

## GWA Board

### Minutes of Meeting held on 18 February 2010

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	<b>Attendance</b>	Steve Chetkovich (SCH), Stephen Clifton (SC), Kim Ellwood (KE), Rick Elkington (RE), Amelia Foster (AF), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM), Steve Turpin (ST).  Fiona Wood (FW) arrived at 8.30pm.	
	<b>Apologies</b>	Nil.	
2.0	<b>Acceptance of Previous Minutes</b>	The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 21 January 2010.	
3.0	<b>Business Arising from previous minutes</b>	<p><b>3.1 Perception of GWA Board</b> RK noted that the information as discussed at the last meeting had been circulated for the GWA Gymsports meeting scheduled for the 25 February 2010. This information had also been circulated to all GWA Board members and staff so as to continue to keep them informed in the progress of these discussions. It was noted that from a GWA Board perspective SC, RK, AF and ST would be attending this meeting. A report is to be provided at the March GWA Board meeting.</p> <p><b>3.2 RG HPC – Future Intentions</b> RK noted that she had attended the RG HPC meeting held on the 27 January. Information had been circulated prior to the meeting in relation to this ongoing matter. The following was discussed and agreed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG HPC wished to consider the continuation of the RG HPC and the establishment of a separate legal organisation – a RG club. The majority of the GWA Board agreed to this in principle noting the following conditions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new RG club would be required to be a separate legal entity and would be required to follow all rules and regulations as required by a GWA affiliated club. This would therefore include facility usage and hire, athlete transfers and development and other club related matters.</li> <li>• The RG HPC could only maintain athlete members within their program that trained and competed at ‘elite’ level or fulfilled the formal requirements of the RG</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	A report to be provided to the next Board meeting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club Placement program, the Development program and / or the TID program. RG HPC is now required to provide further information to the GWA Board in relation to this 'in principle' agreement.</li> <li>• RG HPC had expressed their concerns in relation to the increase of facility charges for all GWA State Gymnastics Centre (SGC) and the ongoing viability of RG HPC and the RG sport. The GWA Board noted that they understood this concern, but in doing so stated that the increase had been made as in 2009 the SGC had not been able to operate at a 'break-even' status and the increase had been made to reflect the need to ensure the SGC facility operated at 'break-even' and allowed GWA Board to establish the commencement of a 'sinking fund' for ongoing requirements in relation to equipment and facility improvements.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.3 2010 GWA Fee Structure</b></p> <p><b>Request from RG SMC in relation to pairs/trios/groups – Event Entry Fees</b> It was noted that this item has been placed on the RG SMC Agenda for February 2010 – to date no further information had been provided in relation to this matter.</p> <p><b>3.4 GWA Official of the Year – ANZ Sports Star of the Year and Women's Sport West (as per section 3.5 previous GWA Board meeting).</b> RK provided a verbal report in relation to the discussions at the Judging Coordinators meeting held on the 28 January 2010. The GWA Awards Regulations will now be updated accordingly and presented to the next GWA Board meeting for discussion and ratification.</p> <p><b>3.5 Judging Coordinators meeting (28 January 2010) follow-up / information</b> The minutes of the Judging Coordinators meeting held on the 28 January 2010 and the report on GWA Judging &amp; Coaching fines for 2009 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The following was noted in relation to these documents;</p> <p><b>Judging Coordinator Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 4.1 – DSR Green Shirt Program - it was noted that RG &amp; TRP had both indicated that they wished to continue with this program and that the information would also be included in the forthcoming ACRO and MG Beginner Courses. This was with the proviso that beginner judges would be entitled to wear a badge rather than the green shirt.</li> <li>• Section 4.3 - In relation to the Judge Credit System and Regional requirements, the GWA again endorsed the requirement that the Judging Coordinators meeting is also required to</li> </ul>	<p>Updated GWA Awards Regulations to be provided to the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>Judging Coordinators meeting to address the introduction of a 'judging credit system for clubs'.</p>
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		<p>address a further category for the 'credit system' (rather than just the fining system) to include those clubs that continually meet the requirements of the judging processes and requirements in 2010 been provided with a credit (s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 4.8 - In relation to the Judges Assembly funds the following was noted and agreed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WG SMC Judging Budget provided to the meeting including the request for a WG Judges Event was approved by the GWA Board. The WG SMC / Judges are congratulated on their work.</li> <li>• The GWA Board noted that all other Gymsports are still required to update / review and as required submit their Judging budgets for approval by the GWA Board. It was noted that these would be required prior to release of any Judges Assembly funds.