

June 25, 2018



Wagga Baseball Agenda

Date: 25th June 2018

Time: 6:30pm

Location:

Type of Meeting: Monthly General Meeting

Chaired by:

Minutes by:

Board Memberships: Albert Richardson (*President*), Ben Adams (*Vice President + Umpiring*), Sarah Bloomfield (*Secretary + Public Relations*), Kristy Hawkins (*Treasurer*), Tracey Clark (*Competitions*)

Club Memberships w/ voting privileges: Bulls, Giants, Jackels, Red Sox

AGENDA

1.0 Present

2.0 Apologies

3.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

3.1 28th May True and Correct?

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

	Action Arising	Person Responsible	Time Frame	Progress
4.1	Peter Cook Cut Outs	Albert Richardson	Next Season	In Progress
4.2	Bendigo Bank Change	Board	Next Season	
4.3	Accommodation Bond	Albert Richardson	May GM	Completed
4.4	Sponsorship Letters	Albert/Sarah	ASAP	Completed
4.5	Medals/Trophies	Sarah	June	In Progress
4.6	Booking GF Dinner	Sarah	June	In Progress
4.7	First Aid Kits	Clubs	ASAP	Giants
4.8	Scorers Course	Sarah/Tracy	Next Season	In Progress
4.9	Trailer Junee Correctional	Sarah	Next Season	In Progress

4.1

An email has been sent to Peter Cook chasing up progress on allowing the association to cut out areas of the field permanently for the 2019 season.



4.2

An email has been sent to Hume Bank to discuss continuation of their sponsorship. Should Hume no longer wish to sponsor the association, we have requested they remove the Hume bank sign on the silver diamond.

On basis of their response, we shall draft a letter in the off-season to Bendigo bank for sponsorship for 2019.

4.3

The accommodation bond was returned – congratulations good work gentleman

4.4

Sponsorship letters have been sent to a few companies and we have yet to have a response Everyone needs to make an active effort to push the sponsorship letter, if you need access to them we can send them out to all members on request

4.5

Godwin Trophies and Gifts will be making medals for the grand finale, we have ordered 12 x Gold and 12 x Silver Medals. The remaining 10 awards will be stern mugs engraved with the WWBA logo, award title and the receivers name.

4.6

The Wagga RSL has been approached for sponsorship by the means of free room hire for monthly meetings and presentation evening – we are awaiting a reply.

When they respond – we will determine how much a buffet meal will cost the association.

4.7

Giants – has yours come in since last meeting.

4.8

Still awaiting response from scorers association – Original email sent 9th May, have re-sent email 17/6/18

4.9

An email has been drafted thank you to Sally (2017 Secretary) and will be sent to the appropriate people ASAP.



5.0 Correspondence In

6.0 New Business

7.0 Board Reports

	Board Member	Attached
7.1	President	Yes
7.2	Vice President	Yes
7.3	Secretary	Yes
7.4	Treasurer	Yes
7.5	Umpiring	Yes
7.6	Public Relations	-
7.7	Competitions	Yes
7.8	Representative	Yes

8.0 Club Reports

	Club	Attached
8.1	Bulls	-
8.2	Giants	-
8.3	Jackels	-
8.4	Giants	-

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Attachments

7.1 President's Report

In a shock to absolutely nobody, this month was another big one. We had our first Rep endeavour which by all reports was successful, some very good close games in our club competition and some progress on the major things we are working on.

7.1.1 Representative Team

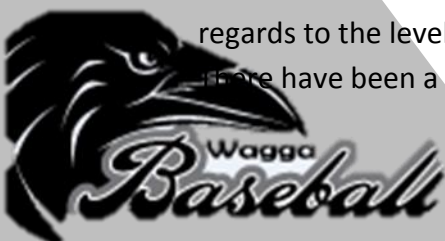
Our trip to Tamworth was a great weekend away, everybody put in as a team as well as our officials to ensure the weekend was as smooth as possible. Our 1-4 record did not show how well we performed as a team in my opinion. All four clubs represented the Association in a good light which was great to see. Everybody involved should be proud of their efforts as we explored uncharted territory for most of our squad with their first Baseball Rep trip. As the door closed on that trip a new one opened with an invitation to the NSW Country Baseball Championships in Blacktown in August. They have agreed in principal to waive our Team Nomination fee to get us there for our first trip, along with the chance to play a night game in the Olympic Stadium under the bright lights that we should all get excited about. They have also provided some options for good, cheapish accommodation that we can take advantage of. I am waiting on confirmed rates and availability from the different hotels. In this case I have suggested that as players once the original squad is confirmed we require \$100 deposit to keep their spots, in an effort to prevent the squad falling apart before we go away. I will also ask council to book our training in for the leadup for Saturdays at 2pm as it was before Tamworth. If a different time is suggested by the playing group, we will decide as a group the best time to suit as many people as possible.

