

University of Canberra Hockey Club

2016 Annual Report



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UC Hockey AGM Agenda

1. Minutes from 2015 AGM
2. Business arising from 2015 minutes
3. Presentation of the Annual Reports
4. Elections:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - (5) Directors of the Board of Management
 - Officers of the club (Treasurer, Summer Hockey, UC Officer)
 - Equipment, Records, Social, 1st year members Men and Women
5. Other business

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Annual General Meeting

August 26 2015

Chairing the Meeting: Lauren Sewell

1. Minutes from 2014 AGM

Motion: To accept minutes as an accurate record. Moved by Chris McNally,
Accepted by Jolanta Moore, Seconded by James Winefield.

2. Business arising from 2014 minutes

Nothing

3. Presentation of Committee Reports

Reports pre distributed open to comments from the floor.

Presidents Report

Finance Report

Teams and Coaching Report

PR and Fundraising Report

Umpiring Report

No comments received

Elections:

Returning officer

- Nominations:
- Todd Hennessy (Simon Gavin, Kendrick Duren) – accepted nomination
- Elected

President

- Nominations:
- Jolanta Moore – (Scott Moore, Rob Ewen) –Nomination accepted
- Jolanta Moore Elected

Vice President Men

- Nominations:
- Sean Willis – (James Winefield, Rob Ewen) Nomination accepted
- Sean Willis elected.

Vice President Women

- Millie Butt – (Tessa Bailey, James Watson) Nomination accepted
- Millie Butt elected

(5) Directors of the Board of Management

Nominations:

- Alisha Nolan (James Watson, Tessa Bailey) Nomination accepted
- Lincoln Green (Kenny Duren, James Winefield) Nomination accepted
- Simon Gavin – (Kendrick Duren, Chris McNally) Nomination accepted.
- Stephen Madden – (Kendrick Duren, Dave McNally) Nomination accepted.
- Tessa Bailey – (Alisha Nolan, James Watson) Nomination accepted.

Treasurer

- Nominations:
- No nominations received, position will be advertised

Summer hockey coordinator (organise twilight and indoor)

- Nominations:
- Jackson Leckie– (James Winefield, Millie Butt) . Nomination accepted.
- Jackson Leckie elected

Recruitment and Development

- Nominations:
- James Watson – (Ian Morrow, Sean Willis). Nomination accepted.
- James Watson elected

Equipment

- Nominations:
- James Watson – (Tessa Bailey, Ian Morrow). Nomination accepted
- James Watson elected.

Records

- Nominations:
- Ian Morrow – (Alisha Nolan, James Winefield) Nomination accepted.
- Ian Morrow elected

7. Other business

Meeting closed: 7.06pm

2016 Board of Management Committees

Board of Management

President	Jolly Moore
Men's Vice President	Sean Willis (resigned March)
Women's Vice President	Millie Butt
Secretary	Tessa Bailey
Finance Director	Simon Gavin
Teams and Coaching Director	Lincoln Green
Umpiring Director	Stephen Madden
Public Relations Director	Alisha Nolan

President's report

The end of the season comes faster and faster every year. It's nice to be able to look back on the season and celebrate some of our highlights of 2016 and make some recommendations for next year.

2016 BoM

Millie Butt – VP
Tessa Bailey – Secretary
Simon Gavin – Finance Director
Lincoln Green – Teams & Coaching Director
Stephen Madden – Umpiring Director
Alisha Nolan – Fundraising/Social/PR Director

A special mention to Sean Willis who took a job with Hockey ACT in March and was required to resign from his position as Men's VP on the BoM. Sean was still a valuable member of the team helping out where he could with uniforms and advise.

Without this groups valuable time the club wouldn't run smoothly and be able to achieve the success on and off the field. Please take your time to appreciate the amount of work that goes into running the club and try and take the time to thank every board member.

Highlights:

The Numbers

209 – Registered Members
182 - Games umpired
19 - Umpires
16 - Coaches
13 – Teams
9 – Team in finals contention at the time of writing
3 – Minor Premierships secured at the time of writing

On Field

The 2016 season started out with an influx of new members at Grading Day. This helped to fill the new men's SL2 team which we nominated into the competition after a successful 2015 on the men's side of the club. This team has done extremely well in its first year in the competition and has now secured a finals spot.

