

Wagga Baseball Minutes

Date: 28th April 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Wagga RSL Club

Type of Meeting: Monthly General Meeting

Chaired by:

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 @6.32pm

1.0 Present

Isabell Kesby, Brenton Burnett, Emily Moran, Ronnie Carothers, Joshua Sarantakos, Deb Hoogers, Warwick Pethybridge, Andrew Clark, Amanda Wenham, Dion Clothier, Travis Clothier, Tracy Clark,
Video/Phone:

2.0 Apologies

Chris Ebsworth, Travis Warren

3.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

True and Correct? Yes – Emily Moran 1st & Joshua Sarantakos 2nd

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

- Courses
 - Coaching
 - Warwick is fully accredited to sign off on Level B coaching practicals. Accreditation is in writing in email to Warwick.
 - Date to be determined once BNSW has been contacted.
 - BNSW will not run a practical course for less than 15 people.
 - Umpiring
 - May 23rd Umpires session with Neil and Carlo from Albury.
 - 9-12pm on the Saturday.
 - Groups will run through plate mechanics, base umpiring, close calls, judgement calls and balks, as well as game simulation (live BP, game scenarios) possibly with the rep teams during training.

- Gazebo and table possibly to be set up.
- Jerry Cobb possibly next Sunday to run a small session during the game.
- Jerry has also volunteered to be accredited umpire on behalf of Wagga at state championships - men's country champs.
- CLSC conversations about Josh's accreditations - CLSC will set date for deadline, as CLSC will pay for this.
- Scoring
 - Tracy still working on a date for a scoring session.
- Pitching
 - Cobb still yet to define a date for pitching clinic.
 - Put a facebook post up rather than a groupchat.
 - If qualified contacts, reach out to others abroad of Wagga about pitching clinics.
- Ground Maintenance
 - Teams need to actually help repack the mound and all other needed parts of the diamond as necessary between innings and after each and every single game.
 - Need to completely dig out RHS batters box and repack.
 - Contact council about remarking lines around batter's boxes.
 - No communication from council about the soccer tournament that clashed with games on most previous Sunday. Contact sent to council about what went wrong and how dangerous it could have been.
- Representative
 - Women's Country Champs
 - 4 EOI nominations.
 - Need to know numbers needed from Wagga to make a Wagga team - Needs to be put in by 4th of May.
 - Team roster needs to be in by 25th of May
 - Possibly merge with another association.
 - Can get players from ACT/VIC without going through pickup players.
 - Need an accredited umpire for women's, however that may not be possible so may incur a fee.
 - Only need a Level B coach for women's country champs.
 - Expression of Interest to be put out for the coach for the women's team.
 - Men's Country Champs
 - 15 EOI nominations.
 - Need an accredited umpire - Jerry Cobb.
 - Level C coach required for men's country champs.
 - Trials
 - 3-4 rounds of trials and training included and to follow.
 - Youth
 - Country Youth and U20s nominations. (Pickup players)
 - 20-21st June
 - Jerseys/Uniforms
 - Order time is 4-6 weeks for delivery from Greatrex.

- Fundraising
 - Mothers Day raffle prizes are sorted, tickets available.
 - Tickets can be purchased with cash.
 - Clubs may talk to their sponsors and ask to advertise the raffle and if they are open to it, show the QR code within the establishment. PDF of QR code can be made to give to sponsors to show, as well as asking them to share our posts on Facebook to their page as well.
 - Reminder to players and members of the 50's club each week with a \$50 fuel voucher prize.
 - Chocolates costs are now even, from now on will be profit.
 - Bunnings BBQ - we are on the cancellations list, so if there is a cancellation, we are the first point of call for us to have a BBQ (on a Saturday).
- Sponsorship
 - Meeting to be held soon with GYG about money sponsorship rather than the vouchers each week.
- Junior Come & Try
 - 31st May confirmed, 12-2pm.
 - Ronnie looking for equipment - will need to look at getting soft Reduced Injury Balls or 'tee-balls' as well as bats to accommodate these balls.
 - Ronnie and the team who has the bye (Hornets on the 31st) will run the come and try day.
 - Contact ongoing with Darren Kelly from Little League NSW, we need to decide what our plan is for the juniors comp/short season, and Darren will do what he can to help us make it happen.
 - May need to contact BNSW as well to get approval and look at registration fees.
 - Short program for juniors approx. \$67 (just BA and BNSW) without our Wagga Baseball fees.
 - Approx. numbers of juniors - 20.
 - Approx. age range - 10-15.
- Hume Cup
 - Thanks from teams/universities, excited for next year.
 - Looking at building next year and making a CSU team.
 - First Aid officer and full kit is a must for next year.
 - Also a concern as we need a First Aid officer named within the association, and may need to look at getting a defibrillator as well.
 - Thanks to all clubs, players, and volunteers that gave their time to help over the whole weekend.
 - Also question as to whether we do it on the long weekend next year or a different weekend. Harder to run on the Easter weekend as not everyone is available.
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5.0 Correspondence In