7.1.2 Fundraising

We need to ramp up our fundraising due to a lack of Sponsorship money and the plans to improve our Association being an expensive task. It is my belief that all players and officials for the Rep trip to Sydney sell a box of chocolates to help with expenses. As we took away less people than we budgeted for to Tamworth we are in the hole for \$. Given the Sydney trip will be much cheaper I think we need to recoup this money first out of our fundraising and then put some towards the Sydney trip, maybe subsidising accommodation or helping with Fuel vouchers or something.

7.1.3 Finals

Congratulations to the teams still fighting in this years Finals Series, and commiserations to those that have already finished, I think this year has been one of the best with regards to the level of competition and camaraderie between the clubs and teams. There have been a few games that got a bit chippy but for the most part our games have



been played in a great spirit with strong competition and respect shown amongst combatants. Let's continue this for the rest of our Finals and finish our season on a high note.

7.1.4 Wagga Baseball Calendar

Over the next Month I am going to work on locking in some dates for next season, including our home and away weekends with the North Western Titans, the Tamworth Senior Baseball Invitational Tournament and the NSW Country Championships to be distributed to Clubs and circulated through Facebook, this will also (hopefully) have rough dates for our Regular Season and Finals Series for 2019 included so as an Association we can have an Offseason plan for recruitment and retention of new and old players. This will also provide a timeline for our Rep team(s) to get organised for their commitments.

7.1.5 Sponsorship

I know we harp on this topic constantly and nothing seems to be getting done, but we will be updating our Sponsorship letters to start distribution in September for a major Sponsor Drive for the 2019 season, we missed the boat this year unfortunately for a myriad of reasons but would like to get in as early as we can for next year. In talking to a lot of local businesses over the last few weeks, a lot of them receive their budgets in late August/early September which tells them what they can allocate each year for Sponsorship, if we can be a bit strategic on who we ask and when we might hopefully be able to get the ball rolling early. I would appreciate as many ideas on businesses that we can ask over the next few months as possible so please ask our members to contact me with any ideas.

7.2 Vice President's Report

This month has been quiet for me as I have not been responsible for organising anything. As such no report from me for the last month.

I would like to move however that the first meeting after the close of the 2018 season we discuss:

Identifying future expenses to improve the competition, Association and facilities before the start of and during season, and for the next three to five years so that we can;
Push hard and early for sponsorship, approvals, planning and works so that we aren't caught short again come game one
Player recruitment and retention



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The Association has been in a great position this season as far as input, activity and organisation from our Executive and Delegates. Things are not only getting said and planned, they are getting done. I believe that we are in the strongest position yet to build the competition over the off season for a strong start in 2019. I want to like to raise the above-mentioned items so that we don't find ourselves in the position we have the last few years, getting four weeks out and discovering that all the things we talked about have not been actioned and chasing our tails around trying to get things done, only to realise there is not enough time. Is there anything that anyone would like to raise regarding the above so we can have it minuted for future discussion?

Thankyou.

7.3 Secretary's Report

7.3.1 Finals BBQ Roster

BBQ duties for Preliminary and Grand Finals – I was thinking the teams not playing and funds goes to association to use for presentation evening?

7.3.2 Presentation Night

We voted Saturday 14th July – is this still suitable?

What are other clubs presentation evenings??

7.4 Treasurer's Report

01/01/2018	Opening Balance		4137.44		
22-Feb-18	Field Marking Paint	-32.85	4104.59	1518	Waga City Council Ground fees
26-Feb-18	Roseville apartments Deposit for accommodation @ Rep	-400	3704.59	\$1,518	
9-Mar-18	Roseville apartments Deposit for accommodation @ Rep	-200	3504.59	Outstanding incomings	
12-Mar-18	BBQ takings 2017	1000	4504.59		
21-Mar-18	Chocolate Fundraiser payment	- 449.93	4054.66	\$150	Chocolate Money (Shoun, Lucinda, Reid)
26-Mar-18	Chocolate Fundraiser payment	-300	3754.66	\$300	Tamworth deposit
3-Apr-18	Umpire shirts	- 250.25	3504.41	\$539	Jackels fees
3-Apr-18	Facebook advertising campaign for start of season	-99.99	3404.42		
6-Apr-18	Giants Baseball Club 2018 fees	539	3943.42	\$989	
11-Apr-18	Wagga Redsox Baseball Club 2018 fees	1020	4963.42		
11-Apr-18	Wagga Redsox Baseball Club 2018 fees	16	4979.42		



