

GWA Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 June 2010

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Steve Chetkovich (SCH), Rick Elkington (RE), Amelia Foster (AF), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM) & Steve Turpin (ST)	
	Apologies	Stephen Clifton (SC), Kim Ellwood (KE) & Fiona Wood (FW)	
2.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	<p>The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 19 May 2010.</p> <p>The Board noted the following clarification to Section 4.2 GWA Debtors; <i>Vanessa Rennie previous owner of the Esperance Gymnastics Club, now coaching at Esperance Twilight Aerials is the outstanding debtor.</i></p>	
3.0	Business Arising from previous minutes	<p>3.1 Perception of GWA Board RK noted that the discussion and feedback will be discussed at the forthcoming GWA Gymsports meeting to be held on the 24 June 2010. SCH, RE and RK to attend this meeting. A report will be tabled at the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>3.2 RG HPC – Future Intentions RK noted that at this stage there was no further information.</p> <p>3.3 2010 GWA Fee Structure</p> <p>Request from RG SMC in relation to pairs/trios/groups – Event Entry Fees RK noted that at this stage there was no further information.</p> <p>3.4 2010 GWA / GA Education Courses RK and SCH provided feedback from the meetings that they had attended at GA. The following points were noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon review of the statistics GWA had made very good progress in the total number of courses coordinated, the number of participants in the courses, and the number of 	

		<p>approved Judging Course presenters (12 in total). This made WA the third highest State in regards to the overall roll-out of the GA Judging Education courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCH and RK both reported that all States had indicated that they had experienced problems with the courses and this had been communicated to the GA Board members. • RK reported that GA Education staff had indicated that the majority of courses were now substantially completed with the exception of the RG and AER courses. Further that information had been provided by GA Education staff in relation to the next stages that required further action. The relevant information has been communicated to the GWA Education Officer (Jodie Behan) and the Services and Development Manager (Sam Williams). <p>The GWA Board agreed that to date GA had still not provided a formal response in relation 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 had still not been addressed. It was agreed that RK would write to GA in relation to this matter.</p> <p>3.5 AusCheer RK and SCH provided feedback from the meetings that they had attended at GA. The following points were noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GA Board had confirmed that they had agreed that a review of the current operational model for AusCheer was required and that the process and remit of the Review Committee would be agreed at the 27 June 2010 GA Board meeting. Further it was agreed that the final report for the review would be available for their September Board meeting with any agreed / required changes to be implemented at the commencement of 2011. The GWA Board once again agreed that if requested by GA, RK would be the appropriate GWA representative to be involved in the review process. • GWA Board noted that the competition held on the 13 June 2010 had had 488 participants and almost 1000 paying spectators, from this perspective the competition had been successful. It was also noted that Nerine Cooper (GA AusCheer Manager) had attended the event and assisted with judging, 'pack-up' and had also provided some relevant feedback. It was noted that due to a number of issues in regards to the overall management of this AusCheer event there had been a large GWA staff and Board requirement to provide assistance with staffing for the day and set-up and pack-up. GWA Board members thanked the GWA staff for their help and assistance and also thanked 	<p>RK to write to GA.</p>
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		<p>SCH and ST for their help with the event, particularly in relation to pack-up after the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was also noted that a meeting had been held with Nerine Cooper, GWA Board members SCH, GM, RK and ST, Julie Biltoft (SMC Chairperson) and Ruth Gibbons (GWA Gymsports Manager) where a number of issues and concerns had been tabled and discussed. The GWA Board thanked Nerine for making herself available for this meeting. <p>The GWA Board also noted the documentation / emails received from Julie Biltoft (SMC Chairperson) and Simone Button (Western Cheerleading Club). After further discussion GWA Board agreed the following in relation to the ongoing coordination AusCheer for 2010;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GWA Board continued to express concerns in relation to the ongoing support and benefits to their GWA clubs throughout 2010. In doing so the GWA Board agreed that they would not at this stage make any 'major' changes to the structure (s), pending of course the results of the GA Review process into AusCheer. At an operational level the GWA Board agreed the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the three further events to be held in 2010, only the Showdown AusCheer event will be held utilising two floors. The other two events will be held on the 'blue' gymnastics floor only. GWA will offer all GWA Club (s) the opportunity to set-up and pack-up with a payment of \$250.00 for each. (Total payment available \$500.00) Given issues in relation to athlete registration and management – all athletes and coaches will be provided with a 'one-use' only hospital type wristband. These are non transferrable and simply mean that an individual without a wrist band will not receive athlete / coach entry to the event. This will reduce the number of event staff required for this area. In relation to spectator management – the number of athletes allowed per session is that of between 150 –180 (maximum number), it was agreed that this could provide the competition with further sessions, but it was preferable that we could provide adequate seating and spectator management. GWA will establish an AusCheer Event Crew which will be separate to the activities of the AusCheer SMC, the Event Crew will report directly to the GWA Gymsports section / Executive Director. In the first instance it was agreed that GWA would call for volunteers, in particular the current Announcer and Floor Managers – all of whom currently offer an excellent service to the sport. In doing so GWA Board thanked E-Fire and Safety for their 	<p>GWA to establish an AusCheer Event Crew.</p>
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offer of sponsorship to the Event Crew in the form of a thank you dinner for the volunteers. It was noted that the Event Crew must wear either AusCheer or GWA clothing at the AusCheer events. Further, it was agreed that if there were not enough volunteers then GWA Staff and Board members would undertake the required roles.

