

Victorian Underwater Hockey Commission

Committee Meeting - April 19th 2026



Date: 19/04/2025 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Virtual (via google meet)

Attendees

Tim Ogden (TO), Emma Le-Mar (EL), Stuart Scott (SS), Merryn Quilford (MQ), Dave McFee (DM), Kevin Chisholm (KC), Tanya Hansen (TH)

Apologies

Chris Steinman (CS)

Item	Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions	Moved	Second
Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting				KC	TH
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report presented by MQ in advance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MQ - Overview of the report (attached to agenda email) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested approval of nationals refunds laid out in the documents (<i>moved and seconded</i>) TO - Requested Campbell Blake is also refunded - MQ to organise this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MQ - Refund players (inc Campbell) after nationals reconciliation 	EL	TO
Nationals Sub-Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of meeting the meeting on April 8th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TO - Overview of meeting given <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manager and Coach position descriptions were revised Discussed committee approval of these changes (<i>moved and seconded</i>) Discussed the Manager and Coach expressions of interest going out in early May KC - Presented a revised the IA role description as discussed at April 8th meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously we had one IA officer per team, suggested we instead have one IA officer for all of the teams This would continue to bring transparency to the process but would massively reduce the workload for volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EL - Publish and advertise the EOIs for Nationals Team Managers and Coaches in early May 	DM	SS

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decided we would table this for the next meeting - Members were generally supportive of this 		
Actions from the last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tim Ogden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise a parental advisory meeting before next VUHC meeting - Speak with CS about Ballarat / Horsham club representatives - Form nationals sub-committee - Speak with Jack Ryan about Friday night coaching - Organise food for MAY MASH ● Emma Le-Mar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertise the new coaching framework on website and facebook - MAY MASH - advertise via email, social media and the website ● Stuart Scott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speak with Andrew Berry regarding policy review - Join the NAB account - Bring goals and pucks next Tuesday for MLC - Collect goal trays MAY MASH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure we request the boom is in the correct place on the day - Talk to AUF about funding for refs - Organise referees and draw ● Kevin Chisholm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve payments for MLC invoices - Speak with Stuart McCallum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tim Ogden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still working on Ballarat and Horsham club representative ● Emma Le-Mar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still working out some kinks of the coaching framework at Wonthaggi club, we will continue to develop it before pushing state wide ● Stuart Scott <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hoping to speak with Andrew soon - Not yet got to NAB - Has not heard back from AUF about refs, looking for local refs to volunteer for this event - Adreno may be willing to provide some prizes ● Kevin Chisholm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will visit bank tomorrow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CS - Ballarat/Horsham representative ● SS - Andrew Berry discussion about interest in policy review ● EL - Make a refs group on whatsapp, so we have a way to call out for volunteers easily ● SS - To speak with Ben Robbo about awards from Adreno 	

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	<p>regarding newsletter, and possible grants/fundraising position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go to NAB to accept Tim joining the account - Order medals for May Mash and The League 				
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● U19 fines letter ● Age determination queries ● Nationals payments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO - Overview of the letter received (attached to agenda email) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the negative aspects of fines - Decided to ban fines in junior teams in future - Requires further consideration and discussion to decide if it could be replaced with something more positive ● Age determination policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the recent correspondence and the different interpretations of club and state level hockey ● Nationals payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the correspondence regarding a player questioning nationals fees - Decided in future that players not in a Victorian nationals team, who are invited to train with the team, will be given a clear, per session quote before attending 			
Parental Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report from TO including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U18 players safety at comps (inc May Mash and The League) - Enthusiasm for a divided junior division at events (10 - 13 & 13-16) - Importance of equal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO - Overview of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decided we will consider splitting junior divisions when discussing individual events - Nationals sub-committee to consider nationals specific feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO - organise the next parental consultation meeting 		

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	<p>opportunities on offer for juniors trying out for nationals (when possible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nationals feedback about a possible U19 W team, accommodation options and priorities (lowering costs) 				
May Mash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams registered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fees paid • Junior division layout • Volunteers • Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ballarat struggling for numbers, may join with Maribynong • Pool is booked 9:30am - 6pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up from 9:30 for a 10am start • Game length <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 22 minute games (11 min halves) • Juniors division discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low numbers so we are struggling to make this division happen - TO - spoke on the parental consultation meeting feedback - Could we divide the junior division? (Moved and seconded) - Decided the split should be 10-13yrs and 13-16yrs - Decided that 15-16yr olds can only play one division to be providing equal opportunities - This will only be possible if we get the numbers to sign up • SS - Graham Henderson will run poolside (keep everything running on time etc) • Jobs to be done on the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - set up, lane ropes in, walls/ropes in, scorer tables, gong, refs gear, registration/sign in - Teams will supply in pool and deck refs - TO to ask around about any other volunteers for the day • SS - Medals have arrived 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS - organise Ballarat joining Maribynong • TO & EL - push junior participation of the event SS - to look into walls / led weights from Graham Henderson • EL - post a poll on committee whatsapp of all of the jobs • TO - ask around for volunteers 	TO	SS

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<p>The League</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teams registered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wonthaggi, Marinash, Women, Geelong ● Age determination confirmation ● Junior Super Sessions ● Volunteers ● Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the confirmed teams and what Caulfield needed to put together a team ● Age determination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the age determination document and how it aligned with the tournament - Decided the tournament most closely aligned with the 'state level' definition - Decided we could not meet the dispensation requirements ● Junior Super Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TO raised the parental consultation feedback - Discussed if we should invite 15yr olds to attend? - Decided yes - due to low numbers signed up and hoping to make the most of pool time - Discussed if we should split the pool for this session? - Decided yes - if we have the numbers, extra junior coaches may be required ● EL - Currently in touch with multiple guest coaches ● SS - No medals have arrived yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO - contact B grade Caulfield players about attending ● EL - contact junior coaches to support the possible split junior session ● TO - speak with KC about medals 		
<p>Selection Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review the Selection Policy ● Review IA position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tabled for the next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nationals sub committee - continue reviewing these documents 		
<p>Bank Authorisation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Removing people from the account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Romy Keppel - Vanessa Milnes ● Adding people to the account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim Ogden - Stuart Scott 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KC - Will approve TO being added to the bank account tomorrow ● MQ - Will remove members once we have enough current members on the account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KC - approve adding TO to the account ● MQ - Remove none committee members from the bank account 		

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<p>Any other business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Titles ● MLC - future of this club night? ● Date for next meeting - (We must vote on Manager and coaches within 28 days of EOI going out) ● Should / could we post meeting minutes to the VUHC website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KC - Important to get save the dates out with plenty of advance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decided to look into October 18th ● MLC plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently managing with Geelong and Wonthaggi kids, only a few Melbourne - Meegan and Hamish are back now, that may encourage some Melbourne players back ● Next meeting - 7:30pm - 25th May ● Decided that all meeting minutes will be posted to the VUHC website from now on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SS - contact Caulfield about 18th Oct availability ● KC/SS - talk with MLC about future bookings ● EL - to post meeting minutes on VUHC website 		
<p>Meeting closed at: 9pm</p>					