**WPWAI BOARD SUMMARY**

**MEETING:**  11th August 2016

**MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE**

**Constitution Update -** Four (4) Special resolutions previously considered to be formally put to membership at 2016 AGM.

Board will ask the membership to vote in favour of altering the WPWAI Constitution in regards to;

* Minimum number of board meetings required to be held annually reduced from ten (10) to eight (8)
* Life Member policy being reference for this rule in WPWAI Constitution
* Terms of Finance reduced for three (3) months to two (2)
* Alter language and refer to Chairperson, not Chairman

As per WPWAI Board Review, position of Deputy Chair to be included in WPWAI Constitution to assist with succession planning of WPWAI Board positions.

Life Membership for Mr Gary Payne to be put as Special Resolution and presented to membership in accordance with WPWAI rules and policy.

**Staff Performance Appraisals** were finalised for CEO and Competition and Development Manager by th eBoard of WPWAI.

**Aquatic Sports Strategic Group** - Blueprint for strategic plan discussion was presented as per the ASSG consultant presentation.

Areas of concern were voiced in regards to;

* Governance structure of any group moving forward and the role of the group.  It was noted that WPWAI would prefer an advocacy group to be established in the first instance and an “umbrella” group is not required at this point in time.
* Previous relationships and involvement in “joint” projects with other aquatic groups have not been successful and hence, a wariness of any involvement is prevalent amongst the Board.
* Clear delineation required in regards to finances

WPWAI recognises the value in being involved in the group, and is interested in areas where there can be a value add to the existing programs.

**FINANCE**

WPWAI Premier League -

Board agreed that there will be no goal judges in 2016-17 and this budgeted money could possibly go towards an increase in payments to referees. CEO to look into what payments are made to referees/umpires from other sports.

**SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

**Competitions Committee -** A long and thorough conversation was held in regards to the Men’s Premier League format and rules for 2016-17 season. The underlying factor was that any decision made was to be for the best interest of water polo in WA.  Not just for the short-term outcomes, but for long-term benefits.

Board agreed that the PL will be;

* One (1) team per club
* NWPL players to be able to participate within this competition.
* Loan players to be made available if agreed upon by the respective clubs.

2016-17 Challenge Cup to be conducted from Jan 2017 – April 2017 and utilise the same rules as the 2015 Challenge Cup competition.  NWPL top ten (10) to be agreed upon by an independent panel headed by the WAIS coach.

**WPWAI AGM to be held on September 11 2016.**

**Next WPWAI Board meeting to be held on Thursday 13th October 2016.**