</li> <li>• After discussion the following was agreed in relation to the release of the 'frozen' GWA Judging Assembly funds, the total amount of \$38,630 would be split as below; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG Judges Assembly to receive \$14,000.</li> <li>• MG &amp; RG Judges Assemblies to receive \$7,000 each.</li> <li>• TRP, ACRO, AER &amp; CHEER Judges Assemblies to receive \$2,500 each.</li> <li>• The balance of \$630 to be retained by GWA for administration and banking costs.</li> <li>• It was agreed that this would be amended and reflected in the 2009 GWA audited financial reports.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 5.1 – 5.8 – The reports from the individual gymsports were all noted.</li> <li>• Section 6.3 - In relation to the proposal to change the process requirements in relation to the Gymsport Official of the Year, the updated GWA Award regulations would be provided to the next GWA Board meeting for discussion and ratification.</li> </ul> <p><b>Judging &amp; Coaching Fines</b> The GWA Board noted the following in relation to this;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In total 68 'please explain letters' were sent to GWA clubs, with most, but not all clubs responding to the GWA office in relation to the letter. This had resulted in 41 receiving no fine and 27 resulting in a fine being issued. Overall the fines were invoiced to a total of 10</li> </ul>	<p>Updated GWA Awards Regulations to be provided to the next GWA Board meeting</p>
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		<p>GWA clubs with a total 17 judging fines and 10 coaching fines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From a gymnsport discipline perspective the following was noted; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG = 30 letters, resulting in 14 fines and 16 no fines.</li> <li>• MG = 13 letters, resulting in 5 fines and 8 no fines.</li> <li>• RG = 10 letters, resulting in 1 fine and 9 no fines.</li> <li>• TRP = 6 letters, resulting in 3 fines and 3 no fines.</li> <li>• AER = 3 letters, resulting in 1 fine and 2 no fines.</li> <li>• CHEER = 5 letters, resulting in 2 fines and 3 no fines.</li> <li>• ACRO = no letter and no fines.</li> <li>• Combined MG / WG States = 1 letter and 1 fine.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The GWA Board noted for the information of the gymnsports and the clubs that although this has been both very unpopular and extremely time consuming process for all involved the number of fines issued had indicated that most clubs were trying to follow the correct procedures. The GWA Board thanked the clubs for their assistance in this area.</li> <li>• The collected fine money after administration costs has been returned to the relevant gymnsport discipline income stream.</li> <li>• The GWA Board once again noted the importance of the Judging Coordinators ensuring that they developed a 'credit system' to recognise those clubs that continued to meet the requirements of the judging requirements and processes. (As discussed under Judging Coordinator minutes).</li> </ul>	
4.0	Finance	<p><b>4.1 2009 Finance</b></p> <p>The GWA Board noted that the 2009 finances will be audited by the GWA Auditor next week. As a result as of the date of this meeting GWA will accept no further invoices for payment for 2009.</p> <p>The following was agreed in relation to outstanding debtors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All GWA Clubs and Associate clubs are required to pay all outstanding 2009 invoices prior to affiliation in 2010.</li> <li>• All non affiliated clubs wishing to enter AusCheer competitions and events as non-members will be required to pay all outstanding 2009 GWA invoices prior to entry into the competition or event.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non affiliated clubs and those clubs that have not registered and paid for their athlete registrations would not be able to enter GWA competitions in 2010.</li> <li>• There are two MG HPC athletes who have 60+ day debts, these athletes are to be removed from training in the program with immediate effect. It was also noted that MG HPC would in 2010 have to write-off the sum of \$558.00.</li> </ul> <p><b>4.2 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update</b></p> <p>The GWA Board noted that as of the 15 February there were 1,059 registered athletes and 192 registered Technical Members.</p> <p>The GWA Board ratified the affiliation of the following nine GWA Clubs;</p> <p>College Park Gymnastics Academy, Hedland Gymnastic Club Inc, Kalajos School of Gymnastics, Northern Districts Gymnastics Club Inc, Peak Trampoline, Peel Dynamic Gymsports Inc, Star-Mites Gym Sports, Stellar Gym-Sports and Wickham Kindergym/Gymnastics Club Inc.</p> <p>It was also noted that WA Harlequin Spirals had carried over their affiliation from 2009, this was due to their date of affiliating late in 2009.</p> <p>The GWA Board ratified the affiliation of the following two GWA Associations / Supporters / In-School Providers;</p> <p>GWA GymAbility Program and Parents for Gymnastics Inc.</p> <p>It was noted that the following clubs had indicated they would not be affiliating at this stage in 2010;</p> <p>Fit 2 Cheer (they would be attending AUSCHEER events only) and Newman Gymnastics (coaches have left).</p> <p>In relation to Fit 2 Cheer Club the GWA Board expressed sincere disappointment that Fit 2 Cheer Club had chosen not to continue on the journey that GWA, its clubs, and AusCheer had embarked on together in relation to the new direction for cheerleading in Australia.</p> <p>RK noted that she had written to Olympic Gymnastic Academy and Jollettes Club as requested from the previous meeting.</p>	<p>MG HPC to action.</p>
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#### **4.3 MG HPC**

