**2022 AGM Meeting Minutes**

**Date:**  31/01/2023

**Location:**  Parkes Services Club – Sunset/Boulevard Rooms

**Meeting Opened:** 7:07pm

1. **Attendance and Apologies:**

**Attendance:** see attached

**Apologies:** Vanessa Brown, Tony Hendry, Bob Aitkin, Louise Witherow, John Davies, Judy Barter, Fran Dixon, Jane Grosvenor, Sharon Deen-Moody, Richard Rice, Sommer Bishop

1. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

Minutes confirmed as presented.

**Moved** Megan Hornery **Second** Sharon O’Brien

Matters arising from previous minutes: Nil

1. **Reports:**

**President Report – Graeme Thompson (on behalf of Richard Rice)**

Thanks to all our members for a great season, with approximately 590 members – it was great to get a full season in after two years of COVID interruptions, albeit we did have a couple of wash-out weekends. With the purchase of our new turf cleaner this year and the re-development of SD field in 2023, which includes major drainage works on Cheney Park, hopefully we will see less washouts in the coming seasons. Thank you to our major sponsor, Parkes Services Club, who provided funds of $10,000 once again.

A major highlights this year was hosting the Hockey One League matches between NSW Pride and Canberra Chill and a huge congratulations and thank you to all involved in getting this event to Parkes and it’s success, but especially to Ian Westcott who was instrumental in the organisation, running and success of the day. A big part of the success was, Ian securing Olympian and former Kookaburra, Jamie Dwyer for the evening event. This event was a very big undertaking for our association and our executive should be commended for the tireless work put in to it, also to Juicy, Bucket and Sass who worked the bar for the day along with all the members who made this day what it was, thank you.

Without the involvement of executive members and committee members like Sal, Vanessa and Juicy we would not be have hockey in our community, so I would like to say thank you to these people, for all the volunteer hours they put in to our sport.

We also wouldn’t be able to run without the members who umpire week in, week out and the team delegates who do the tech bench and canteen weekly – thanks to all those who take this on.

Another major event for the 2022 season was our hosting of the U13s Girls State Championships. Thank you to all our clubs for covering the canteen and bbq duties and again to the executive and committee who spent endless hours working to make this championships successful and show case PHI and our wonderful facilities. As always, we received many positive comments, form HNSW officials and visiting families.

It was great to see both a Womens and Mens team from Parkes competing in the Central West Premier Hockey League. Given the youthfulness of both teams, they must be commended for the competitive seasons they put in. Thank you to all those involved in getting these teams on the pitch.

Lastly, we have an exciting year ahead of us in 2023, with a new pitch to play on and the hosting of the Half State (South) Women’s Masters Championships amongst the highlights.

**Moved** Graeme Thompson **Second** Meg McManus

**Treasurer Report – Tracey Chambers**

Closing balances of the bank accounts on 31/10/22 are:

● 724415 - Working account - $67245 ($13200 of this was sponsorship money already received for the Hockey One event from John Davis Motor Group, Parkes Security Storage & Advice 4 Life).

● 184746 - Reserve account - $86632 which will be moved over to the working account once the financials are finalised.

● Term deposit balance is $60000. This has been kept for the redevelopment of SD field.

We had 559 members play last year. Of this 212 were senior memberships and 347 being juniors. These junior memberships were made up of 229 playing junior comp only, 78 playing both senior and junior comps and 40 playing in the senior comp only.

Unfortunately I have no profit and loss figures as yet, nor can I report on the viability of the canteen for 2022 at this stage. These figures will be provided ASAP, I am working on reconciling the entire year’s accounts and need to work through things with our accountant. I am sorry I don’t have this information available to members tonight.

Parkes services club came on board once again with $10000 sponsorship as did Sandvik with $2500. We thank these sponsors for this financial assistance.

Elvis accommodation in April brought in just over $9600 which is a great injection of income. U15 girls state championships held in May was also highly profitable bringing in $12500 for PHI.

Thank you to all those involved in making these events as amazing as they are and raising very much needed income to go towards improvements for PHI.

Some improvements over the season were new goal mouths for SD field, new ipad and square reader to facilitate extra eftpos transactions in the bar and bbq tents at events, deep freeze and extension bench for the coffee making area in the canteen and once again PHI have contributed to our Juniors representing NSW, with some of these still to be paid for the 2022 year.

I will endeavour to have all financials updated and audited by our accountant by the March monthly meeting, I’d love to say by the February meeting however that is just next Monday and the workload outweighs the time I can commit to this voluntary job.

I’d like to move a motion that this interim financial report be accepted at tonight’s AGM with full financials to be provided at the March monthly meeting, given all goes to plan with our accountant.

