

GWA Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 15 April 2010

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Steve Chetkovich (SCH), Rick Elkington (RE), Kim Ellwood (KE), Amelia Foster (AF), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Steve Turpin (ST)	
	Apologies	Stephen Clifton (SC), Gail Melinger (GM) & Fiona Wood (FW)	
2.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	<p>The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 18 March 2010.</p> <p>The Board also ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting – Finance held on the 29 March 2010. It was noted that these minutes would be distributed at the GWA AGM to be held on the 18 April 2010.</p>	
3.0	Business Arising from previous minutes	<p>3.1 Perception of GWA Board RK noted that the information as discussed by the Gymsports meeting on the 25 February 2010 was to be tabled at each of the SMC meetings to be held in either the April and May. A list of questions in regards to this had been tabled for the meeting within the Gymsports Manager report. Further information in relation to this is also available in the Gymsports meeting notes which are now available on the GWA website.</p> <p>3.2 RG HPC – Future Intentions RK noted that to date the RG HPC had provided no formal response to the items discussed at the previous GWA Board meeting (s).</p> <p>3.3 2010 GWA Fee Structure</p> <p>Request from RG SMC in relation to pairs/trios/groups – Event Entry Fees The GWA Board noted that the RG SMC had discussed this item and they have indicated that they are going to survey the clubs to look at the projected numbers for 2010 and 2011. The results of their findings and a projected budget will be submitted to the GWA Board once this has been completed.</p>	RG SMC to forward information when available.

3.4 2010 GWA / GA Education Courses

RK noted that Gymnastics Australia (GA) had provided a response to GWA in regards many of the operational matters that this correspondence had raised. After discussion with SC a further response was sent to GA in regards to the fact the GWA did not feel that the core issues of what was going to be done to solve the situation as it is now and what needs to be implemented in planning for the future was not addressed.

To date (15 April 2010) GWA had received a response from the GA President Ken Williamson indicating that this matter would be placed on the Presidents' agenda for the May meeting as GA would like feedback from other Association Presidents and that GA also intended to see feedback from the Technical Commission during its annual sports reviews also to be held in May. In the interim he noted that GA had employed an additional casual staff member for six months to assist with the additional workload.

GWA will therefore await a further response from GA after the end of May 2010.

3.5 AusCheer

As per the previous GWA Board meeting - GA / AusCheer Boards had indicated a response to this letter would be provided after their April Board meeting.

3.6 GWA AGM – 18 April 2010

The GWA Board formally noted that this meeting is to be held on the 18 April 2010.

3.7 GWA 2010 State Teams HOD and Head Coach

RK tabled correspondence from the MG SMC in relation to the appointment of the MG State Team HOD and noted with disappointment that MG SMC had indicated that there was no-one available / appropriate with the MG community to fulfil this role. As a result the GWA Board ratified the appointments for the following positions.

GYMSPORT	STATUS / NAME
MG - Ratified	
Head of Delegation	Steve Turpin (GWA Board Member)
Head Coaches	To be tabled at the next meeting
ACRO - Ratified	
Head of Delegation	Jo Bulsing
Head Coach	Ken Caraher

GWA to await a response from GA.

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		<p>3.8 GSCS AGM RK noted that she and Helen Webb had attended the AGM held on the 27 March 2010. After discussion the GSCS had agreed to form a Regional Association to be called the Southern Regional Gymnastics Association (SRGA) and Louisa Dare (Dumbleyung) had been appointed as Chairperson. The SRGA had also agreed to appoint a Management Committee (Presidents [or representative] from the SRGA clubs, an Executive Committee (3 positions including the Chairperson) of Louisa Dare, Rachel Baulch (Kojonup) and Rachel Whitehouse (KA Gymsports), and to employ an Administrator to assist with the day to day operational items. The meeting had discussed and agreed planning, roles and responsibilities and budgeting. RK indicated that his had been an excellent meeting and congratulated all who attended for their proactive and positive approach to moving the region forward. SRGA will now progress the development and implementation for their new Regional Association.</p>	
4.0	Finance	<p>4.1 Follow-up from Actions from GWA Board Meeting – Finance (29 March 2009) The GWA Board noted the following actions from the GWA Board meeting – Finance held on the 29 March 2010;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All GWA SMC Chairpersons have been circulated Gymsports Section specific information. This information had included background information in relation to the Gymsports, Education Courses, Competition Entries and Competition budgets. The SMC's are required to action as requested. • The GWA staff have all been distributed information as required. • The Judging Coordinators will be distributed information prior to their meeting on the 22 April 2010 and a copy of these minutes will be provided to all attendees at the forthcoming AGM. • In relation to specific items from this meeting; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RK and RE have a meeting with a Marketing Consultant scheduled for Tuesday 20 April 2010. ○ SC and RK had investigated the sale value of the container (\$2500 - \$3000) and the floor (\$8000 - \$15000). To this end it was agreed that GWA would advertise / request expressions of interest for these items at the rate of \$2500 or 'ONO' for the container and \$10,000 or 'ONO' for the floor. All transportation costs for these items would be the responsibility of the purchaser. 	

