

## GWA Board

### Minutes of Meeting held on 17 September 2009

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Steve Chetkovich (SC), Rick Elkington (RE), Kim Ellwood (KE), Amelia Foster (AF), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM), Steve Turpin (ST) & Fiona Wood (FW) Stephen Clifton (possible new Board member) SC welcomed KE & AF to their first meeting as new Board members.	
2.0	Apologies	Nil.	
3.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 20 August 2009.	
4.0	Business Arising from previous minutes	<p><b>4.1 Perception of GWA Board – What GWA has achieved over the last 12 months.</b> The GWA Board noted the production of the flier for the most recent State Championships. It was felt that this was an excellent document in relation to providing information to the Gymnastics community in relation to what the organization has achieved. It was agreed that a similar document would be produced for each of the State Championships in 2010.</p> <p><b>4.2 RG HPC – Future Intentions</b> SC noted that this matter was ongoing.</p> <p><b>4.3 RG SMC Response (from June 2009 [Section 7.4], July 2009 [Section 7.3] and August 2009 [Section 4.5] GWA Board minutes)</b> The Board noted the response from the RG SMC in relation to this request. The GWA Board requested further information in relation to this. To this end it was agreed that the response and request from the GWA Board be forwarded to Gymnastics Australia and that Ruth Gibbons (Gymsports Manager) be requested to meet with Karyn Murray (Chairperson RG SMC).</p> <p><b>4.4 GWA Inclusive Sporting Funding – update</b> RK noted that GWA had submitted the following documents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GWA Inclusivity Charter (submitted to DSR and ASC).</li> <li>• Inclusivity Action Plan 2009 – 2013 &amp; Application for funding.</li> </ul>	RK to action as required.

The GWA Board congratulated the Services and Development Section for the excellent work with each of these documents. It was also noted that as a result of this GWA has been requested to make a presentation at the forthcoming Sports Connect Forum to be held on the 25 September.

#### **4.5 Safe Clubs 4 Kids program – update**

RK noted that 14 participants attended the Safe Clubs 4 Kids Facilitators Training Workshop held at DSR on the 31 August 2009. Representatives attended from High Flyers Trampoline and Gymnastics Club, Northern Districts Gymnastics Club, Peel Dynamic Gymsports, RG High Performance Centre, Roleystone Gymnastics Club, Star-Mites Gymsports and Gymnastics WA staff. Further it was noted that GWA has now launched on our website a new page that includes information on Member Protection and Child Safe Practices.

#### **4.6 GWA State Championships**

The GWA Board congratulated Ruth Gibbons (Gymsports Manager) and Sally Cruttwell (Operations Manager) as Event Co-ordinators on an excellent GWA State Championships. Thanks was also extended to the GWA staff who worked at the event, the Floor Managers, Announcers, the StarMites scoring team and the many volunteers, judges and club representatives that helped in making this event a success.

The following was also noted;

- Many thanks to MG and TRAMP communities for their help with pack-up and set-up of equipment.
- Tony International from Nigeria were unable to attend due to visa problems – they have been invited to attend the forthcoming Club Levels State Championships.
- Several of the gymsports vary in the amount and the type of awards that are given out at State Championships. This needs to be reviewed in conjunction with the GWA Technical Regulations to ensure that similar awards are given at presentations.

#### **4.7 Planning 2010**

The GWA Board noted the Planning 2010 calendar had been circulated prior to the meeting. RK noted the following information was still outstanding;

- Confirmation by Gymnastics Australia in relation to ACRO National Championships and National Club events.
- State Teams;
  - Drugs in Sport Lectures (for State Teams)
  - State Teams Forms - closing dates

