

GWA Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 21 May 2009

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	<p>Steve Chetkovich (SC), Rick Elkington (RE), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM), Steve Turpin (ST)</p> <p>The GWA Board acknowledged and formally thanked Tony Burton and Kim Tarzan for their commitment to the GWA Board. It was noted that neither Tony nor Kim had stood for re-election / appointment at the April GWA AGM. It was noted that Fiona Wood was the newly appointed member of the GWA Board.</p> <p>It was noted that all members of the GWA Board had once again completed a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Information form.</p>	
2.0	Apologies	<p>Debbs van Hagen (DvH), Fiona Wood (FW)</p>	
3.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	<p>The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 16 April 2009.</p> <p>As a point of clarification it was noted that Pam Walker (TRAMP) had contacted SC in regards to financial matters pertaining to the GWA TRAMP community. The GWA Board noted the following clarification points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAMP SMC appeared to have been under the impression that the nominations for the FIG course would each be provided with \$500, this was incorrect and was in fact \$1000 each or \$2000 in total. (Refer April Board minutes Section 7.5 and March Board minutes Section 7.4). • Tony Burton had been the only GWA representative to attend the FIG course, and all funds had been allocated accordingly. This had been approved by the TRAMP SMC. • The GWA Board noted that the TRAMP SMC had still to complete a budget for their four year cycle – Judging Education. • Pam Walker had also raised the matter of overall finance matters pertaining to income and expenditure for the TRAMP community, it was noted that financial information had already been provided by both RK and Ruth Gibbons, and also Tony Burton (Board member and TRAMP SMC Chairperson) in relation to income and expenditure matters. Further each 	<p>TRAMP SMC – to complete four year Judging Education Budget.</p>

		<p>club had been provided with the 2008 GWA Annual Report with all of the organisations audited financial information, it was noted that at present staff salaries and administrative support were included under separate cost centres and should also be considered when reading the financial statements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that RK would provide this formal response to the TRAMP SMC. 	RK to action.
4.0	Business Arising from previous minutes	<p>4.1 Planning 2009 GWA Board thanked all the SMC's who have now provided feedback in relation to 2010 planning.</p> <p>It was also noted that MG SMC had completed the survey as had been required by the previous GWA Board meetings. It was noted that both GM and DvH abstained from any Board discussions and voting on this section of the agenda.</p> <p>The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In total 10 clubs (5 metropolitan and 5 country), and the MG HPC had responded to the survey. It was noted that 14 clubs that provided MG programs had not responded to the survey. Further information had also been collected from 13 coaches, judges and athletes. • The majority of the clubs (6 Yes, 2 No & 2 Unsure / HPC – Yes) had indicated that they were in support of the proposal from the MG SMC, although less than 50% of the clubs (4 Yes, 3 No and 3 Unsure – HPC – Yes) had indicated that the new proposal would be easier for your club / business to participate in the competitions • The concerns raised included, finishing the season in June meant the athletes were more likely to move to other sports, to fit the entire program in prior to June would mean tight scheduling and long weekends for athletes, judges and coaches, and, clubs and athletes would need to commence training early in January, which given the Christmas break made it difficult to promote and advertise. <p>After discussion the Board approved the MG SMC proposal with following reservations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a lack of response from some clubs on whom these changes would have a fundamental impact. • The proposed program would place an overload on the administration processes and time commitments of participating clubs, coaches and judges. This would also impact on the GWA office. • There was a concern as to the ability for clubs to retain male MG athletes throughout the 	

period of July to December (six months).

- The MG SMC must be able to assure the GWA Board / Office that they are able to program all events and their deadlines as per the requirements of the GWA office and GWA Board.

The proposal is to be fully evaluated at the completion of its first year (July / August 2010).

The GWA Board approved the following in relation to 2010 planning;

- The GWA Annual Conference would be held on the weekend of the 16 – 18 January.
- The GWA Awards Dinner would be held on Saturday 6 February.
- State Championships would be held;
 - Senior State Championships – June (MG, WG & RG)
 - State Championships – September (WG, RG, TRP, AER, ACRO & CHEER)
 - Club Levels State Championships – October / November (MG & WG)

It was agreed that GWA Gymsport's section would provide the GWA Board with recommended dates for the various State Championships at the next Board meeting.

4.2 Perception of GWA Board

RK noted that this matter was on-going, a further update would be provided at the next meeting.