4.2 2010 Finance

GWA Board reviewed the 2010 finances.

4.3 GWA Debtors

The GWA Board noted the following in relation to the following 'bad debts';

- Flames Gymnastics Club was now at the bailiff stage of debt collection.
- Esperance Twilight Aerials Gymnastics Academy (2006 debt - \$5,507.14), RK referred the GWA Board to the following GWA Board minutes in relation to the outstanding debt by the 2006 Club Principal (February 2007 – Section 4.2, March 2007 – Section 4.2, April 2007 – Section 4.6, May 2007 – Section 3.3 and July 2007 – Section 3.3 which had indicated a 'skip trace' regarding this club and its Principal had been completed to no avail). Following advice, GWA have now re-opened the collection of for this outstanding debt. In the first instance a letter has been sent in regards to the outstanding payment.
- 90+ day debtors (greater than \$100) included;
 - Fit 2 Cheer
 - Newman Gymnastics Club
 - NRG Cheer SportsThe GWA Board noted that a reminder notice had been posted to each of these clubs

4.3 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update

The GWA Board noted that as of the 12 April there were 4,641 registered athletes (2009 = 4,814 registered athletes) and 302 registered Technical Members (2009 = 311 registered Technical Members). At this stage the GWA Board indicated that there were satisfied with the 2009 and 2010 comparison reports.

The GWA Board ratified the affiliation of the following three GWA Clubs;

Contemporary Gymnastics Academy, Dumbleyung Gymnastics Club Inc and Rainbow Gym.

The GWA Board ratified the affiliation of the following two GWA Associations / Supporters / In-School Providers;

North West Regional Gymnastics Association and Rhythmic Gymnastics High Performance Centre of Western Australia Inc.

4.4 2010 GWA Competition Entries, Competition Sponsorship & Competition Display Divisions (AER & ACRO)

2010 GWA Competition Entries

The GWA Board noted the following information;

DISCIPLINE	COMPETITONS TO DATE	2009 ENTRIES	2010 ENTRIES	INCREASE (DECREASE)
MG	4	294	270	(24)
WG	1	28	67	39
RG	1	40	53	13
TRP	1	113	66	(47)
TOTAL	7	475	456	(19)

It was noted that GWA WG SMC had received written correspondence that had indicated that to date there would be a predicted decrease of 117 club entries at the Club Level Competitions #1 and #2. As a result it was hoped that participation numbers from the participating clubs would in fact increase so as to ensure that this shortfall would not have an impact on the overall competition numbers.

Overall the GWA Board noted their concern in relation to both the 'actual' and the 'indicated' decrease of competition participants.

Competition Sponsorship

In relation to GWA Competition Sponsorship – GWA Board noted that a new category would be developed that allowed for sponsorship of a GWA competition (excluding State Championships) for the value of \$500.00.

Competition Display Divisions (AER & ACRO)

The GWA Board noted (as per AusCheer events). These divisions would be for athletes that are currently not involved in events. The GWA Board agreed to this request noting the following;