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16-Apr-18	Steve McLean umpires clinic	47	5026.42	Tamworth Costs	
17-Apr-18	Chocolate money - Albert	50	5076.42	Accommodation	-4200
17-Apr-18	Albert Richardson umpires clinic	47	5123.42	Hats	-748.55
17-Apr-18	Lydia Richardson umpires clinic	47	5170.42	Shirts	-900
17-Apr-18	Bradley Yates Umpire clinic	47	5217.42	Registration Fees	-500
17-Apr-18	Scott Hawkins Umpire clinic	47	5264.42		
19-Apr-18	Andrew Clark Umpire Clinic	47	5311.42		-6348.55
19-Apr-18	Grant Gonsal Umpire Clinic	47	5358.42		
19-Apr-18	Mitchell Whitton Umpire Clinic	47	5405.42	Players fees	3938.11
19-Apr-18	Ash Jaminson Umpire Clinic	47	5452.42	Fundraising	910.65
19-Apr-18	Ray Bourke Umpire Clinic	47	5499.42		
20-Apr-18	David Abbott Umpire Clinic	47	5546.42		4848.76
24-Apr-18	J Scott/D Hunter Umpire Clinic	94	5640.42		
24-Apr-18	Ben Adams Umpire Clinic	47	5687.42		-1499.79
24-Apr-18	Warrick Umpire Clinic	47	5734.42		
24-Apr-18	Umpire Clinic	-700	5034.42		
28-Apr-18	Chocolate Money	1000	6034.42		
24-Apr-18	Bulls Fees	532	6566.42		
1-May-18	Flyhi Rep Shirts	-450	6116.42		
2-May-18	Tamworth fees	-500	5616.42		
3-May-18	Chris Butt Umpire Clinic	47	5663.42		
3-May-18	Tamworth fees	-125	5538.42		
3-May-18	Mitchell Harris Uniform	79	5617.42		
5-May-18	Albert Tamworth fees	300	5917.42		
7-May-18	Chris Connors Tamworth fees	300	6217.42		
9-May-18	Paypal setup	0.17	6217.59		
9-May-18	Tamworth fundraising (\$50 chocolates)	211.2	6428.79		
14-May-18	Goodwins Trophie engraving	-22	6406.79		
16-May-18	Rep Hats	-748.55	5658.24		
17-May-18	Scott Tamworths part payment	150	5808.24		
28-May-18	Babseball NSW Fees	-200	5608.24		
30-May-18	Flyhi Rep Shirts	-450	5158.24		
30-May-18	Mitch Harris Tamworth	100	5258.24		
30-May-18	Adam Hoogers Tamworth	300	5558.24		



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30-May-18	Fundraising BBQ Tamworth	249.45	5807.69		
30-May-18	Scott Tamworths part payment	150	5957.69		
4-Jun-18	Tamworth various	936.46	6894.15		
4-Jun-18	Tamworth cash deposit?	289	7183.15		
5-Jun-18	Ben Hicks Tamworth	289	7472.15		
5-Jun-18	Yoshi Tamworth	300	7772.15		
6-Jun	Cameron Oake Tamworth	289	8061.15		
7-Jun	Tamworth Accomodation	-2000	6061.15		
8-Jun	James Scott Tamworth	300	6361.15		
8-Jun	Tamworth Accomodation	-1600	4761.15		
8-Jun	Advertising/website	- 225.26	4535.89		
12-Jun	Jayden MacDonald Tamworth	79	4614.89		
14-Jun	Paypal	76.65	4691.54		

7.5 Umpire's Report

Unfortunately, once again I have one report of warnings given.