**Moved** Tracey Chambers **Second** Maureen Massey

**Mens Director – Graeme Thompson (on behalf of Richard Rice)**

This year saw 4 teams competing in A Grade and 7 teams in B Grade. Thank-you to participating, supplying umpires and covering the canteen/tech bench duties. Thanks tonIan Westcott who coached the men’s Premier League team, with the team finishing a very competitive 3rd in the competition. The CWPHL AGM has been held with both men’s and women’s competitions going ahead in 2023, with Parkes hopeful of entering teams.

**Moved**  Graeme Thompson **Second** Sally-Anne McPherson

**Womens Director – Mandy Westcott**

I would like to say a big thank you, to all our current PHI executives for a wonderful job they have done over the last 12 months. Without PHI executives, PHI would not be moving in the fantastic direction in which our sport is heading. All the PHI executives take time out of their busy schedules to plan, organise and oversee all the events and the running of a smooth hockey season.

To all the PHI members, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and energy also making a difference to PHI and we could not run our season and all the NSW events without you all. We are greatly appreciative of you all.

As Women’s Director, I deeply appreciate the dedication of time everyone has put in, and as a result we have managed to run a very professionally association. Here’s to 2023 hopefully being another successful year. Our hard work is a wonderful example to everyone involved what a great TEAM we have in our PHI community.

A big thank you to all members who played in the 2022 season. It was fantastic to be able to complete a full season with out covid interruptions. Although the weather did course some washouts which was very unfortunate. With purchasing our new turf cleaner, we are hopeful next season will be different in that regard.

Congratulations to Rover’s Black wining the A grade women’s grand final and to MarCellars with runners up, Magpies White taking out the B grade women’s Grand final, and Rover’s black runners up, while Rover’s gold winning the C grade grand final and Magpies black with runners up. It was a great day of hockey.

Our premier league ladies had a good year, coming in equal 3rd on the ladder just missing the semi-finals due to for and against goal differences. Well done ladies. A big thank you for Matt Searl, Jodie Turner, and Andy Gillard and all the players and officials for all their efforts throughout the season. Not to forget to mention all the junior girls coming through which stepped up when needed throughout the season, was fantastic to see. I am hopeful that this year will be another very successful for the girls United team.

We had 8 ladies head to Cairns for the Australian Women’s Hockey Nationals last September/ October, Maureen Massey, Fran Dixon in the NSW 65’s blue with Donna Payne as their manager coming home with a gold medal.

Denise Gersbach, Jane Grosvenor and Mandy Westcott playing in the NSW 50’s coming home with a silver medal.

Susie McGrath and Louise Witherow playing for ACT and Lee Hodge as a manager for ACT hockey.

Finishing on a high after the National tournament, Denise Gersbach was selected in the Australian Women’s 50’s team and Maureen Massey named a shadow in the Australian Women’s 65 team to compete in the Trans-Tasman tournament early in 2023.

After our field season ended, indoor started very soon after. A lot of Parkes members very quick to put down their field stick and pick up their indoor stick. Parkes was pleased to be able to nominate very competitive teams in all NSW state championships from Opens Men’s and Women’s, through from U21’s to U13’s boys and girls. Parkes had huge success with several players being named in NSW state and blues teams. An amazing effort to all player’s seen Parkes doesn’t have facilities for a indoor competition or training. Also, good luck to the Women’s master indoor team that will head to Goulburn in mid-February.

**Moved** Mandy Westcott **Second** Sandra Tildsley

**Junior Director – Graeme Thompson**

A big thank you to Vanessa for coordinating our representative teams again this year and to Sal, a deserving winner of the Laurie Wakefield Dedication to Junior Hockey award, who worked tirelessly making sure the junior competitions ran smoothly - I really didn’t have to do anything because of these two.

A major highlight for our juniors this year had to be the HockeyOne free junior clinics with the NSW Pride players. Not only did the kids get some specialist training and tips from our top NSW athletes, each child received a commemorative shirt to keep that they were able to have signed by the players. Registration for the clinic was free and the clinic was supported by Parkes Woolworths. A huge thank you to all involved in making this clinic happen.

Another highlight for the year was our goal keepers receiving specialised coaching nd training from 2 x Olympian and former Hockeyroo, Toni Cronk. Goal keepers don’t get too many opportunities for specialised coaching in areas so we very grateful to all involved in getting Toni to Parkes to share her knowledge.

We had good numbers through all our grades and I would like to thank all those who volunteered their time to coach our juniors. We are able to implement some new ideas, including 1 v 1 for a field goal scored in our A Reserve and A Grade competitions. These ideas received mixed feedback and will be looked at for our 2023 season, but it was great to see most of these innovations being embraced by our junior members.

