Victorian Underwater Hockey Commission
Committee Meeting - **October 11th**

Date: 11/10/2026 **Time:** 7:30pm **Venue:** Virtual (via google meet)

Attendees
Tim Ogden (TO), Emma Le-Mar (EL), Stuart Scott (SS), Merryn Quilford (MQ), Chris Steinman (CS), Kevin Chisholm (KC), Tanya Hansen (TH), Gemma Crowther (GC)

Apologies
Dave McFee (DM),

Item	Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions	Moved	Second

1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
- Mistakes that have been rectified
  - CH to CS
  - KC did step out during elite open selections
  - Kristeen was voted elite open selectors
  - Romy was voted masters women selector
				CH	KC

Reports	• President's report - **TO**
	
	• Secretary's report - **EL**
	
	• Treasurer's report - MQ
		• TO
		  ○ Nationals preparations are underway
		  ■ All teams have now been selected, inc 2x Masters, 2x Elite, 2x Junior teams
		  ■ Still working with UHA to ensure our U19 women are sorted with teams
		  ○ Wonthaggi successfully ran Wonni 4s recently
		  ■ 29 juniors, 25 seniors
		  ■ 17 juniors in the U14 division, unfortunately it seems a lot of the younger players are not interested in travelling for other tournaments.
		  ○ State titles next week
		• EL
		  ○ Majority of time has been spent organising nationals, from selections to following up with players - all going well so far
		  ○ Some website/domain issues, thanks to Rees these been resolved
		• MQ
		  ○ Current bank balance - $18419.56
		  ○ Domain and website payments were sorted (thanks to Rees), he has been reimbursed			

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2. State Titles	• Divisions -
	  ○ A grade - Wonthaggi, Caulfield, Maribynong
	  ○ B grade - Wonthaggi, Geelong, Monash
	• Juniors
	  ○ Possible change to U16
	  ○ Range would be 11-15yrs
	  ○ 2 teams of six
	• Dispensations
	  ○ Lucas, Isaac
	• Raffle
	  ○ 4x $30 Funkita voucher
	  ○ 4x $50 Hydro voucher
	  ○ 1x $150 Delfina voucher
	• Presentations
	  ○ Medals
	  ○ Food
	• Thanking
	  ○ Selectors, IA etc
		• Discussed the teams in each division and their suitability
		• Decided 3x A grade, 3x B grade, allowing Maribynong to play in both due to the move into A grade
		  ○ Multiple exhibition matches to ensure all teams get even game time
		  ○ 3-4 junior matches to ensure decent game time for the two teams
		  ○ KC to make the draw
		
		• Discussed dispensations
		  ○ Concerns about playing juniors against larger players that may not suitable in that environment
		  ○ Benefits of juniors having a chance to develop in more demanding teams
		• Discussed the individual players and their abilities to keep up with the pace and most importantly to keep themselves safe
		• Decided dispensations are going to be considered
		  ○ This will be mentioned at the captains meeting
		  ○ Players will be identifiable with red tape on their bats
		  ○ Refs will be aware of the junior players
		  ○ Refs and coaches are able to remove the young players if the game does not seem safe
		
		• Vote - Lucas
		  ○ Yes - unanimous
		• Vote - Issac
		  ○ Yes - unanimous
			• KC - make draw
			
			• EL - email draw to team organisers
			
			• EL - email players and team organisers about dispensations		

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		• Raffle tickets
		  ○ Discussed what we should be fundraising for
		  ○ Decided it will be put towards junior development
		  ○ Discussed prizes and options from ticket prices
		  ○ Decided 1 for $5, or 3 for $10
		• Thank yous
		  ○ Ensure we take a moment to thank Selectors and IA's for their work during selection
		  ○ CH donated the gifts (thank you!)
			• EL - advertise the raffle
			• TO - Purchase gifts for presentations		

3. Nationals	• Brief update from coaches
	• Discuss dispensations
	• Confirmation of final nationals teams
	  ○ Elite Women
	  ○ Masters Women
		• Coaches gave brief update on team progress, all positive, training sessions are going well so far
		• Applications for dispensations for the Victorian teams went in yesterday, will keep the committee updated with decisions
		• Team managers continue to work hard to organise accommodation, budget etc
		• Final nationals teams
		  ○ EL, MQ, TH, GC, TO stepped out due to conflict
		  ○ Teams confirmed
			• EL - Email the relevant players		

4. AGM	• Proposed date for AGM - November 22nd
	  ○ Advertising must be 28 days before the meeting
	• Best way to manage voting
	  ○ Up-to-date member list
	  ○ Reach out to uwr members
		• Discussed possible date
		  ○ November 22nd suggested
		  ○ December 6th requested to due to State election commitments from committee member
		  ○ Decided to begin advertising December 6th at State Titles
			• EL - begin advertising the AGM at State Titles		

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		■ (this has since been amended, AGM will now be held on November 29th to ensure we are within the required timeline) ● Discussed different options for holding the meeting - online or in person ● Discussed advertising requirements ○ MQ offered to look into this further to ensure we are compliant ● Discussed asking for committee member applications In advance in hopes of shortening the meeting length ● Discussed best options for voting for positions ● Decided to use google forms ○ This should be easy to collate and can be edited on the night is necessary	● MQ - look into AGM requirements further		
5. Any other business	● Head referee position description	● TO still working on this ○ So far it will include ■ Communication with UHA head ref ■ Organising refs course ■ Working to increase number of refs in Victoria ■ Managing refs at tournaments	● TO - continue developing the Referee position description		
Meeting closed at: 9pm					