

Wellington Underwater Hockey Association (WUHA)

Annual General Meeting

Hydrotherapy Pool Reception Area, WRAC
12th February 2015
18:30

Chairperson: Jess Freeland
Secretary: Brendan Maxwell
Attendees: Jess Freeland, Brendan Maxwell, Pat Thorn, Richard Maxwell, Nicole Baker, Benson Taylor, Abby Vorstermans, Abigail Freeland, Tristan O'Neale, Jeremy Webster, Andrew Harris, Jane Nevin, Angela Whiteman, Claire George, Joshua Michael, Thomas Brokenshire, Matthew Sisson, Edward Firth, Alistair Ford, Ben Paviour-Smith, Tristan Reynard, Sarah Arnold, Chris O'Neale

Apologies: Nicola Douthett, Jake Hocking, Nick Healy, Richard Taylor

Minutes of the Last AGM

- Taken as read
- Moved by: Jess Freeland
- Vote: Unanimous, all in favour

Chairperson's Reports (Jess Freeland)

- Thanks to everyone who has helped out over the last twelve months: coaches, referees, volunteers
- Thanks to everyone on the WUHA committee that has played an active role
- Some of the highlights from the past year include:
 - the Wellington Regional men's team winning the Open grade at Regionals
 - Crocodylus won the Premier grade at Club Nationals
 - Phoenix won the Premier grade at North Islands
 - Knights of McGinley growing in numbers
 - lots of Wellington players in the NZ age group teams (with all four teams being captained by people from Wellington)
 - Wellington Girls College won the Senior Girls grade and Scots College came second in the Senior Open Grade at School Nationals
- There is still work to be done though:
 - growing our numbers
 - improving the results of our U18 Regional teams and our junior school teams
 - helping keep the mini-league going, so that it continues to feed into the schools league
 - get more people involved with coaching
 - increase the number of referees in Wellington

- The clubs league has changed and is progressing well under Jeremy's leadership
- Jake has done a lot of work on the barriers, and goals. He is moving to Australia, but will still be involved in the admin role
- I'm standing down as chairperson this year, have really enjoyed the past two years, but time for me to move on, so looking for a new chairperson with lots of passion and a strong vision for the future

Treasurer's Report (Pat Thorn)

- Thanks to Jess for all the hard work she has done over the past few years
- Similar to last year, have over \$100,000 in assets, mostly in the bank
- Aim of the budget was to be neutral, neither to make or lose any money
- Made a slight loss due to some old debts being written off
- The aim for the 2015 budget is to be neutral again, had to make assumptions about the number of teams, etc, so it might not be totally accurate
- We're solely using Kiwi bank at present, it's simpler to administer different account types with just one bank, rather than being spread across different banks
- Two out of three people are required to sign off on spending

- Accounts are currently unaudited,
- Professional audits are expensive, it's also hard to find someone to audit the accounts because there is no "starting point" and it could be risky for a professional

- An alternative to a professional audit, is a "review assignment"
- You can scope the level of assurance required for an organisation like WUHA
- Eleanor Currier works for the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants and could possibly help out with this

- Accept accounts
- Proposed that we agree a dollar value to spend on a "review assignment" and then see what we can get done for that value. If not enough, the committee will agree on a new value
- Proposed we try with a dollar value of \$1000
- Moved by: Tristan Reynard
- Seconded by: Angela Whiteman
- Vote: Unanimous, all in favour

Clubs (Jeremy Webster)

- Wanted to add structure to club nights.
- Has gone reasonably well so far, have consistent games times.
- Wants to get clubs more involved in the running of club nights, not just a lone committee member
- The upcoming 2015 pool closure will disrupt club nights
- Requests from pool staff:
 - Do not walk on the bulkheads
 - Do not put barriers poolside prior to our booking at 7.30pm (that means we need to be more organised to get the barriers in before games start at 7:40pm)

- Communication with the pool can be difficult, due to having to deal with multiple people (pool management and multiple lifeguards)
- Attendance can vary over the year, therefore changing the clubs format and fee structure to suit:
 - Mixed leagues – start and end of the year, anyone can play, mixed teams created by WUHA, individuals pay league fees to WUHA directly
 - Clubs league – middle of the year, Crox vs Phoenix vs KoM, clubs decide who is in each team, the clubs pay WUHA a fee per team
- Fees will work out to be slightly more than previous years, as clubs has been losing money, and has been subsidised by schools and the mini-league for the past few years
- Would like to have a more formal refereeing situation for club nights
- Have included concession tickets for dedicated club referees in the budget

Election of Officers and the Executive

The following people were elected to these WUHA positions:

Position	Person	Moved	Seconded	Vote
Chairperson	Sarah Arnold	Matt Sisson	Jess Freeland	Unopposed, unanimous
Secretary	Brendan Maxwell	Tristan O’Neale	Richard Maxwell	Unopposed, unanimous
Treasurer	Pat Thorn	Jeremy Webster	Angela Whiteman	Unopposed, unanimous
Equipment	Benson Taylor	Angela Whiteman	Richard Maxwell	Unopposed, unanimous
Schools	Nicola Douthett	Tristan O’Neale	Pat Thorn	Unopposed, unanimous
Mini-league	Nicole Baker	Tristan O’Neale	Jane Nevin	Unopposed, unanimous
Referees	Andrew Harris	Angela Whiteman	Claire George	Unopposed, unanimous
Coaching	Matt Sisson	Jane Nevin	Andrew Harris	Unopposed, unanimous
Clubs	Jeremy Webster	Tristan O’Neale	Richard Maxwell	Unopposed, unanimous
Competitions	Ed Firth	Tristan O’Neale	Richard Maxwell	Unopposed, unanimous

General Matters

Budget

- Now that the mini-league is not being used to subsidised club nights, the money generated from it will be used for:
 - mini-league
 - new goals
 - coaching and refereeing courses
- There is no current plan for using the money WUHA has saved in the bank

Pool Tiles

- Richard Maxwell – question for the equipment officer:
 - When the pool is closed, are they fixing all the cracked/broken tiles?
 - Will they be doing it correctly, and not doing a shoddy job like last time?
 - Can we encourage them to fix it properly?
- Never used to be a problem until the last pool closure, contractors possibly did a bad job

Tristan Reynard

- Too busy to join committee, but willing to offer advice if the committee requires it
- Encourage WUHA to come up with ideas, move forward and grow the sport in Wellington
- Use the funds we have to help with this
- Could possibly have the new WUHA committee meet with Tristan to work on ideas

Fin

- 19:30