4.3 State Gymnastics Centre – Hall 2

It was noted that the Hall 2 Floor had now been finished for the second time.

A special thanks is extended to Igor Bepalov (and helpers) for the work completed, Amerex Fire, for payment of the labour costs and Bostik for the supply of the floor glue.

4.4 Gymsports - Judging Fines, Judging Elite Levels & RG HPC

Judging Fines

It was noted that the pathway information had been discussed at the Judging Co-ordinator's meeting held on the 30 April 2009. Feedback had been received from the SMC's and decisions made in relation to the levels and timing of the appropriate fines. To this end the Judging Fines pathway document was approved by the GWA Board. It was noted that this would need to be reviewed once again at the end of 2009.

Judging Elite Levels

It was noted that information from RG SMC had still not been received.

		<p>4.5 GWA AGM – 19 April 2009 The GWA Board noted that this meeting had been adjourned from the 19 April, 2009 to that of the 26 April 2009. It was noted that the minutes for this meeting had been completed, distributed and were now available on the GWA website.</p> <p>Of special note is the acceptance by the meeting of the GWA Purposes and Rules (Constitution) and three new GWA Life Members, Steve Chetkovich, Gail Melinger and Barbara Smith.</p> <p>The GWA Board also discussed information as agreed from the AGM meeting in relation to the process of accepting Life Members. After discussion it was agreed that the current GWA regulation (Association Awards) and process would remain in situ.</p> <p>4.6 ACGA (WA) – Officebearers The Board noted that RK and RE would be the GWA representatives for ACGA (WA).</p>	
5.0	Finance	<p>5.1 2008 Finance RK noted that there was still three clubs with outstanding issues / matters in relation to the 2008 athlete reconciliations – College Park, Kalajos and Southern Star. These matters will be resolved as soon as possible.</p> <p>5.2 2009 Finance The GWA Board reviewed the 2009 figures.</p> <p>RK noted that all 90+ debtors had been sent final notices.</p> <p>5.3 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update The GWA Board ratified the following Club memberships for 2009;</p> <p>Coastal Gymnastics Club Inc.</p> <p>It was noted that both Dumbleyung Gymnastics Club Inc and Lake Grace Gymnastics Club Inc have both paid in their affiliations in full, following their fee extension.</p> <p>The GWA Board ratified the following Associate Club membership for 2009;</p> <p>Western Australian Institute of Sport.</p> <p>The GWA Board noted that there are currently 5,567 registered athletes and 345 registered</p>	RK to action.

		<p>Technical Members.</p> <p>RK noted that with the exception of My Playgym club (dispute in regards to manual / on-line and flat fee which was in the process of being resolved by GWA office and Gymnastics Australia), all clubs now had registered athletes in the data-base.</p> <p>The GWA Board noted concern in relation to clubs that had substantially less athlete registrations in 2009 than that at the same time in 2008. This included; Jungle Gym for Gymnastics, Katanning Gymnastics Club and West Coast Gymnasts Inc. RK to follow this matter up.</p> <p>5.4 MG HPC The GWA Board noted information in relation to MG HPC.</p>	RK to action.
6.0	General Business	<p>6.1 GA Meetings It was noted the RK would be attending the GA Executive Directors meeting to be held on the 29 May, and SC would be attending both the President's meeting on the 30 May and the GA AGM on the 31 May.</p> <p>6.2 Women's Sport West Awards Night RK noted that she had attended this event and that Gymnastics had, had a successful evening with Lauren Mitchell winning Junior Sportswomen of the Year and Martine George winning Coach of the Year. Congratulations are extended to both Lauren and Martine.</p> <p>6.3 Venues West RK noted that she had attended the launch of Venues West, previously known as WA Sports Centre Trust. RK further noted that Challenge Stadium (one of the Venue West facilities) continued to provide difficulties in relation to venue bookings for additional training and competitions.</p> <p>6.4 Judging Co-ordinators Meeting – request for change of meeting date The GWA Board approved the change of calendar date to that of the 23 July 2009.</p> <p>6.5 GWA Education Courses cancelled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor Managers / Scoring Workshops (13 & 20 May) • AER L1 & L2 Judging Course (23 May) • CHEER L2 Judging Course (24 May) 	