- Isabell:
 - Joshua Walsh (Wagga Wagga City Council) - Grant applications need to be in by the 8th of May.
 - Not interested in grants, due to no use for them currently.

6.0 New Business

- Presentation
 - Function booking confirmed.

- Will require a projector/TV screen, microphone and the bar service, don't require catering, want the bar service.
- Will contact functions manager/coordinator Lea-Anne to talk more about the details soon, and will confirm the booking and all details closer to the date.

7.0 Reports

All reports below

8.0 General Business

Brahman Bulls

- No partial or full refund from Wagga Baseball for a player after they have taken the field. Can take it up with BNSW or BA for refund of their fees however no refund is available from Wagga Baseball.

Giants

- Is there a list of players who cannot float? Yes, any player who has played representative at all - not just for Wagga - in the last two years.
- List of players who CANNOT float is to be posted in the delegates chat and communicated to all clubs.

Wagga Jackals

- Umpires need to have a plate meeting at the beginning of each game. For umpires notes to coaches, as well as coaches to ask questions to umpires.

Thomas Blamey Red Sox

- No correspondence.

Hornets

- Confirmed context of discussion from last meeting and what was written in the previous minutes.
- Transparency from executives to delegates:
 - No clear definitive timelines for things, and harder to communicate this with clubs.
 - Hearing things second-hand rather than during meetings, however the minutes are public within 7 days of the meeting, if information isn't able to be relayed from a person present in the meeting.

Rubberducks

- Speed up the changeovers taking the field. Should be 2 minutes, however it is taking far too long to make a changeover.

Others

Attachments

President

No Report

Secretary

No Report

Treasurer

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| Opening Balance | 23/3/26 | \$15,767.52 |
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| Income | | |
| Rego fees | \$327.01 | |
| Canteen | \$1,439.22 | |
| Cans | \$50.00 | |
| Chocolates | \$736.70 | |
| Raffle | \$122.47 | |
| 50 club | \$148.00 | |
| Merchandise | \$30.00 | |
| | | \$2,853.40 |
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| Expenses | | |
| Livestream-cable | \$59.97 | |
| Chocolates | \$789.93 | |
| Ground Maintenance | \$2.48 | |
| Canteen | \$787.48 | |
| Lines | \$396.00 | |
| Internet | \$56.99 | |
| Trailer-maintance | \$10.00 | |
| | | \$2,102.85 |
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| Closing Balance | 26/4/26 | \$16,518.07 |
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| Canteen Float | \$474.40 | |
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| Inventory | | |
| Powerade | 39 | \$78.00 |
| Cans/Water | 337 | \$674.00 |
| Fruit boxes | 24 | \$24.00 |
| Zero | 18 | \$72.00 |
| | | \$848.00 |
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| Pending accounts | | |
| Andrew | \$1,205.07 | |
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| Canteen-Income | | |
| B/forward | \$749.32 | |
| Banked | \$1,439.22 | |
| Expenses | \$787.48 | |
| C/forward | \$1,401.06 | |
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| Chocolates | | |
| B/forward | -\$707.33 | |
| Banked | \$736.70 | |
| Expenses | | |
| C/forward | \$29.37 | |

- Council fees to come out soon. Approx. \$3000?

Competitions

No Report

Representative

No Report

Public Relations

No Report

Umpiring Coordinator

No Report

Meeting Closed @ 8:35pm

Next Meeting 26th May 2026 6:30pm