

MINUTES | Water Polo ACT Board Meeting

Date	Wednesday, 12 th July 2023
Time	6:30pm-8:00pm
Venue	WPACT Office (new Board Room) @ AIS
Attendees	Matt Turnbull, President (MT) Tim Bennett, Vice President (TB) – by zoom Alexandra Spark, Secretary (AS) Billy Chambers, Canberra Grammar School (BC) – by zoom Greg Ward, Dragons Water Polo Club (GW) Sam Elliot, Nordek Water Polo Club (SE) – arrived 6.47pm Ryan McDermott, Executive Officer (RM)
Apologies	Liam Shepherd, Treasurer (LS) Alex Kuzis, ANU Swimming & Water Polo Club (AK) Scott Wilson, Woden Waves Water Polo Club (SW)
Absent	Larissa Hutchens, Vikings Water Polo Club (LH)

Agenda Item		Meeting outcome	Notes
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	Verbal	A welcome and acknowledgement was given
2	Apologies	Verbal	Apologies noted for LS, AK, SW. Absence noted for LH.
3	Approval of previous board minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th June 2023 	For approval	Amendment to change reference to WPACT to WPA Approved with change made.
4	President Update	For noting	Proposed Return of Board meetings to 2 nd Wed of each month, although final board calendar to be set when new board appointed, post AGM. Thanks to Coaches & Managers who have taken all ACT players interstate to various competitions over recent weeks. Aquatic Alliance met to appoint directors. Also met with Met with Coalition of Major participation sports & meeting shortly with Sen. David Pocock.

			Noted the President's update.
5	Executive Officers Update	For noting	<p>Thanks to all involved in supporting WPACT's participation East Coast Challenge – equal biggest representation with NSW & QLD.</p> <p>Team selection for U17 interstate challenge in Canberra (against NSW and QLD) has been made. This tournament is a month ahead of NSW State champs.</p> <p>Query received re: interstate players in our teams. Policy remains that as long as first claim club is in ACT, not eligible for NSW rep selection and considered “equally” with players who reside in the ACT.</p> <p>Planning for national champs in place. WPA Cost Equalisation in place for travel. Applies to flights and driving. Those driving \$0.85/km</p> <p>Operational plan in place for 2023-24.</p> <p>Reminder to Clubs to enter teams for Seniors (August) Winter Comp</p> <p>Risk Management – directors to be aware of the incident that occurred recently at Kanga Cup (soccer). Clubs are reminded of WWVP requirements and to direct people to Child Safe training – part of ACT Coaching Qualification.</p> <p>Board has recommended the EO review the current WPACT Child Safe policy to consider whether it requires updating/ further guidance for specific situations where boys and girls under 18 may be “in the water” together</p>

			<p>and/ or coach involvement “in the water”.</p> <p>New Membership Rollover will happen Monday 4 September 2023. Noted WPA increasing fees by CPI. WPACT min. CPI increase, and note importance of developing a sustainable funding model. Reminder to clubs that players attending tournaments in Sept – Oct need to be registered asap.</p>
6	<p>Finance 2022-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim (unaudited) Profit and Loss 30 June 2023 	For review	<p>No questions noted.</p> <p>It was noted that legal fees were higher than anticipated, due to development of the new Constitution.</p> <p>Some further work to be done to ensure that competition fees (and costs) are not shown as revenue (or expenses) of WPACT.</p>
7	<p>Finance 2023-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Budget 2023-24 	For discussion	<p>Discussion re: need to develop sustainable funding model.</p>
8	<p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed date 	For discussion	<p>Sunday 20th August 2023 has been proposed as the date of the 2022-23 AGM.</p> <p>Place & time to be confirmed</p> <p>All individual members</p> <p>RSVP to EO</p>
9	<p>Board nomination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> process 	For discussion	<p>AJS to prepare nomination forms for Board directors.</p> <p>To be added to the current form is whether an individual is nominating for and Elected role or Appointed role or Both/ Either.</p> <p>In addition suggest inclusion of a short CV and evaluation of board capabilities met, including a statement of suitability for the role.</p> <p>Board capability matrix has been circulated by RM.</p> <p>Board members to review and provide comment out of</p>

			session of board capability matrix and nomination form.
11	Other Business		TB provided an update on the WPA Op Model working group. WPA have pulled together a group to see if there are ways that we can operate the sport more efficiently. TB is on the working group as WPACT's representative.
12	EO Contract and Remuneration 2023/24	For approval	Discussed in camera.

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th August 2023