



WPWACI Meeting

MINUTES

Telephone Link

Wednesday 15th August 2018 @ 7.30pm

Meeting Open: 7.30pm

1. **Attendance:** Justin, Anouska, Kristy, Alice, Rob and Ben (Scott joined meeting at 8.15pm)
2. **Apologies:** Ray
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** 10 Jan 2018
Accepted: Alice **Seconded:** Ben

Outstanding Action items from last meeting: nil

4. **Treasurers Report regarding Australian Country Champs Rockhampton - May 2018**

Refer to Tournament Report on Page 5

- Scott reported that the manner in which the teams were managed and organised were poles apart. The women were far more organised than the men. The men were lucky to send a team away if it hadn't been for Phil Martin's efforts and personal contributions. Phil paid a fair amount of the costs out of his own pocket to enable the men's team to go away.
- Scott's recommendation is that at this point in time it is not sustainable for us to fund a manager and coach for each team. Scott suggested enforcing a deposit by all players (\$200-\$300 which will be non-refundable) to lock in their place. If the team does not travel the money is returned to those who paid. This needs to be paid within 3-4 weeks from the championships. If there is insufficient interest then the team does not travel. The women's side managed to pay their deposits for Rockhampton however hardly any of the men paid money up front.
- Kirsty made mention that the women's team was grateful to the men's team for lending Marko as their coach and helping out with refereeing duties due to Bear's early departure because of his family circumstances.
- It was agreed by WPWACI that we would cover the airfare and accommodation for the Managers and Coaches travelling to Rockhampton, capped at \$1500 each. WPWACI also paid for the team nomination fees and some uniform expenses (due to the withdrawal of some players). We also had to fork out additional money to pay for accommodation that didn't end up being utilised due to player withdrawal. Some of the money transferred by the men went to incorrect accounts and hardly any receipts were submitted.
- It was agreed that next year we need to ensure that things are managed a lot better. All country Associations need to be prepared to fundraise to cover costs otherwise we are depleting all the funds that we receive. We are lucky to still have just over \$24K in the bank but cannot continue to pay extreme costs to send representative teams away.

Action: Johnny to follow up with any players that committed to going – they still need to pay uniform costs. Johnny will also follow up uniform stock amounts with Phil and arrange distribution of any left overs.

Action: Phil to provide missing receipts and/or submit signed stat decs so our accounts are all squared away.

Business Arising

5. Discussion paper – Movement of Water WA Country to Water Polo WA Ben Haywood WPWAI

- Ben shared the attached discussion paper with the committee. He is asking the committee to consider making WPWACI an advisory committee of WPWAI reporting directly to the GM with the day to day administrative support lead by WPWAI Development Manager.

Ben stated that the benefits of having an advisory group is that when sending a touring side for national champs – a majority of the leg work gets done by WPWAI rather than by volunteer managers. WPWAI have two full time office resources that they can allocate to manage events and this would reduce the strain on volunteers. Assistance would also be provided for the state country champs in terms of funding and resources.

- Johnny stated that we have a strong country association with good governance – most water polo associations in other states don't have a separate incorporated group and fall under the state body.
- Alice raised a concern that this could potentially see country water polo get gobbled up with the metro competitions and we would lose our country voice. Everyone shared this same concern.
- Rob queried how this would work with our finances. It was explained that WPWACI actually don't have any income – we have applied for an increase in capitation which is all paid to WPWAI and a portion of this is fed back into WPWACI to put towards travelling teams. We received \$5250 last season and this year it will be around the \$10k mark. Ben advised that there would be a dedicated budget for country initiatives.
- Anouska asked how this would work constitutionally. Do we need to wait until the next AGM or do we look at running the advisory group now alongside the current WPWACI committee and then we can provide an informed decision about the proposal at the AGM.
- Ben was also asked what powers the advisory committee would have. Ben stated that he was unsure at this stage about how it would look operationally. If this proposal is something that the current WPWACI Committee would like to see happen after consulting with our own clubs Ben will endeavor to look into the proposal further and provide further information.

Action: Justin to contact each committee member personally about this proposal to seek personal opinions and report back for discussion at next meeting.

6. WPWAI AGM – Sunday 16th September

Ben advised that this year's WPWAI AGM will be held on Sunday 16th Sept. Currently advertising for 4 x Directors. Nominations close **5pm Sun 2nd Sept.**

Click on the following link for further information about the positions <http://waterpolowa.asn.au/2018/07/19/water-polo-wa-seeks-new-directors/>

Action: Anouska to share the call for Director nominations with the WPWAI Committee.

7. Capitation – agreed that we would apply for an increase of \$5 per season.

This year asking for \$10 per person. Should allow for a good amount of money to be set aside for the travelling teams heading to the Gold Coast in May 2019.

8. Water Polo on Rottnest Island – 8-9th December 2018

Ben advised that WPWAI has received a number of nominations from women however lacking nominations from men teams.

Discount fares (15%) can be purchased through SeaLink Rottnest Island (refer to attached flyer). Accommodation for the event should be booked now.

It would be great to see a regional presence at the event.

9. General Business:

New Member Pool System (Replacing SportsTG)

- Country Associations need to check that they have access to the Regional discount in the new system.
- WPWAI can offer training and assistance with the new system. Refer to attached Quick Start Guide.
- All Association are advised to dump all data out of SportsTG before Sept - there will not be data migration with the new system.
- Scotty was very supportive of the new system.

State Country Champs – Busselton 2019

- Rob reported that Busselton are on track with their preparations for next year's Country Champs
- Busselton may look at amalgamating with Albany to create a women's team.

Action: Ben to provide Rob with contact details for Albany.

- Rob also reported that there are no issues with the pool liner, all fixed. They are looking at putting in a 50m pool – Rob will talk to Ben about this and hopefully put in a good word to get the pool extensions built to incorporate a national standard water polo pool.

Kalgoorlie Water Polo

- Ben advised that WPWAI are heading to Kalgoorlie to ramp up water polo again in the region. They will also be talking to Kalgoorlie Swim club and work on building a united aquatic club.

Karratha Water Polo

- Karratha Water Polo Association were excited to report that the Karratha Leisureplex have recognised that water polo are responsible for their high volume of aquatic memberships and are working with us this season to start summer hours earlier which will provide for a longer water polo season.

Australian Country Champs

- Johnny proposed that we call for coaches and manager nominations earlier and have this decided prior to AGM to allow for better management and preparation.
- **Fundraising:** If we are going to do a raffle let's do it before Country Champs – all Associations have an equal burden then the money is there ready to go for the travelling teams. Kirsty advised that any funds raised may have to be tax declared.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th October @ 7.30pm

Meeting Closed: 8.50pm

2018 AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WATER POLO CHAMPS ROCKHAMPTON, QLD

This year the national championships were held in Rockhampton, QLD in May. After a few years hiatus for WA attending the national championships it was encouraging to see two strong teams be sent to Rockhampton to represent WA.

The competition in Rockhampton was strong, but both WA teams weren't shaken. Our men's team, came together quickly and finished out the competition in 5th. Whilst the women proved WA is still here and still going strong walking away with a convincing 3rd place Bronze.

The talent coming out of WA Country was on show with Marko Draksimović (Peel) scoring Goalie of the Tournament also making the team to represent Australian Country in Thailand the Princess Chulabhorn Cup this coming November. Marko wasn't the only selection to be made for the team, with fellow teammate Jayden Horne (Bunbury), and Caitlin Read (Peel) being selected.

In 2019 the Australian Country Championships will be held in May on the Gold Coast, QLD. We're excited for the season ahead as clubs look to build talent and expand water polo across WA regions.