- The division would only be for AER Level 0 athletes and ACRO Level 1 – 3 athletes – this being athletes who do not currently compete at GWA events.
- There will be no Awards for these athletes, rather they will be presented with a Participation Certificate only.
- They would only be included in the schedule if there was room in the competition program.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost for each individual athlete would be \$10.00 per athlete. • RK is to amend the GWA Events and Competitions Fee Structure as required. <p>4.5 MG HPC The GWA Board noted that Elena Beshpalova continued to on extended sick leave. The GWA Board continued to wish her well in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The GWA Board once again noted their ongoing concerns in relation to this programs budget and requested that the 2010 budget (Budget & Expenditure) be provided to the next GWA Board meeting. The GWA Board noted that the 2009 Financial Audited reports indicated a MG HPC carry-over of \$40,134.</p> <p>4.6 GWA Staffing Matters The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the agreement at the GWA Board Meeting – Finance held on the 29 March 2010 the Club 10 Officer position will not be appointed until September 2010. <p>4.7 Letter from Jollettes Gymnastics RK tabled a letter from Renay Jol, Director of Jollettes Gymnastics, that indicated that Renmar Enterprises Pty Ltd trading as Jollettes Gymnastics (one location only) had decided that they would not be continuing with their application to affiliate with GWA.</p> <p>GWA Board noted that the letter from Renay Jol indicated that all other 17 locations as listed on the Jollettes website were in fact franchises of this company. GWA tabled their disappointment in the decision of Renay Jol and Renmar Enterprises Pty Ltd trading as Jollettes Gymnastics to not to continue with their application to affiliate with GWA.</p> <p>4.8 Letter from Olympic Gymnastic Academy. RK tabled a further letter from Olympic Gymnastic Academy in relation to their possible affiliation. SC and RK are to follow-up the questions raised within this letter and then provide a response to Olympic Gymnastics Academy.</p>	<p>RK to amend the GWA Events and Competitions Fee Structure as required.</p> <p>MG HPC to provide revised 2010 budget.</p> <p>SC & RK to follow-up as required.</p>
5.0	General Business	<p>5.1. 2010 Planning – GWA Winter State Championships The GWA Board agreed that the GWA State Championships Function would be hosted during the Winter State Championships.</p>	

		<p>5.2 DSR, WASF and Future Now – State Sporting Association Learning and Workforce Development Project The GWA Board noted the information in relation to this project and its survey. It was noted that the response from GWA was due on the 23 April 2010. RK to action this matter.</p> <p>5.3 Scholarship to attend the 5th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport RK noted that she had received a scholarship from DSR to attend this event which will be held in Sydney from the 20 – 23 May 2010.</p> <p>5.4 GA AGM (30 May 2010) The GWA Board noted that pending the response from Gymnastics Australia in regards to Section 3.4 (GA Education Courses) and Section 3.5 (AusCheer) these items would be raised as GWA agenda items for the GA AGM. RK and SC to action as required. It was noted that SC would be attending this meeting, whilst RK will attend as an Observer as she will be already be in Melbourne attending the AusCheer Management Meeting and ED’s meeting.</p> <p>5.5 GWA Health Policies (2010) The GWA Board ratified the revised 2010 GWA Health Policies noting that the new additions included in this Policy included the Mentally Healthy Policy and Physical Activity Policy. A copy of the revised Policy will be forwarded to both Healthway and DSR and placed on the GWA website.</p>	<p>RK to action.</p> <p>RK & SC to action as required.</p>
6.0	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 <p>6.1 GWA Gymsport’s Section Report The GWA Board noted the report as tabled.</p> <p>Pacific Rim Championships (28 April – 2 May 2010) The following athletes have been selected to represent Australia at the Championships;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MG – Martin Jozwiak (Reserve) • WG – Emily Little • RG – Janine Murray <p>Floor Managers & Scoring Course (12 March) 12 club volunteers attended the Floor Managers Course, whilst 11 attended the Scoring Course.</p>	

2010 National Gymsport Advisory Committee Meetings

- WG = 7 & 8 August
- RG = 14 & 15 August
- MG = 21 – 22 August
- CHL = 16 – 17 October
- AER = 6 – 7 November
- ACR = 13 – 14 November

Schools Working Group (Initial Project)

(Co-ordinator: Melissa Read, Gymsports Section – Ruth Gibbons, Services & Development Section – Sam Williams and Helen Webb)

RK reported that an initial GWA Working Group had been formed to cover all areas of gymsports in schools, looking at Teacher Education, gymnastics programs in schools, school events and inclusivity. An action plan will be developed by the group for possible implementation from 2011 – 2014. RK noted that this was an exciting development opportunity and one that whilst requiring many hours of work had the possibility / likelihood of offering many opportunities to the GWA community.

6.2 MG

RK noted that the MG SMC had made the decision that they felt they needed to cancel the forthcoming MG Invitational (101 registered athletes) as they could not facilitate this event. Further the GWA Board noted the request to reschedule the Senior Level section of the QC #2 (8 athletes) to the 8 May 2010 as they would not have enough 'higher level' judges in the State. The GWA Board noted their disappointment that this had been tabled as a possibility and their concerns in relation to the overall planning by MG SMC for 2010, particularly in relation to the coordination of these events during the Pacific Rim Championships.

After discussion GWA noted the following in relation to the Judges Invitational;

- GWA has already accepted and collected monies for 101 entries. Given that this is one of only three significant participation events (over 100 participants) it would be very disappointing to lose this event from the calendar.
- It is not good practise to cancel an event after entries have closed.
- The gymnastics clubs, parents and members will be extremely disappointed if this event was cancelled.
- Some athletes will not be able to be part of a team at Team Pennants, nor eligible to qualify for States if the event is cancelled.