- The following was thus agreed in relation to the ongoing role of the AusCheer SMC;
 - The provision of Judges and Scorers for all competition events.
 - The provision of Technical advice as required and requested.
 - Ongoing support to the AusCheer education processes – both coaching and judging.
 - Looking a ways to continue to grow Cheerleading within WA and in doing so providing a point of contact and support to those clubs / individuals who have possible new members / participants.

3.6 SRGA and NWRGA

RK provided the meeting with an update in regards to the ongoing activities of the regions.

GM noted that Narrogin Gymnastics Club would shortly be moving into a new facility – congratulations are extended to Narrogin Gymnastics Club.

3.7 GWA HPC Briefing Paper

RK and ST provided a further update to the GWA Board in regards to High Performance programs within GWA. The following was noted;

- A letter had been received from DSR agreeing that they would support and assistance in the formation of GWA High Performance Forum / Review Group. Further that a DSR High Performance Consultant will be available to assist with specific tasks as determined by this group.
- DSR had also noted that this process will include the ongoing funding for the Regional Talent Development Scheme (RTDS) and to this end this funding would discontinue for the 2010 / 2011 period pending the outcomes of the group's review.
- Two initial meetings had been held on the 3 and 15 June between ST, RK and Brendan Cullinan (DSR) whereby it had been agreed that the overall vision of the group was to 'create a sustainable model for the operations of all GWA High Performance Centres' in the future. Further it had been agreed that one of the initial stages of the review would

		<p>need to be consultation with the stakeholders – including those in the current GWA High Performance programs (Formal and Informal), GA, WAIS, Clubs and any other identified groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that as progress was made in this area RK and ST would provide further reports to the GWA Board. <p>3.8 GWA Marketing – the concept RK noted that she met with Ryan Morgan from Selmore Services on the 16 June 2010, and agreement had been reached in relation to progressing Marketing for GWA. The following had been agreed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selmore Services would operate on a Commission only basis. • Initially the primary focus would be the sale of signage for the State Gymnastics Centre and any related ‘event’ sponsorship. • Selmore Services would also be involved in any other opportunities that may be provided from members of the GWA community, including for example, education institutions, and specialised programs offered by GWA and such-like. • Selmore Services would provide some support in relation to ‘media’ contacts as this was a component of Marketing services. 	<p>RK & ST to provide reports as required.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Finance</p>	<p>4.1 2010 Finance GWA Board reviewed the 2010 finances.</p> <p>4.2 GWA Debtors The GWA Board noted the following in relation to the following ‘bad debts’;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flames Gymnastics Club – this matter is still ongoing. • Vanessa Rennie (Esperance Gymnastics Club) - this matter is still ongoing. • 90+ day debtors (greater than \$100) included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cavalier Security Pty Ltd • Harlequin Spirals 	

The GWA Board noted that a reminder notice had been posted to each of these.

