

GWA Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 18 March 2010

No.	ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.0	Attendance	Steve Chetkovich (SCH), Stephen Clifton (SC), Rick Elkington (RE), Amelia Foster (AF), Robyn Kuhl (RK), Gail Melinger (GM), Fiona Wood (FW)	
	Apologies	Kim Ellwood (KE) & Steve Turpin (ST)	
2.0	Acceptance of Previous Minutes	The Board ratified the minutes from the Board Meeting held on the 18 February 2010.	
3.0	Business Arising from previous minutes	<p>3.1 Perception of GWA Board SC, AF and RK (ST had also attended the meeting) noted that the information as discussed at the last board meeting had been discussed at the GWA Gymsports meeting held on the 25 February 2010. A verbal report was provided to the GWA Board noting the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Gymsports with the exception of Trampoline were represented at the meeting and the minutes for this meeting would be made available shortly. The discussion had been proactive and raised a number of issues / discussion items that the Gymsports Chairperson (or representatives) had been asked to take back to their Sports Management Committees for further discussion. It had been agreed that feedback information would be provided at the next Gymsports meeting to be held on the 24 June 2010. <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), further that she had not be able to attend the RG HPC Management meeting scheduled for the 17 March as it had been cancelled.</p> <p>RK also noted that she had formally written to Town of Vincent (TOV) in relation to the ventilation / heat issues in Hall 2 at the State Gymnastics Centre. At this stage this matter would be discussed at a forthcoming TOV meeting in relation to maintenance / capital expenditure. RK will provide further information to the GWA Board and RG HPC as it becomes available.</p>	<p>RK to circulate minutes of Gymsports meeting when available.</p> <p>SMC's to discuss and provide feedback at the next Gymsports meeting.</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 the information that had been tabled at the GWA Board meeting in regards to this agenda item, after discussion the RG SMC are requested (in conjunction with the GWA Gymsports section) to discuss the following prior to a decision being made by the GWA Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As RG competitions are expensive to coordinate in relation to the requirements for facility usage, judging requirements, medical support personal and in the case of State Championships the cost of an Announcer RG SMC is requested to provide the GWA Board as to the actions that are being taken by community / SMC to reduce the costs of coordinating their competitions. • RG SMC is also requested to provide an indicative income budget including projected athlete competition registrations for 2010 and actions the RG gymsport is taking to increase spectator revenue. <p>3.4 Healthway Requirements RK provided a verbal report to the Board meeting in relation to the new application process and funding criteria for Healthway.</p> <p>3.5 2010 GWA / GA Education Courses RK noted that she had written to Gymnastics Australia (GA) as requested from the previous meeting.</p> <p>RK also noted that at the Gymsports meeting (25 February 2010) all of the gymsports represented had raised the numerous issues and problems that they were having in relation to the delivery of the new 2010 Education Courses. This information had been included in the letter / email sent to GA. It was noted that this stage GWA is still awaiting a response from GA. RK also noted that there had been a total of 5 Judging Courses cancelled or postponed in February, with 15 coaching / judging workshops or courses now scheduled for March.</p> <p>3.6 AusCheer RK noted that she had written to Gymnastics Australia (GA) / AusCheer Board as requested from the previous meeting. GA / AusCheer Boards had indicated a response to this letter would be provided after their April Board meeting. RK also noted that the minutes from the AusCheer Management Committee meeting held on the 7 December 2009 had now been circulated to the GWA Board members.</p>	<p>RG SMC to provide information as requested to GWA Board.</p> <p>GWA to await a response from GA.</p> <p>GWA to await a response from GA / AusCheer.</p>
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3.7 GWA AGM – 18 April 2010

The GWA Board formally noted that this meeting is to be held on the 18 April 2010. RK noted that the pre-meeting information including request for notices of Motion and nominations for GWA Board positions had been circulated with a closing date for submission by the 19 March 2010. All information in relation to the meeting agenda, notices of motion and board nominations will be circulated on the 22 March 2010.

3.8 GWA 2010 State Teams HOD and Head Coach

GWA Board formally noted the following, noting that if required ratification of the appointments had been completed via email correspondence;

GYMSPORT	STATUS / NAME
MG	
Head of Delegation	No applicants
Head Coaches	Voting yet to commence
WG - Ratified	
Head of Delegation	Sue Georgeff
Head Coach – National Levels	Derek May
Head Coach – International Levels	Liz Chetkovich
RG - Ratified	
Head of Delegation	Erica Morrissey
Head Coach – National Levels	Leah Gay
Head Coach – International Levels	Krasi Yurukova
AER - Ratified	
Head of Delegation	Lesley How
Head Coach	Trudi Nurse
TRP - Ratified	
Head of Delegation	Maggie Jones
Head Coach	Tony Burton
ACRO	
Head of Delegation	Voting yet to commence
Head Coach	Voting yet to commence