The GWA Board noted that Elena Bespalova had returned to work for a short time and was once again currently on extended sick leave. The GWA Board wished her well in the coming weeks.

The GWA Board noted their ongoing concerns in relation to this programs budget.

#### **4.4 GWA Staffing Matters**

The following was noted;

- The GWA SMC Liaison Officer position had been appointed and Melissa Read would be commencing work with GWA as of the 2 March 2010. Melissa comes to GWA with extensive knowledge of gymnastics having worked in various capacities within gymnastics clubs and GWA committees. GWA welcomed Melissa to the GWA staff team.
- Helen Webb will be returning to GWA as GWA Inclusivity Officer (as per the DSR Inclusivity Funding Agreement). GWA welcomed Helen back to the GWA staff team, noting that she will commence work as of the 22 February 2010. GWA Board also thanked Sam Williams (Services & Development Manager) and Jodie Behan (Education Officer) for maintaining the ongoing work required for our Inclusivity Agreement.

#### **4.5 Request from Trudi Nurse in relation to GWA State Team Head Coaches payment**

The GWA Board noted the application and letter from Trudi Nurse in relation to the GWA State Team Head Coaching position. In relation to the matter of travelling with the team management this was discussed in Section 6 of these minutes.

In relation to the request for consideration for full funding of the State Team Head Coach position the GWA Board noted the following;