At the time of writing we have 9 out of 13 teams in finals contention (Men – SL1, SL2a, SL2b, MW) Women (CL2, SL1, SL2, SL3, SL4a) which is a great result for the club.

Regardless of your teams results this year I hope everyone had a great season and will be back for a bigger and better 2017!

Off Field

Culture and Social Events

One of the BoM's main goals this year was to maintain the culture within the club. Hockey ACT have assisted this with most weeks UCHC teams played back to back or close to each other so there was always an opportunity to watch another team play. We have also celebrated off the field with social functions, starting with Lawn Bowls at the RUC, Bar Rally, Christmas in July with Trivia Night and Pres Night to come. These functions are important to get to know your teammates and fellow club mates so make sure you make every effort to attend Trivia Night and Pres Night!

This year we aimed to effectively communicate with members through different formats; in the off-season the clubs new website was developed, a big thank you to Megan McKay to putting the website together, another thank you must go to Goggs to who managed the previous website. We also sent out weekly Devils Digest emails, regular Facebook posts and introduced Millie's video updates with all the relevant information and of course the weekend weather forecast!

We will again be putting together a final supporter pack for people supporting the UCHC teams in finals, watch out for more information in the coming weeks.

Finance

We have been able to better our relationship with the RUC Bowls Club Turner and negotiate a slight increase the monetary sponsorship they provide and much more in-kind sponsorship to assist the social events we run at the club. The RUC has given us a great place for social functions, after game drinks and team dinners. Please continue to support them throughout the finals series and into summer and make sure you swipe your card to they know you are from UCHC.

This year we were able to keep fees at the same price as last year and increase the early bird discount from \$50 to \$100. The early discount was well taken up by the club and we will aim to continue to offer this. However, club the remainder of fee payment were quite slow which impacted on the club paying Hockey ACT invoices on time. We will continue to push making sure players pay their fees on time – this is so we can pay our invoices on time. I believe our fee schedule is very fair and flexible, please do not take this for granted otherwise the club will be forced to change the way we collect fees to make it much stricter on players

Recommendations

After an influx of new members at the start of 2016 teams were quite full especially in the women's side of the club. We were able to add an additional team into the WSL4 competition which reduced the strain across the women's teams. However, as the season progressed injury, player drop out and game clashes saw low player numbers especially in the lower grade women's teams. The BoM will look at strategies to manage this including nominating the additional team in a higher grade. There will also be a review of the CL squads in particular how selections are made and the movement between CL1 and CL2 teams. On the men's side the club

should be starting to plan to enter a team into the CL2 competition in the coming years.

This year we had some issues on when to place social events due to game time restrictions, next year I believe we should work with Hockey ACT to request some dates which are best for our social events, this will avoid clashing events with other events such as Uni Games.

We will be putting together a survey which will go out to all members in the coming weeks as a review of season, please fill out the survey so we can help to review the 2016 and plan for the 2017 season.

I say it every year but if everyone in our club did one thing other than playing each week, whether it be as little as watching another team play, attending a social function or umpiring for our club, or as big as coaching or being on the BoM the club would be better off for it, and I encourage everyone to do so next year.

It would take too long to thank everyone personally, but a huge thank you goes to every player, coach and umpire who has helped to make the club better in 2016!

Lastly a massive thank you to the BoM who give up their time to organise the season. Take your time over the next few weeks to appreciate the amount of work that goes into running the club and thank each of the board members.

Good luck to all teams in finals, hopefully we have a great end to 2016 and an even better 2017!

Jolly Moore

President

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Finance Committee Report

As seems to be a repeating pattern in the finance role the season has been full of highs and lows.

Highs:

- We were able to slightly increase our RUC sponsorship during the year as well as set ourselves a more solid footing for negotiating at the end of this season;
- The new policy of offering \$100 discount at the start of the year (previously \$50) led to a significant increase in early fee payment;
- With the success of the wine fundraiser last year we have continued this in the current year; and
- We were able to include a new mens team without having a significant impact on the bottom line of the club.

