

Wagga Baseball Minutes



Date: 31st March 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Wagga RSL Club

Type of Meeting: Monthly General Meeting

Chaired by: Dion Clothier

Minutes by: Isabell Kesby

Board Memberships: Warwick Pethybridge (President), Dion Clothier (Vice President), Isabell Kesby (Secretary), Andrew Clark (Treasurer), Tracy Clark (Competitions), Chris Ebsworth (Public Relations), Joshua Sarantakos (Umpiring Coordinator), Amanda Wenham (Representative)

Vacant positions:

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

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced @6:34pm

1.0 Present

Tracy Clark , Isabell Kesby, Dion Clothier, Travis Clothier, Emily Moran, Cecil Lang, Amanda Wenham, Joshua Sarantakos, Reebeka Ebsworth, Andrew Clark, Deborah Hoogers
Video/Phone:

2.0 Apologies

Christopher Ebsworth, Travis Warren, Warwick Pethybridge, Brenton Burnett.

3.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

True and Correct? Yes – Deborah Hoogers 1st & Joshua Sarantakos 2nd

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

- Courses
 - Coaches
 - Waiting on people to do theory for Level B - Practical to be run locally
 - Warwick has written approval to approve practicals for Level B
 - At least 5 people finished theory to run a practical course for Level B with Warwick, need 10 people for BNSW to run it
 - Level C course possibly over Zoom
 - Delegates to press on club coaches to complete theory.
 - Press for date for Level B course
 - Voluntary WWCC completed to be able to do theory
 - Umpires

- Albury umpire coordinator offered to run an umpiring course on a Saturday morning in May (not 16th).
- No accreditations as such, however, will provide volunteer umpires with knowledge.
- Delegates to have representatives from each club attend.
- Josh to confirm a date with him.
- Could we get BNSW to recognise any form of accreditation for this? Possibly even Level 0.
- Scorers
 - Angela learning from Hornets and Romola learning from Giants.
 - Most clubs have a spectator learning to score, however see if it's possible for Bulls to score for Jackals and and vice versa
 - Possibly hold a practice session with Tracy for interested parties, after doing online theory packets.
 - Timing TBC, before a game may work on a Sunday, to have a quick run down, before learning to score during a game.
- Pitching
 - Alex Cobb willing to give pitching practice and training.
 - Make a chat group with Alex, and add interested parties to contact directly, and Alex can run the pitching training from there.
 - Not available until after the Albury game.
- Ground maintenance
 - Both teams need to help re-add dirt and assist in caring for mounds, boxes and around bases in between games, not just after the second game.
 - Chris and Reebeka donating some shelving for container storage organisation? Yet to confirm.
- Representative
 - Women's Country Champs carnival dates changed 21-22 June, to 4-5 July.
 - Fields booked to start training.
 - Set date for trial - Black diamond booked 9-12pm on Saturdays for training and trial dates.
 - Delegates to push for interest in representation.
 - Essentially only have a month to order uniforms.
 - At least 6-8 weeks for ordering/delivery of uniforms.
 - Whiteline designs or Greatrex?
 - GYG potentially sponsor women's team, want to put logo on rep jerseys
 - Team nominations need to be in by:
 - Women's and Girls - 4th May
 - Men's - 15th June
 - Trials for rep teams should have been held by:
 - Women's and Girls - 13th April
 - Men's - 25th May
 - Team lists/rosters need to be in by:
 - Women's and Girls - 25th May
 - Men's - 6th July

