

WPWACI Meeting

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Telephone Link

Wednesday 10th October 2018 @ 7.30pm

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Meeting Open: 7.35pm

1. **Attendance:** Justin, Anouska, Ray, Rob, Scott, Kristy and Ben
2. **Apologies:** Alice
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** 15 August 18 **Accepted:** Scott **Seconded:** Rob

Outstanding Action items from last meeting:

- Justin to follow up with Phil about outstanding invoices and amounts from Rockhampton Aust Country Champs. Justin has sent a stat dec through to Phil – we are now waiting for that to be sent back. Justin still following up with players that committed to attending Rockhampton and chasing up their payments. **Action: Justin to continue to liaise with Phil to finalise these outstanding amounts.**
4. **Treasurers Report (Refer to attached)**
Accepted: Anouska **Seconded:** Rob

Ben advised that Scott could now invoice WPWAI \$10,480 for the Country Development Grant which incorporates the \$10 increase in capitaiton.

Action: Ben to send through an email to Scott to verify what was paid last year (this amount will be doubled)
Action: Scott to invoice WPWAI.

5. **Proposal for WPWACI to become an advisory committee of WPWAI** (Justin)

Further discussion was had about this proposal. Ben advised that the history behind this proposal is that this has now happened at National Level. WA is currently the only state that has a separate Country Association. Ben outlined that the benefits of the merger would be:

- Greater administration support and governance. There is currently a duplication of volunteer/support staff particularly in relation to sending teams to compete in the Aust Country Champs
- Increase in Financial Support: Country Water Polo would be allocated its own budget – the advisory group would make decisions on how funds are spent.

Ben also advised that this offer remains on the table and is happy for it go through to the 2019 WA Country Water Polo AGM for consideration at the next meeting. If the merger was to happen now the current committee would become an advisory group within WPWAI.

It was agreed that the current committee needs to go the AGM in 2019 with a considered decision regarding the proposal.

Action: Ben will collate suggestions and amend the 'Water Polo WA and Water Polo WA Country Proposal'. This will be recirculated to all committee members to discuss with their Associations and come back with an informed decision regarding the proposal at the next meeting.

Action: Johnny to also approach all the life members and seek their opinion on the proposal. (There are currently 8 life members)

6. Business Arising

▪ Eligibility for State Country Champs (Ben)

There is ongoing confusion around player eligibility for State Country Champs. The current WPWACI By-Laws rules state the following:

4.2 Player Eligibility

a) All members playing in this carnival must be financial registered members as laid down in the rules of this Association and must be registered on the online platform used by the state body.

(b) All members must have played three (3) competition games in their own Country Centres Competition of the present season. Players residing in Perth must reside and play for eight (8) weeks, at that country centre, for that present season, prior to the State Country Carnival. Any dispute of this rule will require their Country Centre Official/Delegate to sign a written statement to this effect and forward to the WPWACI.

(c) Fly in fly out (FIFO) workers qualify as country players. If a FIFO worker has played the qualifying games [Clause 4.2 (b)] for a centre, then they may play for that centre. If a FIFO worker has not played the qualifying games [Clause 4.2 (b)] for a country centre, due to no formal competition, they may enter the draft.

It was suggested that we change the number of competition games to five for both members and players residing in Perth.

Action: Anouska to resend the current WPWACI By-laws to all committee members and ask for feedback from all Association representatives prior to our next meeting in two week's time – Monday 22nd October @ 7.30pm.

Action: Johnny to send a letter to all country associations advising them to enter their fixtured games in Member Pool so we have transparency over what games have been played. It was also suggested that this be included in the WPWACI By- laws.

▪ **Call from nominations for Managers/Coaches for Aust. Country Champs (Justin)**

It was agreed that requests for Manager and Coach nominations for Australian Country Champs should be done earlier this season in an attempt to get better organised.

Action: Anouska to arrange to send a request for nominations to all Associations when Busselton call for team nominations for State Country Champs.

▪ **Fundraising**

(Justin/Ray)

Fundraising for state country champs also needs to be done earlier this season. The earlier appointment of a Coach and Manager for the travelling sides should assist with fundraising.

We need to get onto purchasing pallets and printing tickets to send to all Associations. This may need to be done on a percentage basis to cater for Associations that don't have as many members. Ray advised that beer raffles can only be done for a short period of time. Scott suggested that as an added incentive some of the funds raised could go back to individual Associations.

Action: Ray to speak to his contact in Geraldton about the printing of tickets and provide this information at next committee meeting.

General Business

Ben announced the new WPWAI Board and advised that Liz Burman was awarded the Volunteer of the Year.

Next Meeting: **Monday 22nd October @ 7.30pm.**

Meeting Closed: 8.50 pm