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>GWA State Team Information The GWA Board noted that the GWA was now receiving forms from athlete and team management staff / judges for the MG, WG and RG State Teams. It was noted that more than 70% of them were not completed correctly and this was causing a great amount of additional work for the office.</p> <p>The issue of late receipt of nomination forms was tabled, it was agreed that late entry forms would be accepted prior to the selection meeting and definitive entries being placed, pending the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of explanation regarding reasons for late submission • Payment of a \$25 administration fee to accompany the nomination form • Each application to be discussed on a case by case basis by RK and SC. • It was noted that an application had been submitted to the GWA Board in relation to this issue, to this end the GWA Board agreed that RG athlete Kiah Marsden Youll's nomination form would be accepted upon payment to the GWA office of the \$25 administration fee. <p>The issue of non attendance or officials and athletes at the compulsory State Team meetings (22 March and 28 April, 2009) was also discussed. It was agreed that any individual who had not attended one of the meetings was to write to GWA. The letter was required to provide an explanation / rationale as to their non-attendance and any other relevant information. RK and SC to address each letter on a case by case basis. It was agreed that if required RK and SC could request further information from the Gymsports Chairperson and / or the individual's club / HPC section.</p> <p>The issue of uniform try-on's and the deadlines in relation to the ordering was also discussed, it was agreed that this had not been successful in 2009 and recommendations for 2010 needed to be further discussed.</p> <p>HPC Uniform Report Further information was received from MG HPC in relation to this. After discussion the following was agreed;</p>	
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		<p>2010 Planning The GWA Board noted and approved the request from the WG SMC in relation to awards and competitions for 2010.</p> <p>Competition Entry – Extenuating Circumstances – Rebecca Reid The GWA Board noted all information in relation to this request. It was noted that all requirements of the GWA Event Policy Clause 4 had been met. The request for competition entry – extenuating circumstances for Rebecca Reid was approved by the GWA Board.</p> <p>7.4 RG</p> <p>Change of Calendar - 2B Judging Course The GWA Board noted this information and retrospectively approved the requested change.</p> <p>Change of Calendar – SMC Meeting date The GWA Board approved the request for change of date from Monday 25 May to that of Thursday 28 May, 2009. In doing so the GWA Board noted that to receive this request on the morning of the GWA Board meeting (21 May) for a request to change because the SMC had planned / scheduled both a selection meeting and SMC meeting on the same evening was indeed a reflection of poor planning from the SMC and was not to occur in 2010.</p> <p>Request to sanction a coaches workshop – 24 May The GWA Board approved this request.</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.</p> <p>RG HPC – Future Intentions SC noted that he had circulated his suggestions / thoughts to RG HPC to all GWA Board members. After discussion the GWA Board agreed in principle to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG HPC is formally requested to investigate the possibility of forming a RG club rather than operating a HPC program. • It was noted that there is a number of advantages and disadvantages to this proposal that require further investigation by the RG HPC. • The ideas and concepts as distributed by SC will form the basis of the GWA Board's position on the move from RG HPC to that of a club. 	<p>RG SMC to provide information as requested.</p> <p>RG HPC to investigate.</p>
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8.00	AOB	<p>8.1 WG Ideal Testing GM noted that there had been some problems with the IDEAL testing and some confusion within the clubs in regards to this. RK noted that there is limited information available and the WG Elite Technical Regulations were not as yet completed and like the clubs there had been some confusion within the GWA office. RK is to provide a report to the next meeting.</p>	RK to action.

		<p>8.2 Proscore Scoring program GM requested that this scoring program be formally reviewed at the completion of 2009. The GWA Board approved this request.</p> <p>8.3 Photographic Permission Forms The GWA Board noted that GWA clubs had been very late in providing this information / documentation to the GWA office. All clubs are asked to note that they are required to complete this information prior to commencement of the first competition at which their athlete competes.</p> <p>8.4 Sports Medicine Australia RK noted that there had been a number of issues at a GWA competition which was being followed up by the GWA office.</p> <p>8.5 GWA SGC User Groups – Signage RK noted that at the most recent GWA State Gymnastics Centre User Group meeting there had been a request for the provision of signage. It was agreed that RE would provide a proposal for the next GWA Board meeting.</p>	<p>All GWA Clubs to action.</p> <p>GWA office to follow-up.</p> <p>RE to provide a proposal in relation to SGC signage.</p>
8.00	Next Meeting	18 June 2009	