4.3 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update

The GWA Board noted that as of the 14 June there were 6,500 registered athletes (2009 = 6,464 registered athletes) and 369 registered Technical Members (2009 = 367 registered Technical Members). At this stage the GWA Board indicated that they continued to be satisfied with the 2009 and 2010 comparison reports.

4.4 2010 GWA Competition Entries

The GWA Board noted the following information;

DISCIPLINE	COMPETITONS TO DATE	2009 ENTRIES	2010 ENTRIES	INCREASE (DECREASE)
MG	6	457	431	(26)
WG	8	349	360	11
RG	2	92	105	13
TRP	1	113	60	(53)
ACRO	1	61	62	1
AER	2	80	73	(7)
CHEER	1	180	488	308
Club Levels	1	280	259	(21)
SC- Winter	1	133	455	322
TOTAL	23	1745	2293	548

The GWA Board noted that the attendance (Including two teams entered as late entries) for AusCheer and the Go for 2 & 5 Winter State Championships was indeed pleasing. In doing so the GWA Board noted that they would need to closely monitor all further AusCheer and State Championship events in 2010.

The GWA Board noted that the Club Levels #1 event for 2010 had seen a decrease in participants, however as it had in fact been previously indicated that the predicted numbers would show a larger decrease, the registration in this event was thus satisfactory.

4.5 MG HPC

The GWA Board noted that Elena Bepalova would be returning to work as of next week, this was wonderful news and we welcome Elena back to the MG HPC program.

	<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. RK noted that at the most recent MG HPC Management Committee some concerns had been expressed by parents in relation to this item. RK noted that she had written a more detailed information sheet in regards to the GWA Board's concerns that would be circulated as required.</p> <p>RK further noted that the MG HPC program had embarked on a sponsorship drive to raise funds and at this stage were progressing well. GWA Board congratulated the MG HPC program and supporters on this initiative.</p> <p>4.6 GWA Staffing Matters The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergei Hubski (MG HPC Coach) has resigned from the program as of the 30 June 2010. The GWA Board wished him well in his future endeavours. • In relation to the GWA Inclusivity program, RK noted that the current contracts for Helen Webb and Gabrielle Bell (including an extension of hours) had been extended for a further three months. <p>4.7 Letter from Olympic Gymnastic Academy (Received by the GWA office on the 16 June 2010). RK tabled a further letter received from Olympic Gymnastic Academy. GWA Board acknowledged receipt of the letter and after discussion it was agreed that SC and RK would respond to the letter.</p> <p>4.8 WG Judges Assembly – Education Funds RK provided the GWA Board with a financial update in regards to the expenditure items for the WG Judges Assembly. The GWA Board expressed concerns in regards to the 'no amount' budget item (indicated as +venue hire) for a forthcoming Judging Workshop. It was agreed that in principle WG Judges Assembly would be required to ensure that in future the expenditure on any items indicated in the budget must be provided with an indicated amount, and should at all times endeavour to be cost effective.</p> <p>4.9 2011 GA IMIS requirements RK noted that GA had indicated that they would be upgrading the IMIS data-base program as of the commencement of 2011. The GWA Board noted the additional budgetary requirements for</p>	<p>RK & SCH to respond to the letter.</p>
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		that would be required for this upgrade.																						
5.0	General Business	<p>5.1. 2011 Planning</p> <p>The GWA Board approved the calendar dates for the 2011 GWA Annual Conference;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 – 17 January 2011. <p>The GWA Board noted that all Gymsport SMC's need to commence their 2011 planning. RK noted that provisional dates had been provided by GA in relation to all 2011 National events, excluding National Clubs and ACRO Nationals that would allow for this planning to commence. The dates provided as are follows;</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Gymsport</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>MG</td> <td>17 – 23 July</td> <td>Canberra, ACT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WG</td> <td>9 – 17 July</td> <td>Perth, WA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RG</td> <td>10 – 17 July</td> <td>Perth, WA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TRP</td> <td>24 – 29 September</td> <td>Adelaide, SA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AER & CHEER</td> <td>1 – 6 October</td> <td>Melbourne, VIC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACRO</td> <td>TBC</td> <td>Possibly with AER & CHEER</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The GWA Board noted that their would need to be a thorough evaluation completed by the GWA Gymsports section in relation to the entire GWA planning for the months of May and June as all indications were that these months were over committed in regards to the requirements for the entire organisation. Overall it was agreed in principle that there needed to be less events and activities planned for these months in 2011.</p> <p>5.2 Healthway Application RK noted that the next application for Healthway sponsorship was due by the end of July 2010. RK to action this application.</p> <p>5.3 DSR Information Sheet – Federal Budget Update. The GWA Board noted this information.</p>	Gymsport	Date	Location	MG	17 – 23 July	Canberra, ACT	WG	9 – 17 July	Perth, WA	RG	10 – 17 July	Perth, WA	TRP	24 – 29 September	Adelaide, SA	AER & CHEER	1 – 6 October	Melbourne, VIC	ACRO	TBC	Possibly with AER & CHEER	RK to action.
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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

