

MINUTES | Water Polo ACT Board Meeting

Date	Wednesday, 9 th August 2023
Time	6:30pm-8:00pm
Venue	WPACT Office (new Board Room) @ AIS
Invited	<p>Matt Turnbull, President (MT)</p> <p>Tim Bennett, Vice President (TB)</p> <p>Alexandra Spark, Secretary (AS)</p> <p>Liam Shepherd, Treasurer (LS)</p> <p>Alex Kuzis, ANU Swimming & Water Polo Club (AK)</p> <p>Billy Chambers, Canberra Grammar School (BC)</p> <p>Greg Ward, Dragons Water Polo Club (GW)</p> <p>Sam Elliot, Nordek Water Polo Club (SE) – by phone</p> <p>Cristy Wright, Vikings Water Polo Club (LH)</p> <p>Scott Wilson, Woden Waves Water Polo Club (SW) – by phone</p> <p>Ryan McDermott, Executive Officer (RM)</p>
Apologies	N/A
Absent	N/A

Agenda Item	Minutes
1 Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	An acknowledgement of country was given. Cristy Wright was welcomed as the Acting President of Vikings and Delegate, thus as a Director for this meeting.
2 Apologies	No apologies were received.
3 Approval of previous board minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th July 2023 	Minutes for 12 July 2023 were approved .
4 President Update	The Presidents report for 2022-23 notes this has been a year with significant growth in membership, approval and implementation of a new Constitution, growth in advocacy through the Aquatic Alliance, WPA coach nominations for Ryan McDermott and Sharyn Arnold (won) and outstanding representative performances. The President provided his thanks to the Board for their work during the year. The board noted the Presidents report and commended its inclusion in the Annual Report 2022-23.



5	Executive Officers Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Report on National Sports Convention (PD 2023)	The EO provided his update from the NSC 2023. The Board discussed whether, in addition to thoughts on growing participation in sport, there had been any discussion of risks that were increasing in sport. The Board discussed what, if any evidence was available to support water polo's continued growth in the ACT. The EO advised that the membership rollover will occur on 4 Sept 2023. Clubs are reminded to renew individual memberships as soon as possible, noting representative competitions at the end of September.
6	Finance 2022-23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Draft Financial Statements 30 June 2023	The Board discussed the draft financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023. A current year loss was noted, following a surplus in the prior year. It was noted that a growth budget had been presented for 2024. The Board discussed aged debtors and aged payables, and noted these are under control with no bad or doubtful debts anticipated. The Board noted the Draft financial statements be provided to the auditor for audit prior to the AGM.
7	Finance 2023-24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capitation Fees 2023-24	The EO presented the proposed capitation fees for 2023-24, including a comparison with other states/ jurisdictions. It was noted that the total capitation fee will include the WPA fee and an Aquatic Alliance fee of \$2 per player. The Board approved the proposed 2023-24 capitation fees.
8	Community Water Polo Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive the minutes of meeting 3 August 2023	Minutes of the first meeting of the CWPC were provided to the board. Thanks was extended to those Clubs that were able to participate
9	Competitions Policy 2023-24	The Competitions Policy for 2023-24, reviewed and amended by the Competitions Committee, was provided for approval by the Board. One further amendment to CI 5.2 was proposed. The Competitions Policy for 2023-24 was approved , as amended.
10	AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed agendaSunday 20 August 2023 @ 4pm at Ainslie Football Club	Proposed agenda and process for the AGM was discussed by the Board. It was noted that delegates of Clubs would need to be spilled, so that reports from the 2022-23 year could be approved. Then 2022-23 reports approved, then the Board spilled prior to the appointment of directors for the 2023-24 year. AJS to update the AGM agenda.



		Final notice of the meeting will be distributed to all members on Sunday 13 August 2023.
11	Director nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nominations are due to be received by EO by 10 August 2023	Director nominations are due to the EO by COB Thursday 10 August. To date the EO has received 4 nominations – Mr Matt Turnbull, Mr Tim Bennett, Mr Liam Shepherd, Mrs Alexandra Spark
12	Recommendations for Life Member	MT presented two nominations for Life membership: Mr Don Cameron & Mr Martin Tye. The Board <i>agreed to recommend Mr Don Cameron and Mr Martin Tye be appointed as Life Members of WPACT to the AGM</i> as a special resolution.
13		TB provided an update on the progress of the WPA Operating Model program. WPA is looking for ways to support Clubs core processes; to standardise process(es). <i>Clubs are asked to provide TB</i> (via the EO if helpful) with suggestions as to areas/ activities where WPA may be able to provide centralised assistance? <i>Action for all:</i> what are the processes that could be “centralised/ standardised”? The Board discussed likely areas as being those associated with governance, compliance, legal. And perhaps value added opportunities in risk management templates, filming, and streaming services
14	Other Business	Recommended that going forward an Action Item register be maintained by the Board.

Next meeting: AGM 20 August 2023, after which the new Board will confirm Board meeting dates. The Community Water Polo Committee (Club Delegates) will convene separately.