- The GWA Board is aware that all GWA State Team Head Coaches will have extended workloads and time requirements.
- In the specific case of the Aerobics State Team GWA Board has actively encouraged and provided additional funding so that this gymsport could address the matter of succession planning and 'experience' for other coaches within the community.
- The agreement and discussion from previous GWA Board meetings was also noted and for equity across all gymsports the travel subsidy for all state coaches of \$800 stands.
- The Board noted that whilst it would be ideal to provide more funding for all State Team management this needed to be balanced with the costs to the athletes, in 2010 the athlete levy was already that of \$300.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The above request would be reviewed at the completion of 2010.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<p><b>5.1. GWA AGM</b> GWA Board formally noted that this meeting was to be held on the 18 April 2010.</p> <p><b>5.2 Healthway Requirements</b> RK noted that she would be attending a Healthway Seminar on the 23 February 2010 in relation to the new application process and funding criteria for Healthway. A report would be provided at the next GWA Board meeting.</p>	RK to provide a report to the next Board meeting.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p>The GWA Board noted minutes and reports as had been supplied by the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GWA Gymsport's section</li> <li>GWA SMC's</li> <li>GWA Services and Development Section</li> </ul> <p><b>6.1 GWA Gymsport's Section Report</b></p> <p><b>GWA Policies</b> The GWA Board noted the status of the following GWA policies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GWA State Team Selection Policy (updated and on the GWA website)</li> <li>GWA Event Entry Policy (updated and on the GWA website)</li> <li>GWA State Team Travel Policy including Under Age Policy, Parent &amp; Family travel guidelines and General State Team Rules (Final approval given by GWA Board – to be placed on the GWA website).</li> <li>GWA Critical Incident Policy (in progress)</li> </ul> <p><b>GWA State Teams</b> The GWA Board noted the following in relation to the status of the appointments of Head of Delegation (HOD) and Head Coaches positions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WG, RG and TRP – applications for both positions – Selection Committee is voting.</li> <li>MG – no application for HOD and still deciding on Selection Committee members.</li> <li>AER – still deciding on Selection Committee members.</li> <li>ACRO – no application for HOD.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to the two gymsports who had received no applications for HOD (MG and ACRO) the</p>	