- Players who have nominated for representative should come down to help with the canteen for Hume Cup.
- Only players who've nominated be able to train?
- Ronnie hopefully to provide association with equipment, e.g. balls, L-screens etc. (Balls for association and training balls for clubs)
- Fundraising
 - Mothers/Fathers Day Raffles
 - Need to put a message in delegates chat about donations for raffles.
 - Easter raffles??
 - Bunnings BBQ - Michelle Smith organiser.
 - 50's Club - Prize \$50 Fuel Voucher
 - Run on a weekly basis.
 - \$2 per square/ticket.
 - Source fuel voucher from APCO?
- Hume Cup
 - Warwick passed on timetable and other information.
 - Need to organise more umpires
 - Delegates need to ask clubs if anyone can assist.
 - 2 umpires already coming from Albury.
 - Need at least one base umpire per game - 2 base umpires minimum.
 - Collection of umpires shirts for volunteers to wear.
 - Dinner 6:30pm Saturday night at Sporties - Anyone is welcome to attend.
 - Need people to help set up and pack up on both days.
 - Timetable (Saturday):
 - Setting up from 8am.
 - Canteen open at 9am?
 - Opening ceremony 9:30am-10am.
 - First game 10am-12pm. (Both diamonds)
 - Lunch break 12pm-1:30pm.
 - Second game 1:30pm-3:30pm. (Both diamonds)
 - Last game on Saturday finishes at 3:30pm - Canteen open until about 3pm - help packing up afterwards.
 - Timetable (Sunday):
 - Setting up from 8am.
 - Canteen open at 9am?
 - First game 10:30am-12pm.
 - Lunch Break, Standings finalised, warm-ups, etc. 12pm-1pm.
 - Grand Final 1pm-3pm.
 - Closing Ceremony 3pm-3:30pm.
 - Canteen open until about 3pm - help packing up afterwards.
 - Canteen Roster
 - Canteen running until possibly 3-3:30pm, both days.
 - Andrew plus 2 helpers per 2 hour timeslot.

- People who have nominated for rep - need to help in canteen.
 - Don't know if they're livestreaming games, however we do not need to provide scorers - have their own, may need to provide chairs and/or gazebo for scorers.
 - Possibly provide benches for the dugouts.
 - Signage at Black Diamond to show what's at canteen.
 - Chris may possibly have an EBC stall/products/merch.
- Junior Come and Try Days
 - Can hold 2 more come and try days - push to term 3.
 - Possibly a club that has the bye on those days, to help Ronnie with juniors on Black Diamond.
 - Choose 2 Sundays:
 - 31st May - Hornets have bye. 12-2pm
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 - Reactivate registration link for come and try days.
 - Email schools about possibly putting a notice in school newsletters.
 - Possibly Robbie Perkins to help with a pitcher/catcher clinic on a come and try day.
 - If under 35 players, Baseball 5 might be an option.
- Sponsorship
 - GYG
 - Draft email from Chris to GYG
 - Want GYG to sponsor women's rep team.
 - Possibility of sponsorship of junior comp - if organised
 - Branding on Livestream
 - Advertising on Social Media
 - Logo on new association training shirts and polos
 - Naming rights to Championship Cup
- CLSC - Country League Standing Committee
 - Meeting on March 17th.
 - Regional Academy of Sport communications/collaborations still undergoing.
 - Country Media and Communications persons- Brendan Lower?
 - Share as many CLSC posts as much as possible.
 - Reach out to him with anything we may have.
 - Want a contact person with our association - voted in Chris.
 - Interviews with prominent people in the association?
 - Tournaments - Invitational tournament, information and highlights
 - Change of dates for Women's and Youth due to travel ball.
 - Debrief about AYC?
 - Development role - will oversee the three (hubs?) spoken about in previous minutes.
 - Level C Course via Zoom was positive.
 - Known glitch on BNSW website for coaching courses.

5.0 Correspondence In

- Warwick
 - Info about Hume Cup.

- Clubs to remind all players to submit rep nominations.
- Andrew:
 - Display boards for scoring - \$2000-3000
 - Local Sports Grant Program 2025 - Under strict embargo until official announcement of grant winner from NSW Government - grant for livestreaming equipment.

6.0 New Business

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7.0 Reports

All reports below

8.0 General Business

Brahman Bulls

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Giants

- Revisit rules around ejections and swearing.
- Delegates push players to read code of conduct.