The GWA Board approved the following;

- GWA Gymsports section will undertake the overall running of the event – as per all other GWA events. This included GWA Judges being reimbursed for attending the event. All income from the event would be retained by GWA and would not be transferred to the MG Judges Assembly at the end of the Year.
- GWA Board approved sponsorship (refer Section 4.4) for this event by E Fire and Safety.
- GWA Board approved the request to change the QC #2 section for Senior athletes (8) to that of the 8 May 2010.

6.3 WG

Expression of Interest Form – WG USA Tour

The GWA Board noted that the responses for the Expressions of interest for this tour had been circulated to all WG Clubs for feedback. GWA Board also noted that there had been a number of changes to the overall proposal including the outline of the USA Tour, Levels, Ages and Team Sizes for athletes, the Team Management and the draft budget for the Tour. As a result the GWA Board approved the proposal pending the completion and understanding of the below points;

- GWA Organisation will not be responsible for raising the funding for the USA Tour, nor will the bear any financial liability in relation to outstanding payments or additional to budget expenditure items.
- GWA Staff will assist the organisation of the USA Tour in relation to all matters pertaining to money collection / bookings / purchase orders and required payments. Any costs associated with this (including bank fees, postage etc) will be included in the \$100 per athlete GWA administration levy that is to be paid by all athletes entering this tour.
- WG SMC are to undertake the following and provide further information to the GWA Board in relation to the following items;
 - The formation of the Organising Committee and the selection / election of a Chairperson for this group.
 - The selection and appointment process for the Team Management and in particular the selection of the Head of Delegation to work with the Organising Committee and GWA staff.
 - The completion of a 'final budget' for the tour.

WG Judging Committee – two sets of Judging Scholarships categories

The GWA Board noted that information in relation to the Judging Scholarships (Regional and

National Exposure) as supplied to the meeting. They congratulated the WG Judging Committee in their proactive approach to the implementation of the scholarship process.

6.4 RG

Cancellation / Postponement of the RG Judges Invitational 26 – 28 March 2010

The GWA Board noted that the RG SMC were now looking at the possibility of running this event in July 2010.

6.5 AER

AER Series #1

The GWA Board noted that the AER Series # 1 event will now be held on the 16 May 2010.

AER World Championships

The following WA athletes and officials have been selected to represent Australia at the AER World Championships in France from the 12 – 20 June 2010;

Trudi Nurse (Head Coach), Kieran Gorman ((Individual Male), Zoe Tisdale (Individual Female), Sarah Salerno (Individual Female), Emma Davies, Catriona Cowden & Janelle Marsh (Trio), Chelsea Carroll (Age Group 2 – Individual Female), Cairo Leicester (Age Group 1 – Individual Female). Congratulations to each of these individuals.

6.6 GWA Services & Development Section Report

GWA Board noted the report as tabled.

Education Courses

- 11 Judging Courses held in March.
- An ACRO Workshop, MG HPC Coach / Athlete Workshop, GSCS Conference (including a Talent ID session for the RTDS program) were also coordinated.
- GWA Board approved the revised GWA Education and Workshop Policy.
- Additional Education Courses which have been added to the calendar include;
 - RG Beginner Judging Course – 17 April
 - AER Int B & Advanced Judging Course – 8 & 9 May

GFA and Schools

The GWA Board noted the information received in the report in relation to these areas noting the

		<p>following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GWA Board approved the GymAbility Small Grant Scheme (including Scholarship, Access and Events) as submitted to the meeting. • A Young Offenders funding application to SGIO has been submitted. • A GFA Education Day was held on the 15 April with presentations from WASF, Sport and Recreation Network and identitywa. The GFA Grants scheme was also launched. <p>Green Shirts Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG, TRP and ACRO have confirmed that they would like to be involved in this program for 2010. To this end shirts / badges have been / will be distributed at their Beginner Judging Courses. <p>Other Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAIS is partnering with GWA to provide club visits for approximately six clubs in 2010. • Gymnastics Australia is now ready to trial both their online Club 10 checklist and their HPC checklist. GWA has expressed interest in being involved in both of these pilots. 	
7.00	AOB	<p>7.1 Submission of GWA Board agenda items The GWA Board noted the following as per the last meeting (section 7.1);</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. 	All agenda items to be submitted on the Friday prior to the GWA Board meeting.
8.00	Next Meeting	<p>19 May 2010 <i>(Change of date from the 20 May due to the unavailability of RK on the 20th May 2010)</i></p>	