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## Wagga Baseball Minutes

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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Time: 6:30pm

Location: Wagga RSL Club

Type of Meeting: Monthly General Meeting

Chaired by: Daniel Hunter

Minutes by: Tracy Clark



**Board Memberships:** Albert Richardson (President), Daniel Hunter (Vice President), Tracy Clark (Competitions), Deb Hoogers (Representative), **Vacant positions** Secretary, Treasurer, Umpiring Coordinator and Public Relations

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

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## MINUTES

### Meeting Commenced @ 6:34pm

#### 1.0 Present

Albert Richardson, Daniel Hunter, Deb Hoogers, Tracy Clark, Andrew Clark, Simon Jamieson, Warwick Pethybridge, Ron Carothers

#### 2.0 Apologies

Adam Hoogers, Dave Abbott, Brad Yates

#### 3.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

True and Correct? Yes – 1<sup>st</sup> Warwick Pethybridge & 2<sup>nd</sup> Simon Jamieson

#### 4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

- Committee nominations
  - Ray Bourke has suggested he is willing to be Treasurer
  - Dan Hunter relinquish VP and take over Secretary nom Warwick 2nd Deb
  - Simon Jamieson to be VP nom Albert 2nd Dan
  - Umpire Coordinator no longer, to be set up to forward to Secretary
  - Public Relations - Warwick not willing for position but willing to be a contact for Media outlets - forward email also
- Presentation
  - Booked for Saturday July 27 from 6:30pm - include bar staff. Another event will be happening at the same time.
  - Food options will still to be organised to determine cost per head for ticket.
  - Save the date to be placed on website and facebook.
- First aid volunteers for rounds
  - Daniel Hunter is currently certified for Jackals
  - Simon & Sally Jamieson currently certified for Bulls and possibly Brad Yates.
  - Uncertain for Giants & Red Sox

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- Defibrillator - Grant closes May 6. Grant may not cover the full cost of purchasing one. Possibly one within Jubilee Park Canteen - need to look into this. Daniel Hunter to contact council for more information.
- Invitational
  - First aid for tournament
    - Dan to ask about St Johns - fill out online application to find out how much donation would be to get.
    - Deb to ask Phil Hoey - no response from Phil
  - Deb has been in contact with the Amie St Clair foundation - On Board! Will check about Coffee Van
    - Chris Butt possible contact for coffee van
  - What do we do next
    - Organisation of the tournament?
      - Invitation for other associations and sanction from BNSW to admit tournament under their insurance.
      - Each association will supply their own umpire and scorer
      - Wagga will be supplying balls, cost included in team fees
      - Charge will need to be done asap after quotes approved
      - Ausport to be contacted for weekend.
      - 6 games Sat (3 time slots), 4 games Sun. (2 Time slots, finals) 2hr.
    - Possible dinner venue?
    - Sponsorship - no one approached as yet. could be where we organise dinner. Sponsorship letters to go out.
    - Warwick to organise publicity.

## 5.0 Correspondence In

- Sacred Heart School in Cootamundra have accepted our quote for teaching baseball 1 day per week for 4 weeks (8hr day). Payment still to be determined for the Association. Some members have already agreed to help out travelling to Cootamundra to teach. Members will be reimbursed.
- Brendan Sheedy, from Illawarra, for the June Tamworth carnival is sending an All Stars team to play in the A Grade competition to see if any players or coaches are willing to participate. Anyone interested please contact Albert Richardson.

## 6.0 New Business

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## 7.0 Reports

All reports below

## 8.0 General Business

### Brahman Bulls

- Scorers Slab - do we know what is happening as we have received approval from Council
  - Albert to get quotes for concrete slab and/or material only. Quote for shelter.
  - Warwick to talk to Mathew Billingham
- Black diamond work needs to be done do protect the Silver diamond
  - Working bee for mound
  - Silver diamond - suggestions for products for batters and catchers box.
- Grass mats

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- possible no metal cleats. Simon is contact turf companies to see about better mats.
- try a smaller mat before making a decision about no metal cleats.
- Look into better ways to build the mound

#### **Giants**

- Thank you for allowing the floating players
  - Giants Cream - Kyle Breust, Simone McPherson
  - Giants Orange - Zach Knobel, Jackson Scott
- Training over school holidays break - message should have been placed in the delegates.

