

## GWA Board

### Minutes of Meeting held on 16 April 2009

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	<b>Attendance</b>	Tony Burton (TB), Steve Chetkovich (SC), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM), Kim Tarzan (KT), Steve Turpin (ST),	
2.0	<b>Apologies</b>	Rick Elkington (RE), Debbs van Hagen (DvH).	
3.0	<b>Acceptance of Previous Minutes</b>	The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 26 March 2009.	
4.0	<b>Business Arising from previous minutes</b>	<p><b>4.1 Planning 2009</b> GWA Board thanked those SMC's that had provided feedback for this. RG and ACRO SMC are reminded that they need to discuss these items at their forthcoming SMC meetings. All SMC's are reminded that planning matters will be discussed at the May 2009 GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>In relation to WG request to rename the Clubs Levels State Championships to that of Club Levels Challenge this was not accepted.</p> <p>It was also noted that MG SMC have not as yet commenced this survey – they are asked to note that this information is required for the May Board meeting.</p> <p><b>4.2 Perception of GWA Board</b> RK noted that this matter was ongoing.</p> <p><b>4.3 State Gymnastics Centre – Hall 2</b> It was noted that there are problems with the second floor for AER – this will be rectified as a matter of urgency.</p> <p><b>4.4 Gymsports - Judging Fines, Judging Elite Levels &amp; RG HPC</b></p> <p><b>Judging Fines</b> It was noted that the pathway information would be discussed at the forthcoming Judging Co-ordinator's meeting to be held on the 30 April 2009. As yet no feedback has been received from any of the SMC's.</p>	<p>RG &amp; ACRO SMC to discuss planning items at their forthcoming meetings.</p> <p>MG SMC to compile and complete a survey to clubs.</p> <p>ST, SC &amp; RK to co-ordinate repairs.</p> <p>Judging Fines to be discussed at the Judging Coordinators Meeting – 30 04 09</p>

		<p><b>Judging Elite Levels</b> In relation to the request from the GWA Board regarding Elite Levels Judging for MG, WG and RG, information was received from both WG and MG. These recommendations were accepted by the GWA Board. It was noted that RG's would be forthcoming at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>RG HPC</b> The issue of RG HPC entering Level's athletes into competitions was also discussed in relation to judging fines. The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG HPC can not enter athlete's into competitions to compete in National Levels. This is the responsibility of the club that they belong to. Further athlete's should only be at the RG HPC if they are in the elite program, TID identified, or training in conjunction with the club / RG HPC Placement program agreement in relation to co-training of athletes. GWA office staff are instructed that they are not to accept any competition entries from RG HPC athletes who are entered into National Levels. Further these athletes are not to be identified (clothing / program etc) as RG HPC.</li> <li>• In the forthcoming competition the seven National Levels athletes from South Side Districts, Spirit, Mercedes and Vital clubs that have been entered by the RG HPC, so as to not penalize the athletes in question the judging responsibility is not that of the individual clubs and thus they will not be fined, it is the responsibility of the RG HPC / SMC.</li> <li>• Lastly those clubs that have judges (Level 2+) who can not be accredited due to the education issues that are currently on the table (inability to run courses as they have not been written by GA RG SMC / GA Office), will not be fined. The GWA Board also noted that these judges may thus not be able to be used at the forthcoming competition.</li> </ul> <p><b>4.5 GWA AGM – 19 April 2009</b> The GWA Board noted this information. Further it was noted that Rick Elkington and Kim Tarzan would be GWA Board apologies at this meeting.</p> <p><b>4.6 ACGA (WA) – Officebearers</b> The Board noted that RK would be a representative for ACGA (WA). SC noted he would not be available to be the other GWA representative, to this end, in the first instance all GWA Board members are asked to consider their possible involvement.</p>	<p>RG SMC feedback still required in relation to Judging Elite levels.</p> <p>RG HPC and relevant RG clubs to action this matter.</p>
5.0	Finance	<p><b>5.1 2008 Finance</b> RK had circulated prior to the meeting the completed Financial Statements from the GWA Auditor. This information was reviewed by the GWA Board.</p>	

**5.2 2009 Finance**

The GWA Board reviewed the 2009 figures.

