

Victorian Underwater Hockey Commission

Committee Meeting



Date: 5/8/2026

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Virtual (via phone call)

Attendees

Tim Ogden (TO), Emma Le-Mar (EL), , Chris Steinman (CS), Kevin Chisholm (KC), Tanya Hansen (TH)

Apologies

Merryn Quilford (MQ), Stuart Scott (SS), Dave McFee (DM),

Item	Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions	Moved	Second
1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting				KC	TO
Reports	- President's report - TO - List of coaches to be passed onto UHA for accreditation - Secretary's report - EL - Coaching list requested - Accident report form request	- Discussed Victorian coaches whose names should be put forward to UHA for coaching accreditation - Cuy Upegui, Dave Mcfee, Emma Le-Mar, Felipe Pernet, Hamish Ride, Hamish Scothern, Juan Castano, Kevin Chisholm, Kristeen Reid, Michael Milnes, Nina Barry-Macaulay, Romy Keppel - Discussed the process that should be followed after an accident or injury - Decided to update the website to improve clarity	- TO - send UHA coaching list - EL - update injury page of website to clarify process		
Nationals	- Vote on pending state team positions - Elite Open coach - Master Open coach - Senior Manager	- Elite Open Coach - Conflicts - KC left the conversation due to conflict - Unanimous vote for Kevin Chisholm (sole applicant) - Master Open Coach - Conflicts - KC left the conversation due to conflict - Unanimous vote for Kevin Chisholm (sole applicant)	EL - Officially announce the coaches		

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	• Discuss selectors and integrity auditor positions • Selections day overview ◦ Possible reffing info session	• Selectors ◦ Currently signed up include - Kevin Chisholm, Meegan Ride, Chris Steinman ◦ Full committee will continue looking for other available selectors • Integrity Auditor ◦ Discussed finding a non-biased IA for the process ◦ Decided an email will be sent out requesting EOI's from the community • Discussed selection day ◦ Still waiting to hear from the pool regarding times ◦ Decided we will host a reffing 'info season' / level 0 course depending on times • Uniform ◦ Decided the shop will be open 1st-7th September ◦ Ask UHA head referee about teams having hats with different size numbers • Postal votes ◦ Discussed how best to process postal votes ◦ Decided we will include this information in the email set to nominated players ◦ Inc - coach, selection details, postal application (as described in bylaw 7.21) • SA ◦ Discussed combining teams with SA to ensure competitive teams for both SA and VIC ◦ Decided we will try to combine some teams ◦ KC to communicate with SA about this	• Everyone - Continue asking the community for support selecting • EL - Put out email requesting IA applications - inc new position description • EL - email UHA regarding uniform • EL - Prepare email for nominating players, inc postal vote details • KC - speak with SA about players interested in playing for VIC		
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Committee members	• Karl Scothern has stepped down ◦ Discuss adding a new member to the committee ◦ Balance the Board requirements	• The committee would like to extend a huge thank you to Karl Scothern for his service to Victorian Underwater Hockey. One of his biggest achievements was helping deliver the Australian Underwater Hockey Nationals in Victoria in 2024. Karl's contribution behind the scenes has helped strengthen and grow the sport in Victoria, and his work in bringing Nationals back to our home state is a significant part of that legacy • Discussed looking for an additional committee members ◦ Waiting to hear back from Balance the Board representative • Discussed the AGM and what format will be most suitable - further discussion is required			
State Titles	• Promoting the event • Awards - medals and prizes	• Discussed opening State Titles to other states ◦ This could be a good time for a VIC training game with full team (for those teams combining with SA) ◦ This could increase competitiveness and make the competition more financially viable ◦ Decided we will invite SA to join ◦ Decided we will have an award for winner of the event, and a separate award for the Victorian state winner • Discussed A and B grade distinctions ◦ Decided players are not eligible for B grade if they have played Elite Open at Nationals in last 2 years ◦ Players at an A grade level whose club is only entering B grade, will be invited to join another A grade team	• KC - send SA an official invite to State Titles • KC - order awards • TO - speak with Ben about adreno prizes to be advertised in advance • EL - send out email about SA's invite, B grade distinction, invite for A grade players to join other teams		

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Any other business	• Missing correspondence • Growing the sport • Goal trays	• Geelong has missed some recent emails from UHA ○ TO had assessed them as not applicable for the club (e.g. grants that their club would not otherwise have been eligible for) but agree he may have missed something while overseas ○ An effort will be made to forward on all correspondences from UHA more efficiently • Discussed different ways to increase visibility of the sport throughout Victoria ○ Decided to make a new page on the website with details on how to start a new club ○ Discussed reaching out to schools and swim squads ○ Decided continued discussion is required • Goals ○ Currently the VUHC goal trays are at Caulfield as this is where vuhc competitions and Victorian state training are mainly occurring ○ Discussed how the old metal goal trays may be useful to some clubs as walls (they would require smoothing edges) ○ Decided to confirm how many metal trays (metal, 3D and fiberglass) the vuhc officially owns, further discussion required to decide best location/use for these	• TO - email Geelong regarding missed emails • EL - begin work on new website page • TO - confirm the number of vuhc goals		
Meeting closed at: 9pm					