This year we had 12 representative teams across our junior age groups, including U11s, with 29 athletes being selected in HNSW squads/teams and 28 athletes being selected in to regional and state school teams. Special mention to Toby Collins who was selected in the Australian All Schools team. Our rep teams brought home one gold medal and three silver medals from State Championships, with all our teams being competitive and great ambassadors for Parkes. A big thank you to all our rep coaches and managers as well as the families of our athletes, without you we would not be able to send our rep teams away.

**Moved** Graeme Thompson **Second** Steve Collins

1. **Election of Officers of the Incorporation**

Executive Director – Richard Rice, nominated by Megan Hornery, seconded by Lee Hodge. Elected

Secretary – Lee Hodge, nominated by Sandra Tildsley, seconded by Maureen Massey. Elected

Treasurer – Tracey Chambers, nominated by Sally-Anne McPherson, seconded by Sandra Tildsley

Director: Mens – no nominations received, position left vacant.

Director: Womens- Mandy Westcott, nominated by Tracey Chambers, seconded by Tina Coleman. Elected

Director: Junior – Sally-Anne McPherson, nominated by Graeme Thompson, seconded by Amy Thornberry. Elected

1. **Election of Non-Executive Members of the Management Committee**

Judiciary Chairman – Aaron Huppatz, nominated by Mandy Westcott, seconded by Sarah Smith. Elected

Representative Coordinator – Vanessa Brown, nominated by Lee Hodge, seconded by Sarah Meg McManus. Elected

Publicity Officer – Heidi McPherson, nominated by Mandy Westcott, seconded by Megan Hornery. Elected

Grounds and Maintenance Chairman – Andrew Daley, nominated by Declan Daley, seconded by Steve Collins. Elected

Umpire Coordinator – Rodney Coleman, nominated by Mandy Westcott, seconded by Sharon O’Brien. Elected

Points Score, Draw and Records Officer – Heidi McPherson, nominated by Mandy Westcott, seconded by Amy Thornberry. Elected

Assistant Treasurer – Sommer Bishop, nominated by Tracey Chambers, seconded Mandy Westcott. Elected

Canteen Supervisor – Jack McGrath, Natalie Hancock (both self nominated) Comment provided by Lee Hodge: before we elect a supervisor/manager for the canteen the executive would like to discuss the role with both nominees especially given our competition structure may vary at the start of the season with only one turf pitch available for use. Election held over.

Registrar – Sarah Smith, nominated by Tracey Chambers, seconded by Mel ten Cate. Elected

Booking Officer – Vanessa Brown, nominated by Lee Hodge, seconded by Maureen Massey. Elected

Sports Council Representatives – Andrew Daley, nominated by Megan Hornery seconded by Sharon O’Brien. Elected. Ian Westcott, nominated by Andrew Daley, seconded by Declan Daley. Elected

Grants and Sponsorship Officer – Sandra Tildsley, nominated by Mel ten Cate, seconded by Mandy Westcott. Elected

1. **Nominations of Life Members**

Lee read the nominations for Megan Hornery and Denise Gersbach (see attached) received along with the excerpt from the constitution:

*(b) LIFE MEMBERSHIP*

*The Incorporation shall have the power to confer Life Membership on any person who has given*

*meritorious services to the Incorporation over a period of at least ten (10) years (which includes*

*services to Parkes Men’s, Parkes Women’s and Parkes Junior and girls).*

*PROVIDED that:*

*i. Each be nominated by the two (2) executive members of the Management Committee*

*stating the qualifications of the person so nominated.*

*ii. Notice of nomination and all such qualifications be advertised in the local paper seven*

*(7) days before the Annual General Meeting.*

*iii. The election of a Life Member shall be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting and a*

*two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of voting members present shall be necessary for his or her*

*election.*

*iv. They shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as any member of the Incorporation.*

Discussion:

Graeme Thompson – significance of bestowing life membership, achievements of the nominees and what it means.

Dean Powter – remember it does not have to be time served on the committee, people can meritoriously serve in other ways.

Tracey Chambers/Mandy Westcott – attempts were made to get specific dates for the nominees, however with the advancement of paper to digital records and older digital records becoming corrupt specific dates were difficult to find. However, both nominees have been involved on the committee and through umpiring, playing, coordinating representative teams (especially within the masters women’s space) since the early ‘90s, if not the late ‘80s.

Lee – the executive acknowledges that there needs to be some changes in the wording of the Constitution, however, it is as read earlier.

Voting was completed by ‘secret’ ballot with both nominees receiving at least a 2/3rds majority vote in favour of them receiving Life Membership.

1. **General Business**

Andrew Daley – There is a strong possibility that the Masters Games in Parkes scheduled for March will be postponed.

