

GWA Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 18 June 2009

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Steve Chetkovich (SC), Rick Elkington (RE), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM), Steve Turpin (ST), Debbs van Hagen (DvH), Fiona Wood (FW)	
2.0	Apologies	Nil.	
3.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 21 May 2009.	
4.0	Business Arising from previous minutes	<p>4.1 Response to TRAMP (Pam Walker) RK noted that this action was now complete. Information had been forwarded to Pam Walker, Tony Burton (TRAMP SMC Chairperson) and all GWA Board members, as discussed at the previous Board meeting.</p> <p>4.2 Planning 2010 GWA Board thanked all SMC's and the GWA Gymsport's section for their feedback in relation to 2010 planning.</p> <p>The following information / dates were agreed in relation to 2010 planning;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWA State Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior State Championships (MG / WG / RG) 19 – 20 June 2010. ○ State Championships (WG / RG / TRP / AER / ACRO / CHEER) 2 - 5 & 9 – 12 September 2010. ○ Club Levels State Championships 28 – 31 October 2010. • The dates as supplied by Gymnastics Australia (GA) in relation to National events would be incorporated into the GWA calendar. It was noted that dates for ACRO Australian Championships and MG, RG & TRAMP National Clubs are still to be confirmed by GA. • The proposal / timelines as submitted by the GWA Gymsports section for 2010 planning was approved by the GWA Board. It was noted that this information would be provided to the forthcoming Gymsport's SMC Meeting (25 June) and to the June / July individual SMC 	

meetings.

- The GWA Board approved the request by the GWA Gymsports section to change the date of the Technical Calendar meeting to the 26 (Wednesday) August 2009 and that all Gymsports Technical Directors / Chairpersons would be requested to attend.
- The GWA Board discussed the matter of State Team selections deadlines and noted that there had been numerous issues this year in regards to the deadline dates set, given that there had been appeals, complaints and other related matters that had to be dealt with prior to definitive entry to GA. It was noted that given these circumstances the timelines were in fact too tight, to this end the GWA Board agreed that Selection meeting dates will be held at least seven days prior to the timeline as scheduled for 2009.

4.2 Perception of GWA Board

RK noted that the Board members had been circulated an initial proposal from an external facilitator as recommended by DSR. After discussion it was agreed that this proposal would at this stage be accepted 'in concept' and that RK and SC would meet with the external facilitator and DSR representatives. The date of the meeting is confirmed as the 4 August 2009. RK and SC will provide feedback after this meeting.

The concept of an initial meeting (s) with the Board was agreed, with the view that a, all GWA stakeholders meeting / forum / workshop be held in early 2010 (January or February). This being after the completion of the 2009 competition calendar and allowing all members to take their Christmas break and holidays.

4.3 State Gymnastics Centre – Facilities and Equipment

It was noted that Initial discussions were being held with a number of stakeholders in relation to the ongoing purchase of equipment for the GWA State Gymnastics Centre.

4.4 GWA State Teams – MG / WG & RG

It was noted that the HOD and Head Coach positions for each of the State Teams had already been previously ratified by the GWA Board (GWA Board meeting April 2009).

MG

Position	Name	Notes
Asst HOD & Coach	James Keatley	
Asst Manager	Janesta Stobbe	
Judge	Michael Williams	Board approved Michaels' selection on the proviso that he

RK & SC to provide feedback.

		<p>Athletes</p>	<p>Level 6 Under 12 Gabriel O’Sullivan, William Sherwood, Yari Marazzato, Joshua DiNucci, Liam Secola, Luke Nylander, Thomas Colgan & Luke Hinchcliffe, Marnin Stobbe*</p> <p>Level 7 Under 13 Lawson Mills, Ben Ferguson & Jake Thompson **</p> <p>Level 7 Open Jay Hughes, Grant Carslake, Brandon Rahim, Jason Doust, Ethan Sumich & Steven Hamilton.</p> <p>Level 8 Open Steven Britts & Kevin Durham ***</p> <p>Senior Elliott Cooke **** & Martin Jozwiak</p>	<p>was selected as a Judge only.</p> <p>*Marnin Stobbe originally selected as a non travelling reserves, however GA offered the opportunity for all these athletes to travel – Marnin accepted this offer.</p> <p>**In relation to Jake Thompson it was realized that the MG SMC Selection Committee had made a mistake in his selection, therefore a request for extenuating circumstances was applied for with GA – this was granted by GA.</p> <p>***Steven Britts & Kevin Durham competing in Apparatus only.</p> <p>**** Elliott Cooke competing in Pommel only.</p> <p>Non-travelling reserves Level 6 Under 12 Alexander Kramer Level 7 Open Mitchell Fairman</p>	
		WG			
		Coaches	Pam Pryce, Nikolai Lapchine, Martine George, Vladimer Joura, Michelle Yardley, Peter Abbott & Tatiana Lapchina		
		Mentee Coaches - Levels	Skyla Woollons & Katherine Rogers	GWA Board approved in principle the concept of two mentee coaches – this was seen as an excellent idea, specifically given the competition is in Perth.	

