

November 27, 2018



Wagga Baseball Minutes

Date: 27th November 2018

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Wagga RSL Club

Type of Meeting: Annual General Meeting

Chaired by: Ben Adams

Minutes by: Tracy Clark

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

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

AGM MINUTES

Meeting Commenced @6.39pm

1.0 Present

Albert Richardson, Dan Hunter, Adam Hoogers, Deb Hoogers, Tracy Clark, Sarah Bloomfield, Ben Adams,

2.0 Apologies

Warwick Pethybridge, Scott Hawkins, Kristy Hawkins

3.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

True and Correct? Yes – Dan Hunter 1st & Deb Hoogers 2nd

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

5.0 Correspondence In

6.0 New Business

Committee Reports

7.1

President

A massive thank you to our previous Executive, I believe we had a very successful year to put Wagga Baseball in a great position to build some momentum towards the future. Good luck to the new Executive Members, the jobs may feel thankless at times, but they are certainly vital to keep a small sporting association together. The volunteers are our lifeblood and we need to nurture them and provide as much support as possible, we all want Baseball to succeed in Wagga so let's work together to make it happen.

Come & Try Day

A massive thank you to everyone who helped with the event, from handing out flyers to planning as well as helping on the day, without the help an event like this will not be successful.

Fundraising

Bunnings require a Formal request which has now been provided. We have been informed there is a 12 month waiting list for weekend BBQs.

Grant Possibilities

After attending the Baseball NSW Country League Standing Committee's (CLSC) Annual Planning Meeting on November 17 & 18, we have more of an idea on the Grants that are currently available. The original wording of a possible \$500.00 Club grants was not a viable option however possible change to \$1000.00 available to Associations. Existing Grant Application Procedure still to be followed

Wagga invitational Tournament

Unable to contact Council regarding availability of Jubilee Park for the proposed Wagga Invitational Tournament in September next year as yet. All four Associations are on board, once we confirm a date with Council we can commence planning. Deb Hoogers to help Albert Richardson over the next Month to start gaining some traction.

NSW CLSC Planning Meeting/AGM

Albert Richardson and Tracy Clark attended the meeting held in Sydney. It was a very positive outcome. They were very appreciative of our efforts this year to establish ourselves at the Tamworth Invitational Tournament and the NSW Country Championships. Albert is now the Wagga Wagga Baseball Association delegate for the monthly CLSC meetings which occur via phone. Wagga has been put forward as a pilot for a new juniors program.

More below in General Business

Vice President

Thank all for your help. We need to keep improving our culture to get more volunteers and keep Baseball going.

7.2 All positions declared vacant

7.3 Review of nominations

No prior nominations received.

7.4 Call for nominations for positions still vacant

Board	Nomination	Accepted	Nomination by	
President	Albert Richardson	Yes	Adam Hoogers	Deborah Hoogers
Vice President	Dan Hunter	Yes	Dan Hunter	Adam Hoogers
Secretary	Tracy Clark	No	Albert Richardson	Sarah Bloomfield
Treasurer				
Competitions	Tracy Clark	Yes	Albert Richardson	Sarah Bloomfield
Representative	Deborah Hoogers	Yes	Tracy Clark	Adam Hoogers
Umpiring Coordinator	Ben Adams Adam Hoogers	No No	Albert Richardson Sarah Bloomfield	
Public Relations				

Positions still vacant

Secretary, Treasurer, Umpiring Coordinator & Public Relations.

Dan Hunter will take on Secretary work until a volunteer comes forth. Albert Richardson is willing to take on Treasury work until a volunteer comes forth.

7.00pm Sarah Bloomfield & Ben Adams left meeting

General Meeting

8.0 General Business

Come & Try Day

People have commented that the organisation was improved from the last Come & Try day. We had 10 new people signed up. We need to push more attention to the new players even though existing players benefit from the expertise there. Unfortunately BBQ ran at a loss. Drinks only to be held at the next one.

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Promotion of the next Come & Try Day/Registration

Albert is in the process of obtaining a quote for distribution of more flyers for the next one if we use the flyers again.

Promotional ideas for the next one in February

- Community radio - 2AAA etc.
- Wagga TV
- Contact newspaper for article
- Contacts for other sports
- Council Websites
- Keep spreading the word as this seems to be the best form of promotion

Association BBQ

Proposition: \$300 float for association BBQ - \$150 for goods and \$150 for till

All agreed Deb Hoogers 1st - Dan Hunter 2nd

CLSC Meeting

Retain/Recruitment of Players and Volunteers

Create good culture

Retain ideas

- Strong vibrant admin to keep players, Coaches and volunteers etc.
- Community culture for the greater good of the Association
- Engagement of members/stakeholders
- Promotion of Baseball profile/Brand recognition

Recruitment Ideas

- School Programs.
- Promotion of Baseball profile/Brand recognition

Juniors

- Could we get the children and volunteers to start a 6-10 week tee-ball
- 10 week programs - work out costs as normal fees 12 months
- Talk to council regarding junior fees split season 2 x 8-10 week comps.
- Wagga is going to be one of the pilot areas
- Need to find out more about the current junior programs ie diamond sizes as to if we use Jubilee or see if we can share French Fields for some juniors
- Under 15 at beginning of season has to apply through technical committee. (Stew Bell/Graham Cassel)

Junior program needs to be organised by the start of term 1 2019 to allow to promotional/volunteer push.

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Everything revolves around participation, recruitment retention and volunteers all working together

Greater Good

Acknowledge volunteers. BNSW currently program every month

Volunteer of the month - BBQ to thank all volunteers

Complaints

- Association try to handle complaints themselves before going up the chain
- Member Protection Information Officer
- Major complaints call BNSW, possibility of country MPIO
- There is a Member Protection Policy

Training

- BNSW organising online applications for theory parts of training.
 - Online
 - Registration
 - Theory
- All theory must be done before stepping on the field.
- Coaching Level 1 free (tee-ball)
 - Start to look for people to deliver level 1
 - Level 2 & 3 could be done over 1 weekend.

High Performance - player development

- Prefer local HP for BNSW HP Jason Pospishil to contact for programs etc.
- Programs invoiced through BNSW budget from Country but run locally.
- High Performance staff visit local association (development)
- Development Program for Females being produced
- Friendship players currently too high for country - programs to help decrease number used.
Goal 2021 no friendship players
- Coach mentoring program. Jason is happy for names to be nominated.

BNSW

- Possible regional funding opportunities
- New website for NSW baseball/country coming and app
- Development tours for juniors
- STG gone by June hopefully new one rolled out by start of our season. New format must pay before you play.

General Business

Recruitment options

- Twilight games with BBQ
- Members of CLSC and BNSW have CSU contacts

WWBA help

- Clinic for positional coaching

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- More coaching - Gary Everson to run Coaching/Mentoring program in february rather than actual Accreditation course
- Used equipment - aluminium welder to help fix equipment for BNSW, they will help with equipment.
- Quote for Balls 3 dz to be looked at as possibility of receiving the balls already stamped

Meeting Closed @ 7.50pm

Next Meeting December 18