

## Minutes

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

**10 November 2021**

*Held in the Clubrooms commencing at 6.30pm.*

#### **PRESENT:**

Board	Bert Eastoe, Doug Agar, Sherren Rahaley, Kylie Heagney, Deb Lawrence, Cayte Campbell (Operations)
Life Member Rep	Joanne Duffy
Falcons	Matthew Bardy, Laddie Bardy, Narelle Hamilton, Rod White
Magpies	Ben Hawkins
Norths	Le-Vene Horne, Beth Simpson
Scots	Doug Agar
United	Glenn Bobbin, Matt Davis
Wangaratta	Daniel Warner
Wodonga	Kyle Brereton, Vanessa Flanagan
Wombats	Paul Gow

#### **ZOOM:**

Beechworth	Ian McVea
Falcons	Hayden Anderson
Magpies	Stuart Morrison
Wodonga	Michael Darmody
Wombats	Brydie Campbell, Nathan Sigmund, Andrew McMillan, James Trenery, Michelle Bailey

#### **APOLOGIES:**

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#### **1. OPENING**

HAW President welcomed everyone.

Cayte then explained that Motion 2 will be a secret ballot (this is an option under our constitution). For those in the room there is voting forms and for those on Zoom they will vote by sending in an email to [admin@haw.net.au](mailto:admin@haw.net.au). Each club could allocate their votes in a block or individually.

## Club vote numbers

Teams	Teams	Votes Entitled to
Beechworth	4	2
Falcons	11.5	5
Magpies	9.5	5
Norths	10	5
Scots	1.5	1
United	10	5
Wangaratta	5	3
Wodonga	15	5
Wombats	7.5	4
Life Members	n/a	1
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>36</b>

We have been with Hockey Victoria for 50 years and this is a significant partnership, making this is a monumental decision. The three options have been investigated by a committee with all clubs represented. The President thanked the committee for the time and work that they have put getting the facts on the offer from each peak body over the last year.

Debate is welcome.

The matter of business before us is “Who is HAW to affiliate with for 2022”

There are two motions, and they will be put up individually. All agreed that Motion 1 will not be a secret ballot

**Motion 1:** *“That two thirds of members must vote in person or by proxy in favour of the motion”.*

**Mover** Doug Agar, **Seconder** Deb Lawrence

**Amendment Proposed** by Beth Simpson. **Seconded** by Le-Vene Horne

*“That two-thirds of members must vote in person or by proxy in favour of the SECOND Motion FOR IT TO BE PASSED.”*

Beth explained that the change was to ensure clarity of the motion.

The Mover and Seconder of Motion 1 are happy to amend their motion to the words proposed by Beth.

Doug spoke to the amended Motion 1 stating that due to the large and serious nature of the vote, a two thirds majority allows for it to be a clear decision.

**All in Favour. Motion 1 is carried.**

**Motion 2:** *“That HAW change its Peak Body Affiliation from Hockey Victoria to Hockey ACT from 1 Jan 2022.”*

**Mover** James Trenery, **Seconder** Matt Davis. Noted that both James and Matt were on the working committee investigating where to affiliate

James spoke to Motion 2

- Thank the committee for the work put in during the year
- Re the process - He has a wealth of experience on committees and is happy that this committee had a clear and honest intent with no preconceived ideas – all were looking at what was best for Hockey Albury Wodonga with reps from all clubs and some Board for their expertise.
- Believes that this motion if passed will help bring kids into our family oriented sport – it is about what is good for the whole association and the clubs within it.

It was asked if there were any amendments to the motion – none were proposed.

Kyle spoke against the motion. He thanked the committee for the work they have put in. Wodonga HC will be voting against the motion, and if that is successful would like to propose an alternative motion to remain with HV and review this decision in two years and HAW employs a part time Participation officer of its own to assist with junior participation numbers. In summary Wodonga Hockey Club are voting against the motion because:

- The best course of direction is to remain with HV
- HV provide clear pathways for junior, senior & masters players
- HV provide support in coaching, umpiring and participation
- HV has affordable registration fees. Cost is a significant for families and increased costs may drive families away
- HACT is not the magic bullet to increase player numbers
- HV has programs in place to drive participation – but we do not have an engaged volunteer base, our costs are high, and we do not have a publicity or media strategy
- HAW should directly engage a part time Media and Participation officer which we would have full control of
- CoVid is real. Now is not the time to be making significant strategic change
- HV is taking notice of our issues
- No Memorandum of Understanding has been provided by HACT and we have no certainty around the role of the Participation officer. We are unable to assess the offer properly because of this.
- State affiliation decision is of utmost importance to HAW and Kyle asked that we vote against the motion
- The question is “will the change in state affiliation fix the root cause?” He does not believe so.

The floor was asked if there were any other speakers for or against the motion – No one spoke.

Matt exercised his right of reply as the seconder of the motion.

- He agreed with James comments
- We need to not only get people into our sport but also retain them.
- Of the three peak bodies that were investigated, HACT had the best overall package. Some of the things we are used to are just offered differently in the HACT package – for example, under another name. The Roadshow with HV is only a 2 week program vs Participation with HACT is a full year commitment
- Re the cost - for junior players there is basically no difference. The increase of fees with HACT is only for seniors for an amount of \$28
- HV have factories which have been placed in some regional areas. It is asked why did HAW as the biggest regional Victorian association not get a chance to have a factory?
- The Association, clubs and members need to work with our peak body (regardless of who they are) to get the best outcome for HAW.

James as proposer of the motion summed up

- This has been an in-depth process and the detail is out there for all who would like to see what the committee made their recommendation on.
- We need to remember that every cent we are giving to HACT is being put back into our association mainly through the Participation officer role locally
- Our numbers have been deteriorating prior to the impact of CoVid and needs to be addressed
- Commends the motion to the Association.

Meeting adjourned for clubs to caucus and then hand in or email in the votes to Cayte as the returning officer. Joanne Duffy (life member rep supervised the count)

Votes handed in and collated

The result of the secret ballot is as follows:

Of a possible 42 votes to be cast, 41 votes were cast. The 41 votes were cast as follows:

<b>HACT</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Hockey Victoria</b>	<b>7</b>
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**Motion 2 carried.**

Bert thanked all for the support and debate and the committee.

He undertook to contact all three peak bodies and advise of the outcome.

**Meeting closed**

**7.10pm**

## Attendance

### Hockey Albury Wodonga Special General Meeting

#### Attendance Sheet

Albury Hockey Centre Clubroom,  
6.30pm, Monday 11 October 2021

Name	Club/Board affiliation
Sherron Rahaley	Board
Matt Davis	United
Joanne Dobby	LM HAW.
Ben Hawkins	Megpies
DANIEL WARNER	WANGARATTA
Kresss Flanagan	Wodonga
Norelle Hamilton	Falcons.
Paul White	Falcons - Le-Vene
Kylie Meagins	BOM
Paul Gow	Wombats
Glen Bobbin	United
Paul Simpson	NORTHS
Debra LAWRENCE	BOARD
LADDER BARRY	FALCONS
Le-Vene Home	NORTHS.
Matt Barry	Falcons
LADDER BARRY	fat