6.1 GWA Gymsport's Section Report

The GWA Board noted the report as tabled.

RK noted that the past month had been an exceedingly busy time for this section of the organisation given the number of events, meetings and state team activities that are in the program / calendar. As per section 5.1 it was noted that this workload would need to be addressed in all planning for 2011. The GWA Board thanked the section staff for all of their hard work. The GWA Board also acknowledged and thanked the clubs for their work and assistance during this time.

Go for 2 & 5 Winter State Championships

The GWA Board noted that this event had commenced this evening with a total of 455 competitors from 23 clubs. It was also noted that the RG program included a visiting team from NSW and all athletes in the training squad for the RG Commonwealth Games. GWA Board welcomed these athletes to WA.

GWA also welcomed and thanked the visiting MG and RG judges who had / would be visiting WA to assist at the event.

GWA State Teams – MG, WG and RG

RK noted that the GWA Board State Team Ratification meeting had been held on the evening of the 25 May 2010. It was also noted that there had been an appeal against the WG State Team (National Levels).

The following further members had been ratified in the State Teams;
(noting that the Head of Delegation and Head Coach (s) positions had already been ratified)

MG	
Team Manager	Alida Scott (Primary position) Allowed to coach as directed by the HOD
Team Coaches	Oleg Tarkov
Team Judges	Michael Williams (Primary position) Allowed to coach as directed by the HOD
Athletes	Jason Doust, Steven Hamilton, Jordan Begley, Ryan Woodhouse, Matthew Richardson, Andrew Sumner, James

		Filip Ciupac, Aidan Read, Elija Meegan, Yari Marazzato, Benjamin Hamilton, Lawson Mills, Sean Forde, Gabriel O'Sullivan, William Sherwood, Jake Thompson, Matthew Hopkins, Maximilian Woloszyn, Mitchell Nylander, Evgeny Bespalov, Brenton Treacher, Elliot Cook, Matthew Goonatillake.	
	Athletes – Non travelling Reserve	Nathan Brophy	
	WG – National Levels		
	Team Manager	Karen Morgan	
	Team Coaches	Amanda Deurloo, James Keatley	
	Personal Coach	Skyla Woollons	
	Mentee Coaches	Tarryn Isard, Katherine Rogers, Tara McEwan	
	Team Judges	Donna Grocott, Heidi Rose, Tracy Holmes, Desiree Jones, Colleen Ballantyne, Melissa Read, Sharron Isard	
	Athletes	Samantha Georgeff, Jade Hansen, Jessica Greene, Alisha Bates, Chloe Hillier, Lauren O'Brien, Rachel Purdy, Olivia Brown, Kirstie Horton, Alana Doust, Gabrielle Barham, Hannah Fairburn, Madelaine Jones, Bronte Turpin*, Nicole Smith, Eloise Valli, Jade Martin, Olivia Vivian, Kayleigh Cooke <i>*Pending qualification via Control Test</i>	
	Athletes - Non Travelling Reserves	Kim Tran, Jasmin Wilburn, Justis Titterton	
	WG – International Levels		
	Team Manager	Liz Chetkovich	
	Team Coaches	Martine George, Nikolai Lapchine, Michelle Yardley, Peter Abbott, Tatiana Lapchine, Emma DiCarlo, Dmitri Kalinine	
	Mentee Coach	Katherine Rogers	
	Team Judges	Allana Slater, Michelle Yardley, Deborah van Hagen, Donna Grocott, Heidi Rose, Tracy Holmes, Jo Bulsing, Desiree Jones	
	Medical Personnel Support / WAIS	Emilie Thienot, Joanne Norcott, Sacha Fulton, Matthew Burgin, Natasha Brock	
	Athletes	Abigail D'Sylva, Brooke Callcott*, Keeley Austin*, Madeleine Clark-Carlile*, Franceska Fusha, Natasha Papadimitriou*,	

