the finals. They were on HAW site. The 2018 rules will be circulated to clubs, relevant Directors and placed on the web site.

**Capital League:** Query on the planning for the 2018 Capital League season. Meetings have been on going over the last year and once the team/s are confirmed we will be looking for sponsorship. At this stage the women are certain with the men still requiring greater commitment. The Board is highly supportive of the push to get back into Capital League and maintain the elite pathway but believes that there needs to be at least 20 nominations to proceed (20 suggested by Andrew Monte). HACT rep is visiting Albury on 30 November.

**Umpires** Umpiring challenges and concerns with Wodonga games due to the limited games in Wodonga – and available umpires at the Albury fields. Barry noted that it is difficult job for both DOU and the club umpires to coordinate but anticipates with the upgrade of the Wodonga field this may be alleviated in 2018. He also suggested the clubs work with each other as some clubs did this year. He stressed that we need to support the marshal's initiative to ensure that we look after our umpires.

It was suggested we continue Umpire meetings to assist umpires and also coaches, managers and players to assist with interpretation of the rules. Andrew McMillan is able to assist with laptops to do courses for umpires as well.



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There was a follow up about umpire assessment (or reassessment) for 2018. Sharyn can get an assessor here – we just have to let her know who and what assessment they require.

The Board should be aware when a club umpire does not turn up. Refer to President and Secretaries agenda for the first P&S.

**Development** Query on coaching opportunities in the schools in the Corowa Rutherglen area be run by local club to be communicated to them (United) first.

**Hockey 8s.** Players and organisers may have lost interest due to amount of hockey by the end of the year. The survey indicated that players wanted weekend tournament rather than three week format. It cannot be a one night event to raise the level of funds we are after. Tony stressed that without a supportive committee this event cannot be run – and this has a flow on effect for the association as we lose Development resources.

**Hook into Hockey** Query on why Hook in2 Hockey had been in a positive financial position in the last two years. This may be an allocation error and will be investigated.

**Finance** Clarification was sought of where the written off debt originated and this was identified as an old debt and not written off last year as we believed that it may have been recoverable - but proved not.

**Indoor:** Wodonga competition has 200 members and require more court space due to numbers. Two U13 teams have gone to Melbourne for representative and three players have made it into Nationals – Riley Sutherland U21 and U18, Will Karaffa U18 and Macey Sutherland U18. Next season more rep teams will be going to Melbourne.

**J Ball:** It is a social form of hockey on a small field and is being rolled out nationally. We hope to be part of the journey. No teams, no commitment – just turn up, no gear required. And all players have to touch the ball (more participation) as there are three separate zones (like netball).

**Fees:** Hockey Australia are putting a \$15 increase on our fees (note that this does not include GST or any increase by Hockey Victoria). It was suggested that the cost of registration (not including club) will go from \$60 to \$100 and that the details will be sent to clubs by Hockey Victoria soon. You can register early in the new year to ensure that you are covered for insurance and playing in all States without additional cost.

**Bylaws Constitution review:** The proposed non portfolio board members was not introduced in 2017. The Board is committed to create extra Board positions in 2018.



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The work on the bylaws has slowed due to competing priorities. Dawn George and Laddie Bardy had assisted but work is ongoing with Disciplinary by law being investigated by Hockey Victoria.

**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.**

## Hockey Albury Wodonga AGM

### Attendance Sheet

Albury Hockey Centre Clubroom, 7pm, Monday 20 November 2017

Name	Club/Board affiliation
BEN EASTOE	FALCONS BOM
Shayn Norie	Wombats Bom.
Douglas Agar	SCOTS
Debbie Cullen	Woolaya
Cayte Campbell	ops Manager
Darragh Lavis	MAGPIES HC
Kevin Mason	SALCONS
Tony White	B.O.M.
BARRY VERBUNT	BOM
Chantel Lavis	Bom
Bill Russell	Life Member
Emma Therreycraft	Norths. Bom
Lyndon Robertson	Magpies
Corrairie Plunkett	CR United
Matthew Davis	CR United
MICHAEL SAGMODY	BOM
Gen Delaney	Wodonga Hockey Club
TRACY WOOD	DORTB



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Veronica Kimball	Falcons
Don Sullivan	Wodonga
A. McMillan	Wodonga
Joanne Duffy	Life Members
Alon Wodhuff	Wodonga
Harold Anderson	Falcons
Kay Lumby	CRUNITED
Jemma Lumby	"
KELLIE STORER	"
LeVene Horne	Norths Hockey Club
Mei Pantt	WHC
THIL McQUIGGAN	WHC