Ian Westcott – Whilst there have been setbacks with the SD field redevelopment, especially with the significant rain event on the Sunday after Hockey One, works have commenced, with extra funding being provided to Polytan to undertake the drainage works instead of the Council. Polytan and Council are aware of the dates for our major events and have made assurances for work completed prior to our hosting these events. It looks like Baker Street will be closed permanently as the Council has identified that the scope of the project to rehabilitate the road surface is much larger than originally thought. The matter is still to go out for community consultation but the recommendation is to close it permanently.

Sandra Tildsley – SANDVIK on board to sponsor again but just need to clarify some things with them. Ian Westcott – A subsidiary of SANDVIK, NewTrac (?) also look like jumping on board.

Sarah Smith – How will the competition be run with only one pitch for a period of time? Lee Hodge – At this stage the new committee, will have a planning meeting this week to get proposals together to present at the monthly meeting on Monday. It could be that there are games played Sundays, round robins and/or double ups. Competitions will take precedence over any training.

Meeting Closed: 8:23pm

**Parkes Hockey Inc. – Meeting Attendance**

Date: 30/01/2023

Meeting Type: 2022 AGM

Location: Parkes Services Club

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| **Name** | **Team** | **Name** | **Team** |
| Toby Collins | Crows MA | Melanie ten Cate, Sarah Smith, Eliza Creith | Magpies White WB |
|  | Magpies Black MA |  | Marist WB |
|  | Magpies White MA | Megan Hornery | Middleton Coachman WB |
| Declan Daley | Rovers MA | Sharon O’Brien, Meg McManus | Middleton Eagles WB |
|  | Magpies Black WA | Sandra Tildsley | Rovers Black WB |
| Maureen Massey | Magpies White WA | Amy Thornberry | Rovers Gold WB |
|  | Marcellars WA | **Executive Committee/****Others** | **Position** |
|  | Rovers WA | Dean Powter |  |
| Steven Collins | Crows Aqua MB | Ian Westcott |  |
| Jack McGrath | Crows Black MB | Lee Hodge | Secretary  |
| Craig Kelly | Crows Cambridge MB | Sally-Anne McPherson | Registrar |
| Rodney Coleman | Magpies Black MB | Graeme Thompson | Junior Director |
|  | Magpies White MB | Mandy Westcott | Womens Director |
| Scott Morrissey | Marist MB | Tracey Chambers | Treasurer |
| Andrew Daley | Rovers MB |  |  |
| Heidi McPherson | Crows Aqua WB |  |  |
|  | Crows Black WB |  |  |
| Tina Coleman | Magpies Black WB |  |  |

**Life Membership Nomination – Megan Hornery**

Megan Hornery has provided years of service to the Parkes Hockey Association through all aspects of the game - playing, managing, selecting, umpiring and many administrative duties.

Megan is a committed member of the Middleton Hockey Club and fulfills many duties for this club - playing, umpiring, coordinating teams, control and canteen duty as well as attending meetings where she always contributes greatly in decision making.

Megan is one of our association's longest serving umpires. Megan umpires on a weekly basis, often stepping in to umpire more than one game a week when others are unavailable and has also been available to umpire at masters state championships when required over the years.

Megan has been involved in the coordination of Parkes Masters hockey teams for approximately 20 years. She is on the Masters selection panel, coordinates all teams, assists in the coordination of accommodation, organisation of umpires and organisation of uniforms. She coordinates payment plans for all players to ensure all ladies are able to participate in State Championships. Megan also facilitates training sessions for teams in the lead up to championships.

Megan is one of our unsung heroes as she does much work behind the scenes to ensure Parkes has strong representation in Masters hockey.

Prior to the amalgamation of men, women and juniors to form Parkes Hockey Incorporated, Megan served as President of the Parkes Women's Hockey Association in the 1980s.

Megan is extremely passionate about the game we all love and has contributed to Parkes Hockey for many many years and I think she is very worthy of a life membership with Parkes Hockey Incorporated.

Nominated by: Tracey Chambers Seconded by: Mandy Westcott

**Life Membership Nomination - Denise Gersbach**

Denise’s involvement in Parkes Hockey Incorporated is long and varied. Over the past 20 plus years she has served on the committee in a number of roles including Women's Director, Publicity Officer, Covid Officer and Registrar where she spent many hours collecting and collating  match cards, point scores and the like.

Denise is a stalwart of the Rovers Hockey Club and has served the club over a number of years as a player, umpire, coach and mentor to the juniors. She consistently volunteers her time doing club and team duties including canteen, tech bench and attending meetings.

Denise has shown a dedication to Parkes hockey through her representation at junior, opens and masters level both as a player and official in both indoor and field hockey. Denise has also represented at State and National level and continues to be mentor for many PHI members on all levels.

Denise continues to show her dedication to hockey and now holds positions with the HNSW Women's Masters committee and HA Masters Steering committee with her involvement in these having a positive flow on effect to the Parkes association.

Nominated by: Lee Hodge Seconded by: Graeme Thompson