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional &amp; Definitive entry - closing dates</li> <li>• HOD and Head Coach Selection meetings</li> <li>• Gymsports 2011 Planning Meeting</li> <li>• GWA Staff Planning Meetings (x2)</li> <li>• WG School Girls competition</li> <li>• Floor Managers &amp; Scoring Courses</li> <li>• All closing dates for competitions and education courses.</li> </ul> <p>After discussion it was agreed that closing dates for competitions would be five weeks for all competitions except State Championships which would be seven weeks.</p> <p>It was noted that the 2010 planning calendar would be returned to SMC's for checking during the month of October 2009. It was further noted that the delay by GA in supplying the national dates would most likely have an impact on the completion of the GWA 2010 calendar.</p>	
5.0	Finance	<p><b>5.1 2009 Finance</b> The GWA Board reviewed the 2009 figures.</p> <p><b>5.2 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update</b> The GWA Board noted that there are currently 7,857 registered athletes and 420 registered Technical Members.</p> <p>The GWA ratified the new Club KA Gymsports (Katanning) with the club colours of navy blue, sky blue and white.</p> <p>GWA Board expressed concerns in relation to the following clubs and their current athlete registrations; (YTD = Year to date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Flyers Trampoline and Gymnastics Academy (YTD = 341, 2008 = 447)</li> <li>• My PlayGym (YTD = 29, 2008 = 223)</li> <li>• Coastal Gymnastics (YTD = 0, 2008 = 24)</li> <li>• Spirit Gymsports (YTD = 458, 2008 = 627)</li> <li>• West Coast Gymnasts Inc (YTD = 127, 2008 = 248)</li> <li>• Flipside Gymnastics (YTD = 0, 2009 new club)</li> </ul> <p>RK was requested to ask Helen Webb (Club 10 Officer) to follow each of these clubs up in relation to this. Further information is requested for the next GWA Board meeting. At this stage GWA Board noted that they were concerned in relation to registration numbers for those clubs with large recreational participants, it was agreed that in 2010 GWA would look at the possibility</p>	<p>RK to request Helen Webb (Club 10 Officer) to follow up.</p>

of auditing clubs in relation to these registrations.  
The GWA Board noted that three Club 10 Star 3 applications had been submitted by Ritmico Gymnastics, Western Cheerleading Dance Company and Jednorog Gymnastics Academy. Each of these clubs is congratulated for completing this work.

### **5.3 MG HPC**

The GWA Board noted information in relation to MG HPC. It was noted that these positions had been advertised and interviews held in relation to this.

It was noted that DSR had provided notification of financial assistance for Sports Science / Medicine and Coach Education (\$23,000 for 2009 / 2010). Gymnastics Australia has also indicated continued support for 2009 / 2010.

It was also noted that two athletes had been chosen in the Under 13 National Squad – Lawson Mills and Jake Thompson. Congratulations are extended to both of these athletes.

### **5.4 GWA Staffing Matters**

The following was noted;

- Helen Webb (GWA Club 10 Officer) - it was also noted that GWA would be supporting Helen in her applications to 'work in Australia' pending ongoing funding in relation to the Inclusivity project work. (Refer Section 4.4).
- Darylyn Adams had resigned from the full time position as Events / State Teams Officer (effective 30 September). Darylyn will however continue to work for GWA on a 10 hours per week basis. This arrangement will subject to review on a monthly basis.
- RK noted that the Fair Work Australia – Sporting Organisations Award 2010 had been circulated on the 4 September 2009. RK noted that there would be some implications for GWA that would require consideration.

### **5.5 2010 Floor Managers / Door Staff**

RK & GM noted that the ability for the GWA community to continue to facilitate the requirements at competitions for these positions was becoming increasingly problematic. This would need to be discussed in conjunction with the 2010 calendar and the 2010 competition fees. Initial discussion involved thoughts in relation to ongoing training for these people, formal recognition of their roles and the development of an 'official' senior pool of floor managers. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed further at the next GWA Board meeting.