This is umpire Dave Abbott's report, copied and pasted as written to me:

"During the Red Sox derby on the 3 July this year after an ordinary call from myself as played umpire on Cameron Oke, he on the next pitch (which I called as a ball) made a very loud "strike" call and made the motion of a plate umpire calling a third strike, it was at the time I thought a little funny and that he was just blowing off a little steam and I let it go, he then did it however again the very next pitch which again was called a ball, I did warn him that any further such actions would result in him being "sat down" ie ejected. The next batter had the first pitch which was called a strike when a spectator from the Red Sox shouted "bullshit" from behind the wire mesh. I called time and spoke towards the bench telling them that that was unacceptable, I was asked if they knew who they were supporting, I said it made no difference, I called both coaches in and warned them to get their players and spectators under control as this behaviour from both was unacceptable. Scott and Adam both apologised and did have words with all that were there. This game had started out as the best game I had umpires in a long time, there was some great banter and laughter. The Red Sox Red has two other players warned for their abuse and they way they spoke to the field umpire (who was doing it for the very first time) those players were their first baseman and their right fielder. I was told that the spectator who called out was the first baseman's wife or partner"



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And from the other umpire Dale Abbott, again copied and pasted

“The first baseman for red sox red was very hostile after i called safe to the batter running to first. He questioned it i said he was safe. After that he became overly aggressive as did some other team mates and spectators. In the second last innings i over heard the first baseman and right feilder saying these fucking umpires dont know anything so i asked if there was a problem and he got right in my face and told me where to go the started to sware ans me and attempt to intimidate me. I had words to his captain he then waled onto the field and bad another verbal go at me i told hin ti walk away theres only half an innings to go and as they took the field for the bottom of the dig he arked up again.”

Like a previous incident, the Umpire concerned decided not to eject any players instead deciding to keep the atmosphere and competition friendly, and in my case, I did not want to push players away from the fledgling competition with any animosity between players and officials.

Having said this, if the umpires are giving the courtesy to these players to keep them in the game and keep the competition a friendly one, all players should be reminded to give the umpire's the same respect. Going forward into the finals and into next season it will not be tolerated, and players WILL be ejected if necessary. I will not hold the umpires responsible if a player feels slighted and does not return the following season. If anyone believes that an umpire is out of line, please let me know so I can rectify the situation. Please don't believe that anyone need to put themselves in the firing line when I can do it for them and am more than happy to do so.

I have said it in a previous report, and I will repeat it here again. Delegates, please ensure that your entire clubs completely understand that arguing of balls and strikes, judgement calls and abuse of officials, players and spectators will not be tolerated. If you would like to have a conference with an Umpire, it is the manager/coach's responsibility to do so, not any player, and it will be done respectfully. Players want the umpires to be good, the umpires want to be good, and I also want them to be good. We all have the same goal, let's work together as a group to achieve it.

Going ahead I do not wish to see anybody ejected. We started this competition as a group of friends and enthusiasts that just wanted to play baseball again. I do not believe this has changed. In previous seasons I do not know of any example of warnings being given, so perhaps people have forgotten the spirit of what we started so perhaps everyone just needs to be reminded. It killed the last association and we are early enough to pick it up before it happens again. Please foster that spirit in your clubs again



so we can all enjoy our time playing baseball together. If we need to have a monthly get together, drinks night or family day to keep things in perspective I am all for it.

Are there any other issues that anyone would like to raise regarding umpiring? Is there anything I can do to better my role as a bridge between players and umpiring officials?

Thankyou.

7.7 Competitions Report

Stats have been completed, Giants and Jackels have access to their team spreadsheet as I have email details.

I have sent off an email to the NSW Scorers Association for clarification on a couple of questions and currently have not yet received a response. If I need to change results will only effect 1 award.

7.8 Representative Report

7.8.1 Tamworth Trip

Firstly, I would like to thank Wagga Baseball for the opportunity to Manage the Rep Team in Tamworth on the June Long Weekend. All players can give themselves a big pat on the back; winning 1 game was fantastic and coming very close in another. To Jess for Scoring and Bundy for Umpiring a big thanks. To Adam as Coach, also Albert and Scott for assisting Adam with coaching duties. Well done to all for Representing Wagga and to our youngest player Jayden who played very well.

- discussion on behaviour during the weekend

7.8.2 Sydney Trip

Next trip is Sydney in August.

As it's not long off we will have to organise Accommodation and get players Committed and not pull out at short notice as this makes it very hard to replace players on such short notice as everyone can imagine. So let's hope that doesn't happen this Trip.

- Date for nominations for coach/scorer/umpire/manager
- Date for trials
- Date for final selection announcement
- Number of players we are taking?
- Accommodation options