		<p>GWA Board discussed a number of options in relation to this and noted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MG and ACRO communities / SMC's are to be provided with a further three week extension for their application / nomination process.</li> <li>• At the completion of this timeframe, noting that the GWA Board are indeed hopeful that the communities will make every endeavour to find a suitable applicant, if the positions are still vacant, the GWA Board will make the decision to either; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appoint a member of the GWA Board as HOD. or</li> <li>• Not send a GWA State Team to the 2010 National Championships.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In relation to the question raised by the Gymsports section report in relation to 'do State Team Coaches have to travel as part of the Team Management or can they organise their own travel?', the response from the GWA Board is that State Team coaches are encouraged to travel with the State Team Management, however if they choose to make their own arrangements then they are responsible to report to the HOD as per the instructions of the HOD or the GWA Gymsports Manager. This could therefore include being at the accommodation at a nominated time or date, or being at the domestic air terminal for collection of a vehicle at a nominated time or date.</p> <p><b>Floor Managers, Host Clubs and Door Entry Pilot Opportunities for 2010</b> The GWA Board noted the draft document as tabled by the GWA Gymsports section.</p> <p><b>6.2 WG</b></p> <p><b>Expression of Interest Form – WG USA Tour</b> The GWA Board noted that Expressions of interest for this tour would be circulated shortly. Responses will be tabled at the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p><b>WG SMC Technical Directors Report – February 2010</b> The GWA Board noted the WG SMC Technical Directors Report – February 2010, tabled by Desiree Jones at the WG SMC meeting. The GWA Board members expressed concerns in relation to the written content of point 5 (SMC Proposals – GWA Board) and point 6 (USA Tour) and respectfully point out to the WG SMC that it is the role of the GWA Board to make decisions as per the requested items and supporting documents tabled at the GWA Board meetings. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for SC and RK to request an informal meeting with Desiree Jones to address this matter further.</p>	<p>MG &amp; ACRO SMC's to address this matter within three weeks, with a report to be provided to the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>SC and RK to meeting with the WG SMC Chairperson.</p>
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		<p><b>6.3 RG</b></p> <p><b>Cancellation / Postponement of the RG Judges Invitational</b>  The GWA Board noted that due to the unavailability of the RG Judges National program Manual for Levels 1 – 6 from Gymnastics Australia this event had been cancelled. The RG SMC will review this situation and make any further recommendations to additions / changes to their 2010 calendar for the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Australian Selection – Pacific Rim – Melbourne (July 2010) - Congratulations</b>  The following athletes were selected at the Pacific Rim Trial (14 &amp; 15 February) to represent Australia at the forthcoming Pacific Rim;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Athlete - Janine Murray (NDGC / RG HPC)</li> <li>• Junior Athlete (Reserve) – Neisha Rizzo (NDGC / RG HPC)</li> </ul> <p><b>6.4 TRP</b></p> <p><b>Australian National Squad - Congratulations</b>  Oliver Booth (HighFlyers) has been selected in the Junior National Squad for Double Mini Trampoline.</p> <p><b>6.5 AER</b></p> <p><b>Australian Selection – Suzuki World Cup – Japan (April 2010) - Congratulations</b>  Following the recent AER National Squad Camp and selection trial the following athletes have been selected to attend the Suzuki World Cup;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Individual Male – Kieran Gorman (Spirit)</li> <li>• Senior Individual Females – Zoe Tisdale and Elizabeth Kane (Spirit)</li> <li>• Age Group 2 Individual Female – Chelsea Carroll (Spirit)</li> <li>• Age Group 1 Individual Female – Cairo Leicester (Spirit)</li> </ul> <p><b>Australian National Squad - Congratulations</b>  Samantha Elkington, Eloise Kane, Sarah Salerno, Carissa Curia and Giveney How (all Spirit) have been selected in the Australian National Squad.</p> <p><b>6.6 AUSCHEER</b>  RK reported that the minutes from the AusCheer Management Committee meeting held on the 7</p>	<p>RG SMC to provide further information to the next GWA Board meeting.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GWA once again formally recorded their sincere disappointment that Fit 2 Cheer Club had chosen not to continue as a GWA Club member in the overall journey of AusCheer.</li> <li>• Rights and responsibilities of non-member clubs and athletes – it was noted that all non-member clubs and athletes were exactly that, they were non-members of GWA and thus they could only attend AusCheer events as 'event registrations'. In all other aspects the respective clubs are to be not eligible for the benefits that GWA members get for being affiliated with GWA and Gymnastics Australia. This would include Education Courses, SGC Facility Hire and access to Office support, access to the Club 10 system and its many benefits, and access to GWA / DSR Inclusivity funding pilot schemes are all examples of what this could include.</li> <li>• The GWA Board discussed the request from AusCheer in relation to providing a GWA club with the right to host a GWA scheduled event. It was noted that at this stage there had only been one club apply for this right and as this club was not a GWA club member, it was agreed that GWA would only consider an application from a GWA Club member.