Low:

- University of Canberra once again reduced the funding that they were offering expensive sporting clubs;
- Fee collection after the initial burst slowed dramatically, this was significantly impacted by my injury and getting fee listing out; and
- Due to above the pressure from Hockey ACT increased as to UCHC missing some due dates for subscription payments.

On the whole the club should be in a reasonable financial position at the end of this year. As always the club still needs to be a concerted effort from all members to ensure that we continue this trend so that the issues that we have had in the past do not reoccur.

This will be my year on the BOM and as such will not be running again this year. However I will be more than happy to assist the new Finance Director throughout 2017 to help them settle in.

Simon Gavin
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Public Relations Committee Report

This was my first year as the club's PR, Social and Fundraising coordinator and I don't think I realised quite what I was getting myself into. Not to mention I decided to take a 5 week trip to Japan at the start of the season. But I have had some fabulous support from the Board and from other club members, who I wouldn't have been able to do without. A special thank you goes to Millie Butt, who kindly stepped in to help organise the Lawn Bowls season launch and Bar Rally in my absence. Thanks also need to go to James Watson, Jolly Moore and Tessa Bailey who have helped me set up events, source donations and done any other odd job that I have thrown at them.

Sponsorship

This year we continued our relationship with our major sponsor – The RUC Turner Bowls Club. The RUC appointed a new functions manager, Anna Montague, at the start of this year, and Anna has been a great contact point for us in organizing events, catering and RUC cards for UCHC members. The RUC has also implemented a new swipe card system which will help to track when UCHC members are at the RUC and accessing members' deals. This will be very useful for discussions about future sponsorship arrangements.

Thank you also to our other 2016 club sponsors – JT Sports, Bunyip Toys and RSM Bird Cameron.

If you have a business or know of any business within the Canberra region that may be interested in sponsoring UCHC, or if you would like to help us to source new sponsors for the 2017 season, please contact myself or the 2017 BoM.

Events

This year we have moved to an online ticketing system using QPay, which has made keeping track of ticket sales much easier for event organisers, as well as the ability to create different ticket types. We are hoping to continue to use QPay next year as it seems to have been well received by the club.

We launched the 2016 season with our Lawn Bowls event at the RUC. This event is a great way for new members to the club to get to know existing members and to introduce them to the very unique UCHC club culture. This event contributes significantly to the retention of new players to the club and we are hoping to grow this event further next year. This event also saw the launch of UCHC's very own weather report and what's happening video from our Vice President, Millie Butt. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend, and to Millie Butt for being substitute coordinator on the day in my absence.

Our next event was the annual Bar Rally, which landed on Friday the 13th May, giving us all an opportunity to embody our superstitions and come up with some very scary costumes. We kicked the event off at the RUC and then jumped on to

some public transport to head over to PJ O'Reilly's. From PJ's we headed over to Treehouse, with a beautiful rendition of Beethoven's Fur Elise along the way, with our final stop being at Mooseheads. Many thanks go to Millie Butt for organising a fantastic event and thank you also to the venues who provided drink specials, foam antlers and some very phat beats.

We were again able to hold Christmas in July for a second time. Due to draw clashes the timing of the event this year saw us competing with the start of the school holidays, Uni Games and election night but we still managed to get good attendance rates. We introduced karaoke to the event this year, utilizing The RUC's new karaoke system, which saw some very interesting talent from the club and some unexpected interpretive dance as well. We had some very impressive costumes again this year, especially the SL3 & SL4 Christmas trees. A big thanks to The Dock for their lucky door prize donations and to Jolly Moore for making some very cute and delicious reindeer lemon tarts and helping me to decorate the RUC.

We still have two more major events to come this year – Trivia Night and Presentation Night. Trivia Night this year will be moved back to a Friday night of the last round for the season. This year the draw has seen our games spread out across the day much more which has been great for spectating and players filling in for other teams but has posed a challenge for finding Saturday nights where none of our teams are playing. But we are sure our men's teams are up to the challenge of backing up after a big night of trivia, karaoke and shenanigans.

