

GWA Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 15 October 2009

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	<p>Kim Ellwood (KE), Rick Elkington (RE), Amelia Foster (AF), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM).</p> <p>As SC as President was absent from the meeting, the meeting was chaired by RE.</p> <p>Stephen Clifton (SC) (possible new Board member – it was noted that at the completion of the meeting SC accepted the position as an Appointed GWA Board member))</p> <p>The meeting welcomed Sally Cruttwell (GWA Operations Manager) to the Finance section of the meeting.</p>	
2.0	Apologies	Steve Chetkovich (SCH), Steve Turpin (ST) & Fiona Wood (FW)	
3.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 17 September 2009.	
4.0	Business Arising from previous minutes	<p>4.1 Perception of GWA Board RK noted that due to the hospitalisation of SCH, ST currently overseas for work commitments and an apology due to family commitments from FW the meeting scheduled for the 11 October 2009 was cancelled. It was agreed that the meeting would be rescheduled for the 22 November 2009.</p> <p>4.2 RG HPC – Future Intentions RK (on behalf of SCH) noted that this matter was ongoing.</p> <p>4.3 RG SMC Response (from June 2009 [Section 7.4], July 2009 [Section 7.3], August 2009 [Section 4.5] and September 2009 [Section 4.3] GWA Board minutes) It was noted that a response to this agenda item had been received from GA and that Ruth Gibbons (GWA Gymsports Manager) and Karyn Murray (Chairperson RG SMC) had yet to hold their meeting. A report will be provided to the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>4.4 GWA Inclusive Sporting Funding & GWA Inclusivity Charter RK noted that DSR has received the Inclusive Sporting Funding application and the application with their recommendations is now at the Minister’s Office. RK further noted that the Australian</p>	<p>GWA Board Discussion Meeting to be rescheduled to the 22 November 2009.</p> <p>A report is to be provided for the next GWA Board meeting.</p>

		<p>Sports Commission had confirmed their receipt of the GWA Charter. It was also noted that GWA had been asked to present at the DSR Sports Connect Forum held on the 25 September, with positive feedback being received, including contact from eight disability organisations / Individuals.</p> <p>4.5 GWA Planning 2010 RK provided an update to the meeting in regards to the 2010 Planning. It was noted that the National competition dates had now been provided by Gymnastics Australia.</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"> • It was noted that two MG HPC athletes were on the list and thus would not be able to continue training until the outstanding amounts had been paid. • The following club still has an outstanding payment - Newman Gymnastics Club. GWA Office is to write to Newman Gymnastics Club in relation to this matter. <p>5.2 2010 – GWA Fee Structure The GWA Board spent the majority of the meeting discussing the items in relation to this agenda item. Prior to the meeting the GWA Board agreed the following; <i>NB: RK noted that she had had a meeting with SCH prior to this meeting and that SCH had agreed with the recommendations tabled at the meeting. SCH has confirmed his agreement of the below information prior to the distribution of these minutes.</i></p> <p>GWA Judging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment to Gymsport Judging Assemblies would be increased from \$1.00 per athlete competition entry fee to that of \$1.50 per athlete competition entry. • As per agreement at the 16 October 2008 and 4 December 2008 GWA Board meetings, Judging payments for 2010 would be increased to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level One \$10.50 (2009 = \$9) • Level Two \$15.50 (2009 = \$14) • Level Three & State Six \$18.50 (2009 = \$17) • National & FIG \$22 (2009 = \$20) • An in principle agreement that Technical Membership for 2010 would remain the same as in 2009, with the exception that junior judges and Level One judges would be \$44.00 (This is as per agreement with Gymnastics Australia). 	<p>RK / MG HPC to action. Newman Club to pay outstanding debt.</p>

- An in principle agreement that for all Judging Education Courses, GWA would subsidize the payments for judges by 25% of the course fee. It was also noted that each of the gym sports judging education courses will vary in length and thus cost. It was agreed that this subsidy information is to be reflected in the education course application form (s).
- Workshop Fees would be FOC for those workshops with no presenter costs and \$20 for those workshops where presenter costs are to be paid.
- The GWA Board agreed to the recommendation from the GWA Services and Development section in relation to closing dates (one course cost), with additional entries accepted for a further two days with a \$15 late entry fee.