**5.3 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update**

The GWA Board ratified the following Club memberships for 2009;

Newman Gymnastics Club Inc.

The GWA Board ratified the following two Associate Club membership for 2009;

Hyden Primary School and Pingrup Primary School.

The GWA Board noted that there are currently 4,814 registered athletes and 311 registered Technical Members.

The GWA Board noted that the following clubs still had zero athletes registered with GWA;

Batavia Coast Gymnastics, Exmouth Gymnastics Club, Flames Gymnastics, My Playgym. Southside Districts Gymnastics Academy and Wickham KinderGym / Gymnastics Club.

RK to provide a report to the next Board meeting, further Flames Gymnastics is to cease all training activities within the State Gymnastics Centre until the athletes training at the facility are registered.

RK to action.

It was also noted that some clubs, showed low membership numbers compared to 2008. RK to provide a report at the next Board meeting.

RK to action.

**5.4 GWA State Teams**

The GWA Board formally ratified the following appointments for HOD and Head Coach;

**MG**

HOD	Head Coach - Elite	Head Coach - Levels
Alida Scott *	Igor Bepalov	Darren Hicks

**WG**

HOD	Head Coach - Elite	Head Coach - Levels
Louise Morgan	Liz Chetkovich	Derek May

**RG**

<b>HOD</b>	<b>Head Coach - Elite</b>	<b>Head Coach - Levels</b>
Rick Elkington	Krasi Yurukova	Leah Gay

**TRP**

<b>HOD</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>
Susan Watts	Tony Burton

**AER**

<b>HOD</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>
Lesley How	Trudi Nurse

**ACRO**

<b>HOD</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>
Alida Scott *	Ken Caraher

**\* State Teams – HOD – ACRO & MG**

Tabled at the meeting was information from both ACRO SMC, MG SMC, Alida Scott and Michael Williams, in relation to the HOD positions for these two gym sports, the following was noted;

- The GWA Board is very disappointed that neither ACRO nor MG SMC have actioned the requirement by the GWA Board (as per the March 2008 Board meeting) for identifying and selecting possible mentee HOD's. It was noted that this is a requirement for 2010 and thus extenuating circumstances would not be accepted in 2010.
- The GWA Board has not changed its stance in relation to the matter of succession planning and selection of GWA Staff members as HOD's and thus in 2010, applications from staff members will not be accepted. It was however noted that some staff members are, and would be excellent HOD's, however ultimately this was not fulfilling the 'succession' planning needs of the organisation.
- To this end the following was accepted;
  - ACRO – Alida Scott was ratified as HOD, under the condition that ACRO SMC provide the GWA Board with the person (s) who would be travelling with the State Team as a mentee.
  - MG – Alida Scott was ratified as HOD, under the condition / acceptance by the Board that James Keatley will be travelling as Asst / Mentee HOD.