		<p>Danielle Tyack* Megan Aspinall*, Darcy Norman*, Sophie Ward* Li-Anne Ng*, Nikola Chung*, Lauren Mitchell.</p> <p><i>*Pending achieving Qualification Scores.</i></p>																	
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		<p>GA / GWA Nationals – WG and RG RK noted that work for the forthcoming co-hosting of Nationals was currently on target. The GWA Board acknowledged and thanked AF for her ongoing help in the coordination of volunteers.</p>																	
		<p>6.2 MG</p> <p>Completion of MG four year judging plan The GWA Board noted that this document had now been finished by the MG SMC and would be</p>	<p>MG 4 year plan to be tabled at next GWA</p>																

		<p>tabled for ratification at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>6.3 WG</p> <p>Expression of Interest Form – WG USA Tour The GWA Board noted that Nominations Forms for this tour are now on the GWA website. It was noted that Section 6.3 from both the April and May 2010 GWA Board meeting showed that there are still outstanding actions to be taken by the WG SMC / WG Organising Committee in relation to this tour.</p> <p>6.4 AER</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The GWA Board wishes all athletes the very best at their event.</p> <p>6.6 GWA Services & Development Section Report GWA Board noted the report as tabled.</p> <p>Education Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Coaching and 7 Judging Courses held in May. • 1 WG Judging Course postponed in June – to be held in July. • 1 WG Education Day to be held on the 18 July. • Regional Talent Development Scheme workshops held in Dumbleyung, Broome and Karratha with mentor coaches – Derek May and Heidi Rose. 15 athletes have received invitations to become part of the program. <p>Club 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Cheerleading and High Flyers are currently finalising Star 3 Applications. 	<p>Board meeting.</p> <p>Follow-up required in relation to Section 6.3 of the April and May GWA Board minutes.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAIS have been asked to pilot the draft Club 10 High Performance Checklist. • The GWA Board noted that as had been previously advised the audit of clubs in regards to athlete registrations would commence shortly. <p>GFA and Schools The GWA Board noted the information received in the report in relation to these areas noting the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GFA Awards – a draft State GFA Award has been developed. • GA have awarded the GA GFA Coach of the Year Award 2009 to Rosemary Hartley – congratulations are extended to Rosemary. • Gabrielle Bell has just completed a one week gymnastics coaching program in Sandstone Remote school. It was noted that there is an article on the GWA website that provides further information in relation to this visit. • The ongoing work with the GymAbility / Inclusivity project continues to meet all requirements. The GWA Board noted that there had been a number of recent articles on the GWA website in conjunction with the Peter Moyes GymAbility display and the GymAbility grants. • GWA have developed their initial draft Schools Action Plan – RK noted that there continues to be much work to be done in this area and the Initial Working Group would be meeting shortly in relation to the ongoing work required for the Action Plan. 	
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. <p>7.2 RK Annual Leave RK noted that she would be on annual leave from the 29 July – 30 August 2010.</p>	All agenda items to be submitted on the Friday prior to the GWA Board meeting.
8.00	Next Meeting	15 July 2010	