#### **Wagga Jackals**

- Nil

#### **Thomas Blamey Red Sox**

- Nil

#### **Others**

- Ron Carothers
  - possibility some junior teams to do some preparation training for national championship in Wagga to help promote Baseball in Wagga.
- Daniel Hunter
  - still trying to get a foot into the schools to promote baseball. looking at approaching the principals and schools directly.
  - Dave Abbott suggested possibility of once a month having an umpiring information session for all clubs.
- Representative August 2-4 Blacktown
  - Pitching and catching restrictions as per age matrix
  - Fee for competition hasn't been informed as yet.
  - Positions
    - Head Coach - Ron Carothers
    - Manager - Deb Hoogers
    - Scorer - Tracy Clark
    - Publicity - Warwick, Dan Hunter & Carolyn Kitto
    - Umpire - Bill Langley to supply if possible.
  - Assistant coaches - Ron to approach
  - Potential player training - Possible Monday and Saturday morning along with Association training on Thursdays.

## **Attachments**

### **President**

Another Month of Baseball is finished with some more great games and fun had by all.

Representative nominations closed this past Sunday so we need to pick our officials at this meeting and then the Head Coach can pick the squad and Assistants. We have booked and paid the deposit for 30 people to stay at the Atura Blacktown which is the same place as last year. By all reports there are quite a few supporters who would like to attend pending selections so we should fill the 30 spots at this stage. It will be good to have someone there in a

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publicity role should that be filled, allowing our members to share on Facebook what is happening while our team is training and away playing.

We have also been successful in our quote to provide T-Ball instruction at a Primary School in Cootamundra in June, providing much needed money to our Association as well as hopefully opening new doors to be able to go into local school with a similar program in an effort to start a Junior Competition. A few people I have already spoken too are pretty keen to provide this service so we will get ourselves organised over the next few weeks and work out a game plan.

While we are gaining momentum for the year, I do want to touch on the issue of disrespect being shown towards our umpires, we all need to remember that like coaches and scorers, our umpires are volunteers. I have been very disappointed to see a few games where people have gone a bit too far in my opinion with letting the umpire know they disagreed with the call. We all know mistakes can happen, in games that I have umpired I have definitely made a few judgement calls which may not have been entirely correct. The umpire's decision is final! Should players or coaches have serious issues with the umpiring on a particular day you need to put a complaint in writing so we can assess the situation and decide if any action needs to be taken. If you blow up and go to far it will be you that is punished regardless of the decision that lead to it. Act like an adult, accept the decision of the umpire and control your emotions!

## **Vice President**

After 7 weeks of baseball we have seen many highs and lows. Some games have shown some dominance while others have had some much tighter scores, as always those that score, umpire and assist with BBQ week to week should be commended and continue to be appreciated.

Presentation night has been booked at the RSL Club for Saturday the 27th of July 2019 for up to 40 people, from 6:30pm-12:00am. Still looking into meal costs and per person and types of meals that can be supplied.

Looking at Silver diamond 6 weeks into the season we may need to arrange some minor repair to the batting box, pitchers mound leveled off on all sides, as well as have the mound repaired on the black diamond.

## **Secretary**

No longer vacant - Daniel Hunter

## **Treasurer**

Vacant Position

## **Public Relations**

Vacant Position

## **Umpires Coordinator**

Position no longer

## **Competitions**

Those who still need to complete their Scoring accreditation please let me know.

For information for clubs, we do have a scoring messenger group in which we can help to organise a scorer for the games if needed.

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## **Representative**

The Atura Hotel in Blacktown has been booked for the 2nd of August for 30 people. They are twin rooms and included in the rate is breakfast.

I have been in contact with Bill Langley from Baseball NSW and we can have 15 year olds as long as we are in B division.

I was unable to get Bundy to Umpire for us, but Bill Langley is going to get someone from Sydney to do it.

For us to hire a bus is in excess of \$2000 plus driver, so I think we should all car pool as we did last year. So far I've received 18 players completed forms for Rep.

**Meeting Closed @ 8:07pm**

**Next Meeting May 28th 6:30pm**