		Mentee Jnr Team Managers - Elite	Dasha Joura & Jade Martin	GWA Board approved in principle the concept of two mentee team managers – this was seen as an excellent idea, specifically given the competition is in Perth.	
		Support Staff - Elite	Matt Burgin – WAIS Psychologist, Joanne Norcott – WAIS Physiotherapist & Natasha Brock- WAIS Massage Therapist	It was noted that these positions would be funded by WAIS.	
		Judges	Debbs Van Hagen, Jo Bulsing, Heidi Rose, Desiree Jones, Michelle Yardley, Rebecca Mordini, Kelly Williams, Sharron Isard, Tarryn Isard, Donna Grocott, Lee-Myree Arnold & Tracy Holmes	GWA approved all GWA Judges on the provision that the judges did not request travel levies to attend this competition.	
		Support Staff - Levels	TBC	In principle the GWA Board approved the possible appointment of two chaperones on the provision that these chaperones would only be used as required and would not be required to stay at the team accommodation. WG Selection Committee to action.	
			WG National Level 7 Rachel Purdy, Sally Hackett, Nina Kennedy, Heather Jeffries, Kirstie Horton, Gabrielle Barham WG National Level 8 Madelaine Jones & Bronte Turpin WG National Level 9 Eloise Valli WG National Level 10 Nicole Smith	Non Travelling Reserves WG National Level 7 Jade Hansen & Alana Doust	

		<p>Senior International Lauren Mitchell</p> <p>Jnr International Emily Little* & Ashley Cooney</p> <p>International Level 10 Nikola Chung*</p> <p>International Level 6 Team & Individual Megan Aspinall, Briana Ciupac, Franceska Fusha, Darcy Norman, Natasha Papadimitriou*, Sophie Ward*</p> <p>Individual Only Olivia Brown*, Molly McKenzie*, Li-Anne Ng*, Danielle Tyack*</p>	<p>*Subject to qualification (Winter Challenge 5 & 6 June) Emily Little, Nikola Chung, Natasha Papadimitriou, Sophie Ward, Olivia Brown, Molly McKenzie, Li-Anne Ng, Danielle Tyack</p> <p><i>NB: Molly McKenzie and Li-Anne Ng did not qualify.</i></p>	
RG				
		Deputy HOD & Levels Team Manager	Erica Morrissey	
		Team Manager - Elite	Shelley Greenway	
		Asst Team Manager - Levels	Debbie Chappell	
		Team Coaches	Tanya Vahala , Jo Edinger Simone Allen & Stacey Rowe*	*Ratified provisional on selection as self funded.
		Chaperones	Lindsey Phillips (Elite) & Carmen Sullivan (Levels)**	** Refer information as detailed within the athlete section.
		Judges	Karyn Murray, Barbara Smith, Karen Gilgallon & Toni Snoeren ***	*** Ratified pending completion of accreditation and provisional on selection as self funded.
		Athletes	Elite - Level 7 Junior	It was noted that there had been a number of issues pertaining to this

