

MINUTES | Water Polo ACT Board Meeting

Date	Wednesday, 7 th June 2023
Time	6:00pm-7:00pm
Venue	Zoom - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86961747415
Invited	Matt Turnbull, President (MT) Tim Bennett, Vice President (TB) Alexandra Spark, Secretary (AS) Liam Shepherd, Treasurer (LS) Alex Kuzis, ANU Swimming & Water Polo Club (AK) Billy Chambers, Canberra Grammar School (BC) Greg Ward, Dragons Water Polo Club (GW) Sam Elliot, Nordek Water Polo Club (SE) Larissa Hutchens, Vikings Water Polo Club (LH) Scott Wilson, Woden Waves Water Polo Club (SW) Ryan McDermott, Executive Officer (RM)
Apologies	Liam Shepherd, Treasurer (LS) Billy Chambers, Canberra Grammar School (BC)
Absent	Larissa Hutchens, Vikings Water Polo Club (LH)

Agenda Item		Meeting outcome	Notes
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	Verbal	Secretary delivered WPACT acknowledgement of country
2	Apologies	Verbal	Liam Shepherd unable to join (noted) Billy Chambers unable to join (noted) Tim Bennett is expected to join late
3	Approval of previous board minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th April 2023 	For approval	Approved
4	President Update	For noting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPA CEO resigned to join ASC Redress Scheme. A state body was named re: historical claims up to 2008. NSOs had to sign up to the Scheme for govt funding. State bodies had the choice to

			<p>opt in (Presidents). WPACT didn't enter the Scheme. Only children under 18</p> <p>Action: WPA to provide clarity of insurance coverage/ protection redress/ sex abuse claims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial security & sustainability – is important to consider and we need to plan for this in our Strategy. Required by ACT Govt – Sport & Rec (3mth min operational funding required at SSO level for base level funding) • ACT Aquatic Alliance – positive meeting to re-enforce aquatic facilities plan across the Territory • Winter Comp – running very well. Referees/ pool controllers. Thanks to Ryan and all involved. 950 members involved
5	Executive Officers Update	For noting	<p>Rep program preparations are going well. Thanks to Scott re: 85 athlete's physical screenings. Operational Plan – polished product will be distributed w/c 15/6 Incident at Round 1 Winter Comp resulting in a police report</p>
6	Community Water Polo Committee Charter	For approval	Approved , no further changes.
7	Risk Management Policy	For approval	Further review time requested Suggest separate policy from procedures/ framework to make policy clear, and separate from the process & framework.
8	Nominations Committee Charter	For approval	Reviewed draft. It was agreed there is a need to formalise

			<p>process for appointing new board members. Remove 3.1.1 not direct purpose of nominations committee Remove 5.2 term of committee member. Noted the role of independent chair expected to be filled either from WPA or Sports Community or local. Approved. Note committee (and policy) will be enacted in 2024 in the identification, nomination and selection of new board members.</p>
9	Weel Corporate Card and Expense Management Policy	For approval	<p>Positive development Policy seems reasonable Minor suggestions to improve Approved.</p>
10	WWVP Compliance Process	For approval	<p>Approved. Noted the importance of regular compliance checks to ensure information is up to date.</p>
11	Other Business		<p>The Kracken were discussed as they have entered into Cole Smee. The Kracken, recruiting and entering into competitions avoids incurring the administration cost and processes of WPACT. Some risk to WPACT as called Canberra Kracken (reputational harm/association). Need to confirm whether Kracken has appropriate insurance, in particular for training sessions. Noted they are an incorporated association therefore they should have own governance, insurance, risk management etc. WPACT can't "step into" the void re: policy and procedures.</p>



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		<i>We note the initiative shown by the individuals involved.</i>
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Meeting closed at 7.03pm with members invited to attend the WPA Governance training (via Zoom), commencing at 7pm.