GWA State Gymnastics Centre – Facility Usage

- The facility in 2010 would be expected to 'break-even' financial status. It was noted that this would not be the case in 2009.
- All fees would increase by 30% for 2010.
- Part-Usage and Off-Peak Usage rates would be removed from the Facility Usage Fee Structure.
- A meeting room charge would be levied to all User Groups at \$25 per session (sessions would be morning, afternoon and evening).
- RK noted that this increase would most likely not provide enough funds for the GWA sinking fund (for replacement of equipment and floors etc), to this end the sinking fund finances would need to be taken from GWA 'other income'.

GWA Club Affiliation / Gymnast Registration & Flat Fee

- Club Affiliation would increase by 5%.
- It was noted that Club Management Liability Insurance and APRA was still to be confirmed by Gymnastics Australia.
- Manual Athlete Registration Fee of \$180 – this is for those clubs with 25+ members.
- After discussion it was agreed that the Gymnast Registration would be simplified to three annual categories;
 - KinderGym (\$21 per annum)
 - Recreational (\$34 per annum)
 - Competitive (\$55 per annum)
- It was agreed that Country Clubs would be provided the opportunity to apply for half year registration for competitive athletes – this would be on request only (\$35 per half year).
- The Flat Fee amounts would be adjusted to reflect the KinderGym and Recreational fee structure.

		<p>Event & Spectator Entry Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that in 2010 GWA would pilot (at a number of events only) the concept of paying Floor Managers, Door Keepers and Scorers. This could be at an hourly rate per person and as per the National employment required salary payments, or alternatively to make payment to a club for providing these event personnel. The GWA Gymsports section are to investigate both options and provide 'pilot' opportunities in 2010. • The Event and Spectator Entry Fees for 2010 were agreed at a higher level than previous years, this was to reflect the above initiative, and the additional payments required for the GWA Judges. It was noted that Spectator fees have not been increased for a couple of years. • It was noted by the meeting that the GA AUSCHEER fee structure had been agreed and would thus be incorporated in the GWA Fee structure. • It was agreed that the entry fee for all 2010 Go for 2 & 5 State Championships would be \$80. • It was agreed that the late entry fee would be 50% of the competition entry fee. • In relation to Spectator Fees, it was agreed that GWA would offer an Event Pass for those individuals that wished to attend two or more sessions of an event. • In relation to Spectator Fees – Members with ID Cards (excluding Technical Members), it was noted that disappointingly this benefit had been consistently abused by GWA members / non-members throughout 2009, to this end it was agreed that entry for members competing on day of entry would be FOC, and members with ID cards attending as spectators would be charged at \$5.00 per single entry. <p>GWA Education Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GWA Education Courses fee structure as submitted by the GWA Services and Development Section was approved, with the clarification / amendment in relation to the judging education courses as listed above in the GWA Judging section. <p>RK noted that all GWA documentation and forms would be updated as per the above decisions and circulated to the GWA community via the GWA website.</p> <p>5.3 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update The GWA Board noted that there are currently 8,295 registered athletes and 431 registered Technical Members.</p> <p>In relation to the Section 5.2 of the GWA September Board minutes the following was noted in relation to club registrations;</p>	<p>GWA (RK) to update forms and documentation as required.</p>
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6.0	General Business	<p>6.1 Awards</p> <p>ANZ Sports Star of the Year RK noted that information had been circulated in regards to these Awards, for which nominations closed on the 23 October 2009. To date the following applications had been received / completed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gibson & Gibson Lawyers – Official of the Year – Desiree Jones (Complete) • The Western Australian ANZ Sports Star – Janine Murray (RG) • Smarter than Smoking Junior Sports Star – Chloe Hayes (RG) and Curtis Booth (TRP). <p>DSR Official of the Year RK noted that the nominations for this Award and GWA commendation nominations (5 only) had been submitted to DSR – they included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official of the Year – Desiree Jones • Commendations (x5) – Sharron Isard (WG Service), Rebecca Mordini (WG Service), Melinda Creighton (RG Service), Karyn Murray (RG Service) and Jane Collins (ACRO Service). <p>GWA Official of the Year Award The GWA Board noted the request from Desiree Jones in relation to reviewing / changing the criteria for the GWA Official of the Year Award. It was agreed that at this stage the criteria would remain as stipulated in the GWA Regulations – Association Awards.</p>	Nominations to be submitted to WASF by the 23 October 2009.