Presentation Night will be held on Saturday 24th September with a Mad Men theme. This year we are introducing an early bird ticket which is only \$40 so that we can lock numbers in early for catering purposes. To secure a ticket at this price, you need to purchase a ticket by the Sunday of the last round (28th August). After this date, ticket prices will cost the standard price of \$50. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up in their fedoras, three piece suits and flared skirt dresses to celebrate another fantastic season.

Next year, I'd like to see a social committee get off the ground, as was suggested by my predecessor. This will allow more club members to get involved with the planning of events and take some of the pressure off the BoM in promoting events, selling tickets and rallying numbers for events. The plan at this stage will be for each team to nominate a social representative, with the committee being headed by the PR, Fundraising and Social Coordinator.

Fundraising

Our main fundraising activity this year is again running the wine fundraiser. After last year's success, we are hoping everyone gets on board again with this project and encourages their family, friends and colleagues to participate as well. We have extended the closing date until the final round this year and worked on improving our communication about what and how people can order. We have also moved to an online form, with a print form, to provide people with more ways to submit an order. A big thanks goes again to Bill Mason and his family for supporting this

fantastic fundraiser and providing excellent advice and assistance in ensuring we get the most out of this project as possible. I'd also like to thank my predecessor, Megan McKay for her advice and for setting up a great system last year.

Our other fundraising efforts this year came from event tickets, and we expect Trivia Night to also contribute significantly to our fundraising efforts.

Many thanks to everyone who has attended events this year and participated in the wine fundraiser. These events help to build the culture of our club but are also important in ensuring we are able to raise important funds for the club.

Communication

This year our Vice President has introduced video updates and weather reports which have proven extremely popular. We have also continued to put out a weekly Devils Digest Newsletter, to which I have to thank Jolly Moore for collating each week. Our Facebook group has continued to be our main means of communication with the club and has continued to prove effective, but we have also focused on ensuring we keep our public Facebook page up to date for potential new members to the club. We also launched our new website this year which is much more user friendly and easy to up-date. A big thanks goes to Megan McKay for setting this up last year and getting it ready to be launched this season.

I hope to be a part of the BoM again next year and encourage anyone who wants to help organise social events and fundraisers to put themselves forward for the social committee next year.

Good luck to all the teams who are hoping to make finals this year, and I look forward to celebrating with you all at Presentation Night.

Alisha Nolan
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Teams and Coaching Committee Report

2016 Coaches: Team Coaches/Managers and Assistant Coaches

Women's	Men's
CL1 Reita Holmes	SL1 Cristel Mortimer
CL2 James Borrett & Jackson Leckie	SL2a Chantelle Blackwell
SL1 Morgan Williams	SL2b Stephen Hood
SL2 Kenny Duren	SL3 Bob Coughlin / Kenny Duren
SL3 Mat Evans	SL4 Brett Loiterton & Lincoln Green
SL4a Simone McKenzie	Midweek Michael Christoff
SL4b Bram de Laat	

I'd like to start by thanking all of our wonderful coaches. Without all of the effort and time that you put in, we wouldn't be able to function as a club and for that we are extremely grateful.

This year saw a lot of changes to the coaching line up particularly in the women's side of the club with two new coaches in the CL grades and a number of new coaches in the SL grades as well. I would like to thank in particular Mat Evans for picking up SL3 part way through the season after the initial coach left for South America; I know he was looking at having a more relaxing season this year. Also a big thanks to Kenny Duren who consistently helps out many other grades when coaches are not able to make training.

To all the old faces that have now been around the club for a number of years and have consistently coached team towards the finals a big thanks and hope that you will consider returning next year. I personally understand the amount of time and effort that you put into the training sessions and it is appreciated.

The coaching staff have work well together this season with the number of players being given the opportunity to play up grades to test their skill being one of the highest in recent memory.

Grading Day

Following on from last year's success, a registration and grading day was again run at the start of the season. We had a very successful turnout again this year, with a lot of new players attending who had found out about the day via the UC Market

Day stall. Due to the large number of women who attended grading day it was a bit clogged and this is something that may need to be looked at for next year.