		<p>Kate Darroch, Breanna Wegener, Trinity Sullivan, Nicole Phillips, Shanelle Erpen, Sarah Coopes & Gemma Mulholland</p> <p>Elite Level 8 Junior Michaela Joannides, Sophie Creighton, Zoe Campbell, Kelsey Drennan, Amy Quinn & Shania Wallace</p> <p>Elite Junior Alecia Creighton, Neisha Rizzo, Jessica Leonhardt, & Jessica Quinn</p> <p>Junior Group Alecia Creighton, Neisha Rizzo, Kelly Harrison & Jessica Quinn</p> <p>Elite Senior Cody-Sue Turco, Kate Dolan, Janine Murray, Renee Griffin & Chloe Hayes</p> <p>Sub Junior Group Michaela Joannides, Sophie Creighton, Zoe Campbell, Shania Wallace & Amy Quinn</p> <p>Senior Group Kelsey Brewer, Shannon Cooper, Tahnee Cowie, Samara Cowie & Shannen Bertram</p> <p>Level 7 Tatiana Joannides, Daniella Sicari, Alexandra Bak, Sarah Marshman, Dimity Baker, Leanne Jiang, Gabrielle Scaffidi & Megan Rudman</p>	<p>selection of athletes for the RG State Team, these included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals • Control Test • Request for Extenuating Circumstances <p>Overall it was understood that this would / could have had an effect on between 5 – 7 athletes and thus would most likely require further requirements for the Management Team.</p> <p>**Upon resolution of the above issues pertaining to athletes, the process for reviewing the position of team chaperones was reviewed by the following process;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for recommendations from the HOD / Asst HOD. • GWA Board approved in principle this request. • GWA RG Selection Committee reviewed Chaperone applications and their recommendations were received by the GWA Board. • The GWA Board ratified the selection of two Chaperones (as detailed) on the 9 June 2009. 	
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		<p>4.6 WG Ideal Testing RK noted that there had been some issues in relation to the WG Ideal Testing, these had however now been resolved. It was however agreed that the WG SMC / EMC would be requested to provide information as to how this would be organized in 2010.</p> <p>GM raised the issue in relation to athletes receiving badges as they completed Ideal Testing and asked if this was the correct method of acknowledging the completion of the Ideal Testing. WG SMC / EM are requested to provide further information in relation to this item.</p> <p>GM also raised the issue of only a single Level One badge and not one for Level 1A, 1B and 1C, GWA Gymsports section are requested to follow this matter up further.</p> <p>4.7 GWA SGC User Groups – Request for Signage RE provided his proposal to the GWA Board, the following was approved by the GWA Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Signage Size 1200mm x 2400mm (40 places available in the SGC). o GWA Annual Sponsorship Cost = \$500 + GST o Signage Production Cost (Full Digital) = \$320 + GST o Installation Cost = \$50 + GST o Sale of signage is to be advertised via the GWA website and all suppliers / sponsors are to be advised directly of this opportunity. <p>4.8 Photographic Permission & Video Footage RK raised the matter of Video Footage on such website places as U-tube in relation to athletes / athletes parents providing video footage that can be viewed by the general public. RK to review the legal / DSR advice in relation to this matter.</p> <p>4.9 Reports from GA meetings RK and SC provided a report to the GWA Board in relation to the meetings they had attended.</p>	<p>WG SMC / EMC to provide a response.</p> <p>WG SMC / EMC to provide a response.</p> <p>GWA Gymsports section to provide further information.</p> <p>RK and GWA Office to action.</p> <p>RK to action.</p>
5.0	Finance	<p>5.1 2009 Finance The GWA Board reviewed the 2009 figures.</p> <p>The following was agreed in relation to outstanding debtors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flames Gymnastics Club is to be suspended as an affiliated club due to outstanding unpaid financial debts to GWA. This is to be with immediate effect. • All MG HPC athletes owing 30+ days payment are to be suspended with immediate effect 	

from training with the MG HPC.

- RG HPC are requested to make payment of their outstanding facility payment as a matter of urgency. It was noted that it was disappointing that as both a Primary User Group and HPC this outstanding debt had not been paid.

The following was noted in relation to unregistered judges and coaches. To date 26 unregistered coaches and judges had been involved in MG, WG, RG, AER and CHEER competitions. A letter had been sent to the club (s) regarding this matter. The following was noted;

- CHEER Judges will not be fined in 2009. This is to be implemented in 2010.
- MG SMC is asked to address the issue of 'common practice' in relation to coaches and judges on the floor at competitions.
- TRAMP SMC is also asked to address the issue of 'common practice' in relation to coaches and judges on the floor at competitions.

5.2 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update

The GWA Board ratified the following Club memberships for 2009;

Flipside Gymnastics Club Inc. (based at Mt Barker). The club colours of Royal Blue / Red / Black were approved.

The GWA Board noted that Ritmico, HighFlyers and Jednorog Gymnastics Clubs had all now completed three of the four Club 10 Workshops.

The GWA Board noted that there are currently 6,464 registered athletes and 367 registered Technical Members.

5.4 MG HPC

The GWA Board noted information in relation to MG HPC. In particular the ongoing 'short-term' contract with Sergei Hubski was noted.

5.5 Fair Work Bill & Australian Industrial Relations Commission

Information was noted in relation to these matters. GWA thanked GA for their assistance in following this matter up with the relevant authorities / legal advice.