		<p>GWA Judging Awards – addition to category The GWA Board approved the Gymsports Officials Community Service Award. It was noted that each Gymsport may now choose to award a judge either the Long Service Award, the Rookie of the Year Award <u>OR</u> the Community Service Award for the Year.</p> <p>6.2 WASF Board Nominations The Board noted their approval of nominations for Robyn Kuhl and Allana Slater in relation to ongoing membership of the WASF Board.</p> <p>6.3 Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Report to Sport. RK noted that this document had been circulated prior to the meeting. The GWA Board noted this report.</p> <p>6.4 GA – Executive Director and AUSCHEER meetings RK provided a report to the GWA Board in relation to these meetings.</p> <p>6.5 WAIS Discussions RK noted that discussions had been held with WAIS in relation to facilities and staffing matters.</p> <p>.</p>	
7.0	Committee Reports	<p>The GWA Board noted minutes and reports as had been supplied by the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWA Gymsport’s section • GWA SMC’s • GWA Services and Development Section • NW Region. <p>7.1 NW</p> <p>2009 AGM The GWA Board noted the minutes of this meeting. In doing so the GWA Board noted the concerns in relation to the ongoing future of the region’s committee and the proposal in relation to the recommended changes, particularly in regards to the NWRGA Administrator and Chairperson.</p> <p>Hedland Gymnastics Club RK noted that GWA had received a letter from Hedland Gymnastics Club in relation to their coaches. This matter had been addressed by SCH and RK, it was noted that at this stage this matter would be managed at a Club level, with support provided by GWA as required.</p>	

7.2 GWA Gymsport's Section Report

GA Advisory Meetings

The GWA Board noted that to date the following Sports Management Committee nominations had been received; WG (Tracy Holmes), Karyn Murray (RG), Tony Burton (TRAMP), Alida Scott (MG & ACRO), Julie Biltoft (AUSCHEER) and Karon Williams (AER).

2010 Competition Review

The GWA Board agreed with the proposal from the GWA Gymsports section in relation to a 2010 Competition Review. This is to be completed in conjunction with the 'pilot' opportunities in relation to floor managers, door personnel and scorers (refer section 5.2 Event & Spectator Entry Fees for 2010). This review is to include the following;

- The importance of the event and why it is required?
- Budget (and Cost / Income ratio) for each event?
- Allocation of staff and volunteer time and resources?
- How an event is run – professionalism, information to stakeholders, awards etc.

2009 GWA Club Levels State Championships

The GWA Board noted that information in relation to this event had been circulated. It was noted that there are just over 500 competitors for this event.

7.3 MG

The GWA Board noted that at this stage there was no further information in relation to discussions held at the September SMC meeting (Section 7.1 GWA Board minutes). Further that the October SMC scheduled for the 13 October had been cancelled.

7.4 WG

WG Border Challenge and Australian vs New Zealand Tour

The GWA Board noted the excellent results from the WG Border Challenge and Australian vs New Zealand Tour that Nicole Smith (WA) had competed in. Congratulations are extended to all involved.

WG Border Challenge;