Wagga Jackals

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Rubberducks

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Hornets

- Timeline on Coaching and Umpiring courses.
- Umpire coordinator potentially get around to clubs to assess or give training to those interested in volunteering.
- Highlight issues around umpiring.
 - Opinion: Needs to be addressed and actioned in a constructive manner. Will avoid frustration and reluctance to volunteer.
 - Discussed:
 - For the executive committee to be able to address and action a specific issue, it needs to be in writing, and emailed to the committee to be discussed. There is nothing we can do if the issue has only been raised in hearsay.
 - Judgement calls also will not be actioned or addressed unless brutally consistent or against a specific person or team.
 - Complaints may be made from players against umpires, these need to be in writing.
 - Complaints may be made from umpires against players, these need to be in writing.
- Transparency from executive to delegates.
 - Opinion: Executive is making decisions without consulting the delegates enough. Committee as a whole needs to be more accountable and transparent with responsibilities. All Stars game as example - Association sees little to no benefit, doesn't develop our standard.
 - Discussed:

- Not sure about which decisions have been made without discussing (not consulting) with delegates.
- Delegates do have a position to vote during an actual vote within an executive meeting, however the delegates role is not to help make all decisions, only to provide opinions from each club as a whole, which may help - but not essentially decide - the executive to make decisions, based on what will benefit not only each club, but the association as a whole.
- Delegates role is only to relay information from the executive committee, to the clubs, and information from the clubs to the executive.
- Example - All Stars game, as stated from the beginning, is not sanctioned by the executive committee, we do not play a role in the organisation of the game or the teams. It has been sanctioned by Baseball Australia, therefore players are allowed to play across border with insurance. If players wish to play in the All Stars games, they personally contacted Ronnie, or if Ronnie wanted to select them to play, he contacted them personally. Nothing has come through the executive about giving or finding players. Ronnie has done his own recruiting as he is entitled to do so.
- Ronnie is not expected to notify a club if one of their players is playing in the All Stars team, however if the player wishes to do so, they may inform their coach and club that they are playing (recommended).
- The All Stars team is similar to the Jokers Social Team to attend the Tamworth June Long Weekend Baseball Carnival. This is also an invitational team, in hopes to have our Wagga Baseball Representative Team/s attend the carnival next year.
- Hoping for more information from Brenton (Hornets Delegate) in the future as to the exact nature and details of the issues risen and further discussion may follow.
- From Chris - Apologies from Hornets team in delay of packing up after the last game against Rubberducks

Attachments

President

No Report

Secretary

No Report

Treasurer

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| Opening Balance | 23/2/26 | \$10,682.63 |
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| Income | | |
| Rego fees | \$4,992.45 | |
| Canteen | \$749.32 | |
| Merchandise | \$10.00 | |

Wagga Baseball Association

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| Chocolates | \$82.60 | |
| | | \$5,834.37 |
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| Expenses | | |
| Trailer-rego | \$82.00 | |
| Ground Maintenance | \$178.50 | |
| Live stream equipment | \$488.98 | |
| | | \$749.48 |
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| Closing Balance | 22/2/26 | \$15,767.52 |
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| Canteen Float | \$493.655 | |
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| Inventory | | |
| Powerade | 49 | \$98.00 |
| Cans/Water | 337 | \$674.00 |
| Fruit boxes | 10 | \$10.00 |
| Zero | 18 | \$72.00 |
| | | \$854.00 |
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| Pending accounts | | |
| Andrew | \$916.92 | |
| Chocolates | \$789.93 | |
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| Canteen-Income | | |
| B/forward | | |
| Banked | \$749.32 | |
| Expenses | | |
| C/forward | \$749.32 | |
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| Chocolates | | |
| B/forward | | |
| Banked | \$82.60 | |
| Expenses | | |
| C/forward | \$82.60 | |

Competitions

No Report

Representative

No Report

Public Relations

No Report

Umpiring Coordinator

No Report

Meeting Closed @ 8:06pm

Next Meeting April 28th 6:30pm