Training Times

Training was held on a Tuesday and Thursday night this year which wasn't ideal. It would be great to be able to get everyone to train on the one night so that coaching players wouldn't need to spend more time that required at the hockey centre.

Tuesday 8 – 9pm	Women's SL4a & SL4b; Men SL1 & SL3
Thursday 6 - 8pm	Women's CL1, CL2, SL1 SL2 & SL3; Men's SL2a & SL2b

It would be more beneficial for players and coaches to have everyone train on the one night. It allows for better communication between coaches that want to pull players up from lower grades and also give coaches the opportunity to see players more often.

Teams and Finals Opportunities

We have a number of teams who have an opportunity to play finals. In the men's we have SL1 (who are yet to lose a game) both SL2a and SL2b and SL4 (with a slight chance). It's great to see us so strong in most men's grades particularly with the addition of an extra SL2 team. This did leave the SL3 men slightly depleted this season and at times some of the teams struggled for players for a weekend. It would be great to see the club progress to a CL2 men's team in the near future however further recruitment needs to be done in order for this to happen. At the least it would be great to continue to run with two SL2 teams as there are a number of SL3 players that are capable of playing SL2. Again we will need to recruit some more players for next season to keep us a strong club.

With the large number of changes to coaches in the women's side of the competition it's great to see us being as successful as we are. Both the CL grades are doing better than last season and the club knew that we were in a rebuild phase for these teams. There were a lot of new faces in both the teams which is great to see. Hats off to the coaches for pulling together a fairly new squad and getting them to all work together so well with CL2 in with a shot at making the finals.

With the competition so close in most of the women's SL competitions we are also in the running to make finals in SL1, SL2, SL3 and SL4. It is great to see the club doing so well as a whole. A number of women are wanting to play higher grade hockey which is something that needs to be considered for next season. Instead of running two SL4 teams we need to consider running two SL2 teams as we have the skill to fill these and it would keep our women wanting to return to play with us next year rather than look at going to another club.

Midweek

Midweek continue to do well sitting on top of the ladder as defending champions. They will also make the finals with only two losses throughout the season. It's great

to see that we continue to support a midweek team who are self-sufficient and represent our club well during the week.

Finally good luck to all teams who are in contention for the finals it's great to see as a club we continue to be so strong. A big thanks to all the coaches hope to see most if not all of you again next season.

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Umpiring Committee Report

2016 was supposed to be a transitional year for stewardship of Umpiring in UCHC, but circumstances had other ideas and would see me serve a third term as Director.

As our club continues to grow, so does our umpiring workload. We now have a grand total of 11 teams competing across the Men's, Midweek and Women's competitions.

This season saw the introduction of another team to the club in Men's SL2. As this goes to press Round 18 has been completed and our 19 Umpires (1 down from last year) officiated 182 games.

Only one game was missed due to human error and the club made up for this with 5 separate instances of commitments done outside the club's responsibility.

This year the umpiring committee was joined by Sean Willis who along with Suzi Foley provided invaluable support when I was away. Thanks must also go to board members who helped out and even put in a cameo umpiring!

After the final allocations of players to teams, the roster began to work much more smoothly. Our system of week on week off umpires has again worked well this year. Thus took some of the pressure off umpires who average a game a week and above who form the backbone of the club.

With more people putting their hands up more often, it meant that in the latter part of the competition most people were getting regular breaks and I wasn't making any extra trips to the hockey centre.

We also managed to recruit a couple of umpires to offset the few who have to dial back their umpiring or need to focus on other things like coaching or CL level umpiring.

Painfully aware of what I wrote last year I am stepping down from the board this year.

Umpiring Director is one of the more demanding jobs and experience has got me over the line this year. It is one of the jobs that will develop your professional skills (scheduling will get you places!) and meet a broader spectrum of the club than just your team. Hopefully the next person in the job with assistance can devote a bit more time to recruitment and maintain our high strike rate on providing quality umpires for our competitions.

Thank you to our excellent umpires who punctual, considerate, organized and hardworking. You have all made what can be a difficult job worthwhile.

Stephen Madden
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