Level 6 Team 2nd Place

Level 7 Team 2nd Place

		<p>Australian vs New Zealand Tour</p> <p>Nicole Smith – 1st All-round, 1st Beam and Floor, 3rd Bars and 4th Vault.</p> <p>Age Groupings for 2010 AF provided a report to the meeting in relation to this agenda item. After discussion the GWA Board noted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both systems of age groupings trailed in 2008 and 2009 have had their pros and cons, with neither resolving all issues. • To this end it was very difficult to make a recommendation on a specific way of collating the age groupings. • It was felt that clubs should be surveyed with a simple questionnaire, noting in way of background that both systems have their pros and cons – asking them to choose their preference and thus acceptance of the strengths and weaknesses. Further it was agreed that whichever system received the higher number of votes should be operated in 2010. <p>Award system for 2010 and beyond AF provided a report to the meeting in relation to this agenda item. The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In some ways this was a philosophical discussion in relation to the merit / role of Awards and what WG (and all of the gymnastic community) wants to achieve in relation the presentation of Awards. • What do clubs already do internally in relation to Awards? • What does the organisation want in relation to Awards – their role? • It was felt that the WG SMC needed to discuss this further both with the WG clubs and their High Performance section (WAIS) and then provide a discussion paper with thoughts / concerns and any relevant recommendations in relation to this agenda item. <p>7.5 RG</p> <p>RG HPC Sanction The GWA Board approved the sanction request for Janine Murray (Athlete), Krasi Yurukova (Coach) and Karyn Murray (Judge).</p> <p>RG Errata # 2 The GWA Board formally ratified (previously ratified by email – 25 September 2009) the below</p>	<p>WG SMC to action.</p> <p>WG SMC to action.</p>
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RG Schoolgirls Manual 2009

Please note that for entry into the 2009 event the primary year level is no longer restricted to Year 4 and above. Students in Years 1,2 and 3 may also compete for their school in these Interschool Championships.

7.6 CHEER

RK noted that she had attended the CHEER SMC the morning of the 15 October and thus provided a verbal report to the meeting. The key agenda items included, judges at competition (protocol and briefing / feedback), competition behaviour, including post competition, feedback from the AUSCHEER National meeting and the Schools Pilot Scheme.

It was further noted that RK would be attending a further AUSCHEER Management meeting to be held in December 2009 to discuss the structure of AUSCHEER, including Clubs and the role of GA and the States.

7.7 ACRO

The GWA Board noted that the next ACRO SMC meeting would be held on the 16 October, whilst the State Team Selection meeting would be held on the 19 October 2009.

7.8 GWA Services and Development Section Report

The following was noted;

Education

- Education Courses for 2010 are now in the calendar and have been sent to each of the SMC's for proofing. It was noted that the names for Judging Course would be changed in 2010 – these being from Level 1,2 & 3 to that of Beginner, Intermediate, Intermediate Bronze, Advanced and Advanced Silver. Coaching Courses would change in 2010.
- The following education courses have been cancelled, date changed or added to the calendar;
 - L1 CHEER Coaching – change to 18 October 2009.
 - L1 RG Coaching Course – additional course – 11 October 2009.
 - L1 & 2 MG Judging Course – cancelled.
 - L1, 2 & 3 TRP Judging Courses – cancelled.
 - MG L1 Coaching Course – change to 18 October (as presenter unavailable)

		<p>GFA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next GFA SMC is the 16 October 2009. • The GFA Challenge is scheduled for the 8 November 2009. <p>School, After School and Sports Connect Research Project This report is now completed and the Executive Summary was circulated prior to the meeting. The Research report will be tabled and discussed at the GFA SMC (16 October) and then the full report would be made available to the GWA Board. It was agreed that Sam Williams and Helen Webb would provide the GWA Board with a briefing at the November GWA Board meeting.</p>	Sam Williams and Helen Webb to provide a briefing at the next GWA Board meeting.
8.00	AOB	<p>8.1 Submission of GWA Board agenda items After the discussion the GWA Board noted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All agenda items are to be submitted to RK by the Friday prior to the GWA Board meeting. <p>8.2 Life Membership Application – WG SMC In light of the above agreement (section 8.1) this application would thus be discussed at the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>8.3 RK Annual Leave RK noted that she would be on annual leave from the 22 October – 10 November 2009.</p> <p>At a staffing level, all management enquiries / problems are to be directed to Sally Cruttwell (Operations Manager) and / or Steve Chetkovich (President).</p>	All agenda items to be submitted on the Friday prior to the GWA Board meeting.
8.00	Next Meeting	<p>19 November 2009</p> <p><i>NB: GWA Gymsports & Board Meeting – 12 November 2009</i></p>	