

MINUTES | Water Polo ACT Board Meeting

Date	Wednesday, 26 October 2022
Time	18.30
Venue	AIS
Invited	Matt Turnbull, President (MT) Tim Bennett, Vice President (TB) Dayle Wilson, Treasurer (DW) Alexandra Spark, Secretary (AS) Lawson Waser, CGS Water Polo Club (LW) Greg Ward, Dragons Water Polo Club (GW) Sam Elliot, Nordek Water Polo Club (SE) – via Zoom Larissa Hutchens, Vikings Water Polo Club (LH) – via Zoom Alex Kuzis, ANU Swimming & Water Polo Club (AK) Ryan McDermott, Executive Officer (RM)
Apologies	Dayle Wilson
Absent	N/A

Agenda Item		Minutes
1	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larissa Hutchens (incoming Vikings President & Delegate) Thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liam Shepherd (outgoing Vikings President & Delegate) 	Start 6.37pm MT provided a verbal welcome to Larissa. Also acknowledged Liam's contribution over the preceding months.
2	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dayle Wilson, Treasurer 	
3	Approval of previous board minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 September 2022 	Approved
4	Meeting of Executive Board with Managers & Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For noting Record of meeting with Managers & Coaches Outcomes & Actions 	TB provided an update of the session held on 9 October with Executive Board members, Managers and Coaches. TB noted the support given for the EO to continue as Delegate to represent WPACT at national

		<p>tournaments. TB also noted the Board’s decision to continue to have a centralised approach to the management of the ACT’s high performance program.</p> <p>The Board discussed the actions to be taken following the meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the EO in defining the work of the EO and the work of Managers & Coaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS to convene a Working Group to review the relevant documents/ handbook and re-issue at the earliest opportunity. 2. Support the EO in determining what work should remain the work of the EO and what should be delegated to Managers, Coaches, and Club Delegates to the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that RM has already engaged with Managers (re: AYC) with managers working with travel agents to plan accommodation, and flights as required. • MT to further work with RM to review activities of the EO and appropriate time management strategies and support required 3. A regular pre-competition and post-competition meeting of Board, Coaches and Managers to be established. AS to convene after Working Group is established.
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	<p>Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Comp – Exemptions requests • Summer Comp – Competition Structure: Womens 2nd grade • Summer Comp – Schedule of teams & rounds 	<p>All exemption requests were reviewed by the Board, with each Club President providing each case for discussion and approval by the Board.</p> <p>Vikings 1 G player (CC) – exemption approved.</p> <p>Dragons 1 G player (AHJ) – to stay in U16s; 1 G player (AM) – approved stay U14s new player; 3 B players (LS,</p>

		<p>RY, SAB) – approved stay U14s new players</p> <p>Nordek – 1 G player (J) – approved, stay U14s new player, disabilities specified.</p> <p><i>Additional requests received at the meeting:</i></p> <p>Vikings MEN</p> <p>Vikings proposed an exemption to the named players rule for the Premier League Men’s (PLM) team. It was proposed that due to the age of the participants in the PLM team that only 2 players be named in the PLM team.</p> <p>There was concern over the strength of the Vikings 2nd grade team and that it featured many PLM standard players. The players identified had no intention to play PLM and only wished to play Men’s 2nd Grade.</p> <p>It was decided that the exemption would be granted on the condition if the following identified PLM level players participated in PLM they would be named in the Vikings PLM team moving forward:</p> <p>Liam Wood, Tim Godfrey, Phil Foster,</p> <p>Dragons WOMEN</p> <p>Discussed whether Dragons should field 2 Division 1 teams, and whether they should be of “equal” strength, or a stronger and less strong/developing team.</p>
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	<p>Constitution Update</p>	<p>Constitution – <i>distributed 19 Oct 2022 – approved with the following amendments to be made prior to consultation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Members are not entitled to a vote at General Meeting(s) • Clarification that the elected directors will appoint a President and Vice-President

		<p>An update of the timing of the AGM and the approval of the Constitution was provided by the EO. Key dates include the Financial Report to be signed prior to 31 October 2022, the a Community Forum to be held to discuss the proposed new Constitution and the AGM to be held on 27 Nov 2022.</p> <p>There was discussion as to whether the AGM must be held prior to 31 October (four months of the financial year end) or within a certain number of months after the last AGM. RM to provide the appropriate details via subsequent email to Board members.</p>
	Policy/ies Review	<p>Approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Representative Program Framework • Coach, Referee and Officials Framework <p>The EO noted the Financial Policies will be circulated out of session.</p>
5	<p>President's update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPA Elections 	<p>MT provided an update of the WPA AGM 19 Nov – 5 candidates for the position of Director of WPA have been put forward by the Nominations Committee, including Don Cameron.</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report/ financial statement audit • AGM 	<p>Financial statements have been circulated. Board members to review out of session and provide comment as soon as possible to MT and RM</p>
7	<p>Executive Officers update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Review 	<p>The EO provided the following update – WPA Sanctioning Policy is to be finalised by WPA board on Friday 28 Oct. It will come into effect immediately.</p> <p>ACT Sport and Rec program released. EO to share this information via email to the Board. EO and President</p>

		<p>participating in consultation activities with ACT Sport and Rec.</p> <p>The Board noted 2025 Masters Games to be hosted in the ACT and noted its support for waterpolo to be included as a sport.</p> <p>There was general discussion as to the increasing pressure on costs, in particular for pool hire. We have been able to negotiate, together with the Aquatic Alliance for (continued) discounted rates.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Team selections 	<p>The board ratified the selections proposed by coaches. The board extended its thanks to Coaches/Selectors for the detailed completion of selection sheets. RM will advise Coaches of the Board's ratification of the selections and RM will advise selected players.</p>

Meeting closed 8.05pm. A short tour of the WPACT office at the AIS was conducted after the meeting for interested board members.