



- To maintain consistency, the incumbent WPWACI committee will become the Advisory Committee for this year.
- It was agreed that WPWACI would keep their current account over the three year period. WPWAI will set up a separate account for country funding.
- The current WPWAI Board is in a very strong position at the moment with a wide range of members who have a strong focus on country water polo as a whole. All members have the best interests of water polo for the entire state at heart and are invested in looking at pathways for our juniors.

### **WPWACI PROPOSAL**

1. There be set time for a review of the proposed model and that it be reviewed every 12 months for a period of three years with the WPWACI Committee incumbents holding their current positions.
2. After this trial period of three years a decision should be made about whether or not to dissolve the WPWACI.
3. It was agreed that for this model to work and to ensure that all country centres had a voice that it's imperative to have a representative from each Association with delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of their Association as part of the Advisory Committee.

*A vote was had regarding the above proposal: 11 votes for, 2 against.*

### **PROPOSAL PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE**

#### **6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

All positions are to remain the same as the previous year under the above proposal.

- Chairperson: Justin Angove (Karratha)
- Vice-Chairperson: Ray Pead (Geraldton)
- Secretary: Anouska Angove (Karratha)
- Treasurer/Registrar: Scott resigned from this position. Alice nominated Natasha O'Neill, Natasha accepted. (Bunbury)
- General Committee Member: Alice Luscombe (Bunbury)
- General Committee Member: Rob Dawson (Busselton)
- General Committee Member: Kirsty Scafidi (Peel)
- General Committee Member: Vacant – Hedland Representative

**Action: Hedland need to provide a representative to join the Advisory Board. Brad to provide the name of someone from Hedland within two weeks.**

**7. FUTURE HOSTS OF STATE COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Announcement of Host of 2020 State Country Champs: Hedland confirmed
- Call for nominations to Host 2021 State Country Champs: Bunbury nominated

**8. WPWACI CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS: Nil**

**9. 2019 AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS (15-18 May Gold Coast, QLD)**

Men's Coach: Corey Smith

Manager: Justin Angove

Women's Coach: Mark (Bear) Balenzuela

Manager: Tash O'Neill

It was agreed that we need to ensure that we get a financial commitment from each representative player up front.

Natasha asked whether there was potential for any financial assistance for Coaches and Managers to travel to Gold Coast. Ben has made note of this request and this will be discussed at a later date.

**10. WPWAI UPDATE: BEN HAYWOOD, GENERAL MANAGER WPWAI**

Ben thanked the committee for all their hard work throughout the year and congratulated Busselton Water Polo Assoc. for hosting this year.

Member Pool has been a little testing since its commencement but the program is proving to be a great resource for all members particularly with its reporting functions.

Ben thanked Karratha Water Polo Assoc. for their assistance with lending equipment for Water Polo at Rottnest Island in December last year which was a huge success.

WPWAI are working on reintroducing a State Championships for Juniors (may be a North and South tournament). Further information will be provided to all Associations.

Ben is really excited about the Advisory Group and working with us in the first year.

**11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FIRST MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE & WPWAI**

- Financial assistance for WA Country Team Officials. It was proposed that we put \$5000 towards the travelling officials for Gold Coast on top of paying for the nomination fee.
- Payment request from Busselton to help cover the costs of hosting the 2019 State Country Champs.
- Player Eligibility: A discussion was had around a number of players currently playing in the Busselton tournament who do not meet the player eligibility criteria outlined in the WPWACI Bylaws. It was agreed that players need to live and work in that regional area to qualify for country champs however this may exclude many players and Associations

as a whole. This has been an ongoing issue of concern and should be discussed at the first meeting of the Advisory Committee with guidance from WPWAI.

- The Advisory Committee needs to ensure that we don't dissolve under the new structure for the three trial period and hold regular meetings.
- Look into the possibility of increasing our capitation levy to assist with the costs associated with the traveling teams.
- Need to have a bylaw decision made on the date when you can nominate your final team.
- Composite team proposal - a nominated person to coordinate a composite team.
- It was suggested that we start championships on Friday midday and change the date of the AGM to Friday mornings.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.55pm

**Next AGM:** Friday morning of the Hedland State Country Champs in 2020.



Justin Angove  
Chairperson, Water Polo WA Country Inc.  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2019