5.6 Arnell – Smith Group (Auditors)

RK noted that GWA had received a letter from Arnell-Smith Group as they were selling their business due to ill health of Paul Arnell - Smith (Director). GWA has been advised that they have

		<p>selected Sygnum Financial Services to continue their practice. To this end it was agreed that the GWA Board would continue with this arrangement and review the situation prior to the 2010 AGM.</p> <p>5.7 GWA Traders After discussion it was agreed that the rate for GWA Traders would be \$50 per day.</p> <p>5.8 Additional GP Education Course It was agreed in principle that GWA Education department would if possible co-ordinate another GP Education Course in either July or August 2009.</p>	
6.0	General Business	<p>6.1 HPC Forum It was noted that RK and ST would attend this meeting scheduled for the 19 June. A report would be provided to the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>6.2 Andrew McLaughlin Community Health Centre The GWA Board noted that Port Hedland Community Health Centre is being renamed the Andrew McLaughlin Community Health Centre in acknowledgement and honour of Andrew. This will occur on the 21 June 2009. RK noted that RE had donated \$400 on behalf of GWA for this centre. GWA Board thanked RE for his kind donation.</p> <p>6.3 Swine Flu – update on information FW and RK provided an update on this information. RK noted that at times it had been difficult to ascertain the relevant advice to provide our community given that there was often different messages between government / education departments and the Australian States. RK further noted that she had attended a DSR briefing on this matter, spoken with WASF and GA and an Advice Notice had been issued accordingly. Information from DSR indicated that all sporting organisations should check their insurance policies to ensure they included pandemics (RK noted that this had been done and the current GWA Insurance Policy does cover this situation) and that a Policy be developed for the organisation and its clubs to use in the future. FW offered to assist in the production of this Policy.</p>	RK and FW to develop a Policy.
7.0	Committee Reports	<p>The GWA Board noted minutes and reports as had been supplied by the GWA Gymsport's section, the GWA SMC's and the NW & GSCS Regions.</p> <p>7.1 GWA Gymsport's section report</p> <p>GA Advisory Meetings The GWA Board noted information in relation to these meetings for all GA Commissions. Whilst</p>	

		<p>7.4 RG</p> <p>Request to RG SMC – Request from previous meeting re Technical Regulations It was noted that this information had not been received from the RG SMC although they had requested clarification on what was required by the GWA Board. The GWA Board noted that they simply requested a list of the amendments made to the 2009 Technical Regulations by the RG SMC, highlighting those changes that previously would have been within the remit of the coaches / clubs decision making processes. The example that had been tabled at the GWA Board (March 2009 meeting) in relation to Kiah Youll-Marsden was an example of such a Technical Regulation.</p> <p>7.5 TRAMP</p> <p>Elite Youth Development Proposal RK noted that this proposal was still ongoing.</p> <p>Request of information / follow-up from previous Board meeting It was noted that the next TRAMP SMC meeting will be held on the 5 July 2009.</p> <p>7.6 CHEER RK provided the GWA Board with a further update in regards to AUSCHEER. IT was noted by the GWA Board that there continued to be concern in relation to ‘break-even’ and / or profit margin of the forthcoming CHEER Events.</p> <p>The request from CHEER SMC to hold their event on Sunday 16 August and for ACRO to hold their event on Saturday 15 August was agreed.</p> <p>7.7 ACRO</p> <p>Payment to Judges – State Team Travel The ACRO SMC requested that this matter be reviewed by the GWA Board for 2010. The request was to align the payments to judges to that of managers and coaches.</p> <p>7.8 NW</p> <p>NW Annual Report and Financial Statements RK noted that this information had been received by the GWA office.</p>	<p>RG SMC to provide information as requested.</p>
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		<p>NW – Support for DSR funding application RK noted that a letter of support had been written to DSR in relation to the NW funding application.</p> <p>7.9 NW & GSCS – Regional Talent Development Scheme – DSR Application RK noted that this application for a further one year extension for this project had been approved.</p> <p>7.9 Gymnastics For All</p> <p>GFA Meetings The GWA Board noted information in relation to this meeting.</p>	
8.00	AOB	<p>Resignation of Board Member The GWA Board accepted with disappointment of DvH from the GWA Board, this being because of family and work commitments. The Board thanked DvH for her continued support of the entire gymnastics community acknowledging the valuable role that DvH has within the GWA gymnastics community.</p> <p>As a result of this resignation, the GWA Board agreed that GWA would advertise for a ‘Casual Vacancy’ for this position. RK to action this matter.</p>	RK to action.
9.00	Next Meeting	16 July 2009	