		<p><b>5.6 2010 Competition Fees / Education Courses / Facility Fees / Affiliation / Technical Membership / Flat Fee etc.</b> It was agreed that all GWA fee structures would be discussed at the next GWA Board meeting.</p>	
6.0	General Business	<p><b>6.1 Awards</b> GWA Board approved the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application for Posthumous Life Membership – Andrew McLaughlin (nominated by NW Region). The GWA supported and approved this application. In doing so they acknowledged the many years of work (23 years) that Andrew had committed to the growth of gymnastics in the NW Region and WA. His legacy will not be forgotten. This application will be formally submitted at the 2010 GWA AGM.</li> <li>• Application for 2009 Award of Merit – Service (nominated by Star-Mites Gymsports) – Jack Melinger, Braham Same and Sandie Furler (to acknowledge 14 years of contribution to GWA and GA Events in the area of scoring at events and competitions). GWA Board approved these applications.</li> <li>• NW Regional Gymnastics Association Andrew McLaughlin Perpetual Trophy (to be awarded to an individual whose involvement in the sport of gymnastics within the NW Region has gone beyond the call of a volunteer and who has made an exceptional contribution to the success, growth and development in this region). The GWA Board reviewed and discussed all nominations, and selected Rose Clark.</li> </ul> <p>The GWA Board reminds all of the GWA community that applications for 2009 Awards of Merits (International and Service) are welcome to be tabled at the GWA Board meetings to be held in October and November. GWA Gymsport's Section to notify all SMC's.</p> <p><b>6.2 Application for transfer of HPC athletes (Club)</b> The GWA Board approved the following transfer of HPC athletes due to extenuating circumstances;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachael and Emily Kotula (WAIS HPC)</li> <li>• Sophie and Alecia Creighton (RG HPC)</li> </ul> <p><b>6.3 ANZ Sports Star of the Year Awards (7 January 2010)</b> RK noted that this information had been received by GWA with nominations closing on the 23 October 2009. RK noted that information had been circulated as required with GWA nominations</p>	RK to action as required.

		to be provided to RK by the 16 October 2009. It was further noted that GWA would be nominating Desiree Jones (GWA 2008 Official of the Year) for the Gibson and Gibson Official of the Year Award.	
7.0	<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p>The GWA Board noted minutes and reports as had been supplied by the GWA Gymsport's section, the GWA SMC's, the GWA Services and Development Section and the NW Region.</p> <p><b>GWA Gymsport's section report</b></p> <p><b>7.1 MG</b> The GWA Board noted the information supplied to the GWA Board in relation to the discussion paper presented by Richard Kural (Chairperson) in relation to 2010 MG Judging panels. It was noted that further information and feedback would be provided at the next Board meeting. RK noted that MG SMC had been advised to consult with the WG &amp; RG SMC's, the seven competitive MG clubs, the MG HPC and the GWA Judging Co-ordinators meeting (29 October 2009) prior to making any formal recommendations.</p> <p>It was noted that Kris Pudelek had been stepped down as a MG SMC representative as he had not attended the past four meetings (as per the MG Technical Regulations).</p> <p><b>7.2 WG</b> The GWA Board noted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG Border Challenge Team left on Wednesday 16 September to Caloundra – the completion commences on 18 September.</li> <li>• The WG SMC meeting to be held in September 2009 was cancelled due to the GWA State Championships.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.3 RG</b></p> <p><b>2009 RG World Championships (Mie, Japan – September)</b> <i>Chloe Hayes (Athlete), Janine Murray (Athlete), Jo Edinger (Coach), Audrey Ng (Physio).</i> The GWA Board noted the success of this team, in particular the results from Janine Murray (82<sup>nd</sup>) and Chloe Hayes (91<sup>st</sup>). Congratulations to both athletes.</p> <p><b>Recommendation from RG SMC in relation to capping of 'late entry fines'.</b> The GWA Board reviewed this request. It was agreed that there would be no cap of this fine.</p>	MG SMC to consult as required.

		<p><b>7.4 ACRO</b> The GWA Board noted that the ACRO State Team Selection meeting would be held on the 19 October 2009.</p> <p>The GWA Board also noted its concern that no confirmed 2010 calendar dates had been supplied from Gymnastics Australia, this made planning for 2010 very difficult.</p> <p><b>7.5 CHEER</b> RK noted that the next AUSCHEER Management meeting would be held on the 1 October 2009. GWA had tabled a number of agenda items including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of AUSCHEER and State SMC's</li> <li>• Gymnastics members (coaches, judges &amp; athletes) and non gymnastics members</li> <li>• Marketing matters</li> <li>• Prices for school and display entries (and categories in relation to this)</li> <li>• Gala Events – is there a role for this type of event / display?</li> <li>• Rules and Regulations</li> <li>• Review of events for 2009</li> <li>• Planning of events for 2010</li> </ul> <p><b>GWA Services and Development Report</b></p> <p><b>7.6 Update – GWA Services and Development</b> The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GFA SMC meeting was held on the 28 August 2009.</li> <li>• The planning of Education courses for 2010 have almost been completed.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.00</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>15 October 2009</b>	