</li> <li>• The GWA Board recorded their concern that AusCheer had announced a visiting coach / camp to be held in Western Australia in March 2010. It was noted that GWA had not been approached prior to the announcement in regards to this information, nor had the information been included within the GWA 2010 calendar.</li> </ul> <p>The GWA Board requested that RK write to Gymnastics Australia / AusCheer Boards, Star-mites Gymsports and Fit 2 Cheer club in relation to these matters.</p> <p><b>Request from Cheer SMC in relation to Awards of Recognition</b>  RK tabled the information from Julie Biltoft the Cheer SMC Chairperson in relation to a request for two Awards of Recognition. The GWA Board recorded their sincere thanks to the individuals recommended but felt at this stage the application did not meet the criteria for this Award. The GWA Board recommended that Cheer SMC write a formal letter of thank you to each of these individuals.</p> <p><b>6.7 GWA Services &amp; Development Section Report</b></p> <p><b>Education Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six education courses have been held in the last two weeks.</li> <li>• KinderGym, Acro, Aerobics and Cheerleading Coaching Courses had been cancelled due</li> </ul>	<p>RK to write to GA / AusCheer Boards, Star-Mites and Fit 2 Cheer clubs</p>
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		<p>to lack of enrolments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The TRP Advanced Judging Course was postponed from the 13-14 February to the 27-28 February due to non availability of course material from Gymnastics Australia.</li> </ul> <p>RK expressed concern that the delay in receiving information and course materials from Gymnastics Australia (GA) was now having a detrimental effect on the ability of GWA to manage its 2010 calendar of events and was also having possible financial implications. It was noted that this was also causing a large additional workload to the GWA Office and in particular the GWA Education Officer Jodie Behan. At this stage the following was likely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancellation or postponement of four Judging Courses (TRP Advanced, RG Intermediate, ACRO Beginner and AER Beginner) due to non completion of course materials by GA. It was further noted that the focus of the GA delivery of course materials was AER (March) and CHEER (April). There was concern that this was too far into the calendar year for delivery of these items.</li> <li>Courses run with incomplete course materials and resources including video footage. (MG Intermediate and TRP Advanced).</li> <li>The RG Judges Invitational had already been cancelled and given the indicative timelines from GA it appeared that the first AER competition would also need to be cancelled.</li> <li>GWA's Senior Presenters (eg: Desiree Jones and Karyn Murray) had been informed that they can not present at the Advanced Silver Courses as they have not yet attended a course – this will add a significant additional expense to the course as GWA will now be required to 'fly-in and accommodate' interstate presenters.</li> <li>The length of the courses have increased (for example MG Intermediate course now has over 530+ power-point slides, not including the video footage which was not available for this course) and given that most courses only have between 5 – 8 applicants the cost of the presenters alone will have a significant negative effect on the already GWA subsidised budget for Judging Education courses.</li> <li>The photocopying printing requirements for each course have increased substantially.</li> </ul> <p>Whilst GWA acknowledges and recognises the excellent and often challenging work being done by GA in the area of Education Courses for both Coaching and Judging the above matters are of concern. To this end it was agreed that RK is to write to GA in relation to this matter.</p>	<p>RK to write to GA.</p>
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7.00	AOB	<p><b>7.1 Submission of GWA Board agenda items</b> The GWA Board noted the following as per the last meeting (section 7.1);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All agenda items are to be submitted to RK by the Friday prior to the GWA Board meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.2 Thank you and Good-bye to Jane Allen</b> The GWA Board formally thanked and acknowledged Jane Allen the CEO of Gymnastics Australia for her support and commitment to gymnastics and to GWA. Jane is leaving GA on the 12 March 2010 to commence working as CEO of the British Gymnastics Association. We wish Jane every success in her new venture.</p>	All agenda items to be submitted on the Friday prior to the GWA Board meeting.

		<p><b>7.3 GWA Facebook Page</b> RE noted that he had launched the GWA Facebook page today's date. He noted that he would be responsible for content control of the site. GWA thanked RE for his work in this area.</p> <p><b>7.4 GWA Awards Night – 6 February 2010</b> GWA Board thanked all 182 persons that had attended the evening. GWA Board noted that it had been an excellent evening and specifically acknowledged the Award Night sponsors (Lawsons Underwriting, Prime Trophies, Travel Forever, e Fire and Safety, Cavalier Security, Spirit Gymsports, Star-Mites Gymsports and Krasi Yurukova and Viktor Markov), the Announcers Alida Scott and RE and the organisers RK, Sharron Isard and Kristina Dufour. Also thanked are Victor Markov (Video &amp; Powerpoint presentations) and Ruth Gibbons (Photographer). Thanks are extended to all other individuals that helped make this event successful.</p> <p>It was also noted that the opportunity had been taken to present our new Life Members (SC, GM and Barbara Smith) with their Life Membership Badges and the 20 individuals that were recipients of the Award of Merits – Service and International. Congratulations are once again extended to them all.</p>	
<b>8.00</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>18 March 2010</b>	