		<p><b>5.5 Competition Entries</b></p> <p><b>Late Entries – Vital &amp; West Coast</b> As per the GWA Event Entry Policy Clause 4 – Vital and West Coast entries have been accepted as Late Entry Appeals.</p> <p><b>Late Entries – MG HPC (x2)</b> In relation to these requests the GWA Board discussed the matter of Clause 4 of the GWA Event Policy and made the following amendment;</p> <p>The final point to be amended to – No entries will be accepted after two working days past the set closing date.</p> <p>An additional point to be added to this clause that reads – Extenuating circumstances – it is accepted that on occasion extenuating circumstances may need to be applied for. To apply for extenuating circumstance clubs must make payment per athlete, of the entry fee, late entry fee (\$15) and an extenuating circumstances appeal fee of \$100. The payment must be accompanied by a letter of explanation. All extenuating circumstances appeals will be discussed by the GWA Board on a case by case basis and will take into account that there is room for the athlete (s) in the event. Non-successful appeals will be refunded the extenuating circumstances appeal fee of \$100.</p> <p>To this end and pending acceptance of the above conditions the following extenuating circumstances appeals were granted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Jozwiak – MG Trial One</li> <li>• Gabriel O’Sullivan – MG Trial Two</li> </ul> <p><b>5.6 GWA Staffing Matters</b> RK noted the following in relation to the 2009 GWA Staffing Structure;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RK noted that the appointment for the GWA Club 10 Officer was Helen Webb.</li> <li>• RK requested the GWA Board members review the information circulated to the meeting in relation to the Fair Work Bill, AIRC and Constitutional Trading Corporations.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.7 MG HPC</b> The GWA Board noted information in relation to MG HPC.</p>	<p>GWA Board to review information.</p>
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6.0	General Business	<p><b>6.1 GA Letter – Professional Club Affiliation</b> The GWA noted information received from GA in relation to this matter.</p> <p><b>6.2 WASF Board Membership - RK</b> RK noted that she had accepted Board Membership of the Western Australian Sports Federation (WASF).</p>	
7.0	Committee Reports	<p>The GWA Board noted the minutes and reports as had been supplied by the GWA Gymsport's section, the GWA SMC's and the NW &amp; GSCS Regions.</p> <p><b>7.1 GWA Gymsport's section report</b> The GWA noted that this was a new report to the Board meeting. This report would provide information on details that pertained to a group of the Gymsports and / or all of the Gymsports.</p> <p><b>GWA Awards Survey Update</b> It was noted that this was currently in process and will be completed and collated for either the May or June GWA Board meeting.</p> <p><b>GWA State Teams Meeting</b> The GWA Board noted that there are now two programmed meetings for the GWA State Teams, the 22<sup>nd</sup> March and the 28 April. It was noted that there had been a very large attendance at the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March that had caused some operational issues.</p> <p>Discussion arose in relation to the ongoing relevancy of this meeting, given the information now available on the GWA website. It was agreed that in 2010, all information would be provided on the GWA website and the first meeting held of athletes and parents (one parent per athlete) would be held after team selection.</p> <p><b>HPC Uniform Report</b> Information was provided to the GWA Board in relation to the requirements by WG, MG and RG in relation to HPC athletes wearing club tracksuits at all GWA events. After discussion the following was agreed;</p>	Gymsports section to provide a report at the forthcoming Board meetings.



		<p><b>GA Level's Meeting</b> The GWA Board thanked Derek May for his report of this meeting.</p> <p><b>Nomination for GA WG Level's Coach of the Year</b> The GWA Board noted the submission of Kaz Jednorog by the GWA WG SMC.</p> <p><b>7.4 RG</b></p> <p><b>Change of Calendar – Inclusion of Elite Group into Qualifying Event 1 &amp; 2 Naming of Divisions Request to put group into Level 7 – 10 Request to put elite pairs, trios and group into the Loftus Challenge Event</b> The GWA Board approved these requests.</p> <p><b>Change of Calendar - Cancellation of 2A Judging Course</b> The GWA Board noted this information.</p> <p><b>Request to approve Kiah Marsden Youll eligibility to compete as a Level 9 athlete</b> After discussion this was approved by the GWA Board.</p> <p>It was however noted by the GWA Board that the RG SMC / Gymsport's section is to provide the next GWA Board meeting with a list of all amendments made to the 2009 Technical Regulations that have stipulation of dates / timeframes, specifically in relation to those items that would have formally have been considered the responsibility of the athlete's coach.</p> <p><b>Errata: State Team Selection Criteria – Levels</b> The changes to this errata were approved pending that the scores required are either the same or higher than the level as stipulated by GA.</p> <p><b>RG HPC Future Intentions and Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)</b> The GWA Board noted the information that had been supplied to them by the RG HPC in relation to the questions raised at the March GWA Board meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the GWA Board would not accept the MOU as submitted by the RG HPC. SC to meet with the RG HPC to provide them with further feedback in relation to this decision.</p>	<p>RG SMC to provide information to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>SC to meet with RG HPC.</p>
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<b>8.00</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>21 May 2009</b>	