

Victorian Underwater Hockey Commission

Committee Meeting



Date: 16/12/2025 **Time:** 8pm **Venue:** Virtual (via phone call)

Attendees

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

Apologies

Karl Scothern, Chris Steinman

Item	Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions	Moved	Second
	1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting			MQ	TO
2. Actions from last minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates from Andrew Berry - Policy development (SS) ● Updates from Vanessa - Handover (TO & MQ) ● Updates from Stuart McCallum - Newsletter (EL /KC) - Grants & Fundraising (KC) ● Updates on Parents group - TO to discuss ● Still waiting to hear back from some clubs about representatives - (Ballarat, Horsham, Monash, Wizards) ● Bank account access update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SS to speak to Andrew further tomorrow night ● MQ happy to talk with Vanessa as required ● KC no update regarding Stuart McCallum yet ● Parental advisory - TO gave overview of parents he has spoken to and their thoughts on how this could run - Decided a meeting (open to all parents) one week before future VUHC committee meetings - Ensure we set the parameters of these meetings - not for parents to make or demand big changes, instead this is their chance to voice opinions and let us know how they think we could improve ● Club reps - Waiting to hear about Ballarat about Horsham - Wizards - Stuart, Monash - Mitchell - Discussed if we want to invite reps to committee meetings - Decided no as too many people could slow things ● KC update required (sign off on Tim joining account) - SS to also join the account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SS - speak with Andrew Berry regarding policy review ● KC - speak with Stuart McCallum regarding newsletter, and possible grants/fundraising position ● TO - organise a parental advisory meeting one week before next VUHC meeting (ensure he sets agenda) ● TO - speak with CS about Ballarat / Horsham club representatives ● KC - go to NAB to accept Tim joining the account ● SS to join the NAB account 		

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<p style="text-align: center;">3. MLC sessions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of first 2026 session ● Profit / loss of the session ● Ensuring age determination policy is being followed ● Invoices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KC ran MLC on Friday - moderate success, with hopes more people will attend the next session (in two weeks) ● The group that came with Hamish and Meg's did not attend this week, but hopefully they will be back in future weeks ● \$15 a head - probably did cover costs this week but probably will cover costs in the future ● 3 more sessions before the pool closes, still looking into future sessions in the new pool ● Discussed that the age determination policy is being followed every week ● Payment has been set up, to be approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SS - to bring goals and pucks next Tuesday for MLC ● KC - approve payments 		
<p style="text-align: center;">4. Nationals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nationals review ● Feedback so far ● Need to review policies ● EOI for team managers ● Overview of nationals timeline (nominations, selections etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO gave quick overview - 3 bronze medals, teams in every division ● Discussed the feedback received so far (in nationals folder of dropbox) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nothing to be acted on right now ● Discussed the need for policy reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MQ suggested a sub-committee for nationals discussions as it has been hard to cover all of this in general meetings in previous years - Ensure feedback is considered when looking over policies - TH asked if this would be open to those outside of the committee? Unclear if this would be the best path forward - Decided a sub-committee would be the place to discuss this all further - TO sub-committee goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy reviews, pool bookings, EOIs etc - Hand up for the sub-committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TO, EL, TH, MQ, KC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO - to form nationals sub-committee 		

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<p style="text-align: center;">5. AUF Coaching Accreditation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask clubs if they need support ● Consider sharing Hamish Ride's development framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO gave overview of coach accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UHA are still developing the courses - It will become necessary to have a coach at sessions in the future - We have time as they develop the course to work this out further ● Discussed if the VUHC advertise and support the use of Hamish Ride's development framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed if there should be achievements (medals or certificates) for each level - Decided that this can be decided by individual clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EL - advertise the framework on website and facebook 		
<p style="text-align: center;">6. Melbourne Mash</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pool booking details ● Team fees ● Advertising / admin ● Volunteers needed for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment, Draw, Referees, Medals (perpetual trophy?), Food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This was discussed by the sub-committee at the end of the committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - included TO, EL, SS, MQ, KC, TH ● Booking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In pool from 9:30am - games start from 10am - 6pm ● Discussed if there will be enough numbers for a women's division or just some matches in the middle of the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decided we will continue advertising for a women's division and see what interest we get ● Referees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested we should contact AUF for support - KC explained AUF may fund refs but we will need to find our own refs to attend - Suggested we sell it as a good development opportunity - invite level 2 refs and new refs that want to develop ● Poster approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decided we should start advertising it via emails, on the website and on social media ● SS volunteered to organise refs and the draw ● KC volunteered to order medals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exact numbers required, decided we would have gold medals only - 3 divisions with 2026, 1 division with no year - 1 MVP and best a fairest per division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SS - to ensure we request the boom is in the correct place on the day ● SS - talk to AUF about funding for refs ● EL - advertise via email, social media and the website ● SS - organise referees and draw ● KC - order medals 		

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<p>6. Melbourne Mash (continued)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO volunteered for organise food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pizza organised in the same way as last time, but to be included in the tournament fee ● Important learnings from states titles 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure the women and junior games happen when the players are not expected to play other games - Ensure food and medals are covered in the tournament fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO - organise food 		
<p>7. Victorian League</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking like 6 teams interested ● 3 x 3hr sessions, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each team would play 2x 30 minute games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TO gave an overview of the planned league <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definitely interested - Wonthaggi, Geelong, Maribyrnong, - Possibly interested - Monash, Caulfield, Women or Barbarians 			
<p>8. Any other business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Replacement goal trays ● Geelong coaching ● Maribyrnong looking to start Sunday trainings ● Treasurer report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Replacement goal trays arrive tomorrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Began discussing if we get more in future - Apparently these replacement trays are more sturdy - Decided we should wait and see if they are better ● Jack Ryan is planning to start coaching at Geelong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geelong will be reimbursing travel ● Maribyrnong is looking for a facility to add an extra training session weekly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This would possibly be on Sundays, decided VUHC would be happy to help advertise / support if helpful ● Financial overview, just over \$28,000 in the account currently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are some reconciliations required after nationals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SS - collect goal trays ● TO - speak with Jack Ryan about Friday night coaching 		

Meeting closed at: 9pm