<p>4.0</p>	<p>Finance</p>	<p>4.1 2009 Finance The GWA Board noted that the 2009 Audited Finances as had been provided to the organisation by the GWA Auditor - Sygnum Assurance Services. The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 had been a year of successes and challenges for GWA, with many highlights including a small growth in both athlete and technical membership, the first full year of operation in our new State Gymnastics Centre, the roll-out of our new GWA staffing restructure, successful co-hosting WG National Championships and the successful application of the GymAbility project / DSR Inclusivity funding. • From a financial perspective however 2009 has been a difficult year for GWA, it is with disappointment that have seen the organisation utilise its retained earnings. • The primary reasons for this include a decrease in income from the seven competitive gymsports of over \$56,000, primarily in the areas of decreased competition participants, decrease in profit / increase of cost for State Championships and Club Level competitions, and Cheerleading / AusCheer competitions. • The second area is specifically related to the State Gymnastics Centre which the organisation has struggled to support from a financial perspective. • The decisions to realign the fee structures within the organisation was discussed and agreed by the GWA Board in October 2009 (Section 5.2) and reflects the GWA Board's concerns in regards to this matter. Overall there was a concern expressed by the GWA Board in relation to budgeted competition entries income, particularly in relation to feedback received from some clubs in relation to the changes to the Club Levels competitions. RK is requested to ask the Gymsports section / WG SMC for projected competition entries to the 2010 Club Level competitions. • It was agreed a further GWA Board meeting would be held on Monday 29 March 2010 to revisit this matter and make any further decisions that may be required. <p>4.2 2010 Finance GWA Board reviewed the 2010 finances. The GWA Board noted that the 2010 Healthway grant monies had been received on the 17 March 2010.</p> <p>4.3 GWA Club and Technical Membership Update The GWA Board noted that as of the 18 March there were 3,855 registered athletes and 254</p>	<p>RK to request Gymsports Section / WG SMC for projected competition entries to 2010 Club Level competitions.</p>
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		<p>registered Technical Members.</p> <p>The GWA Board ratified the affiliation of the following 22 GWA Clubs;</p> <p>Esperance Twilight Aerials Gymnastic Academy, Exmouth Gymnastics Club Inc, High Flyers Trampoline and Gymnastics Academy Pty Ltd, Jednorog Gymnastic Academy, Jungle Gym for Gymnastics, Katanning Gymnastics Club Inc, Kojonup Gymnastics Club, Kununurra Gymnastics Club Inc, Lake Grace Gymnastic Club Inc, My Playgym, Narrogin Gymnastics Club Inc, NRG Cheer Sports Inc, Pearl Coast Gymnastics Club Broome Inc, Ritmico Gymnastics, Southside Districts Gymnastics Academy, Spirit Gym Sports, Swan Districts Gymnastics, Tom Price Gymnastics Club Inc, Vital Gymnastics and Sports, West Coast Gymnasts Inc, Western Cheersports, and Wongan Gymnastics Inc.</p> <p>The GWA Board ratified the affiliation of the following GWA Associations / Supporters / In-School Providers;</p> <p>WA MG HPC Centre.</p> <p>4.3 MG HPC The GWA Board noted that Elena Bepalova continued to be on extended sick / annual leave. The GWA Board once again wished her well in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The GWA Board noted their ongoing concerns in relation to this programs budget and requested that a revised 2010 budget be provided to the next GWA Board meeting. It was noted that a further sum of \$499 would need to be written off for 2010, this therefore being a total of \$1057.00.</p> <p>The GWA Board noted the tabled documentation in relation to wearing of MG HPC tracksuits at GWA Competitions. This request was not approved as MG HPC are required to abide by the rules and regulations as discussed previously in 2009.</p> <p>4.4 GWA Staffing Matters The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Webb has commenced her duties with GWA for 15 hours per week. At the completion of a three month period this situation will be reviewed. In the interim GWA have employed Gabrielle Bell and three month contract for 5 hours per week to assist in the completion of lesson plans for the Inclusivity / GymAbility project. 	<p>MG HPC to provide revised 2010 budget.</p>
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5.0	General Business	<p>5.1. 2010 Planning – WG & RG National Championships RK noted that the GA contracts for hosting of both of these events have now been formally signed.</p> <p>5.2 WAOC & Commonwealth Games The GWA Board noted that the AGM for both of these groups had been rescheduled to 15 June 2010.</p> <p>5.3 HPC Forum RK noted that she had attended the HPC Forum meeting held on the 26 February 2010. The key agenda item for this forum meeting had been the preparation by the HPC's of their Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and Key Result Areas (KRA) for 2010 – 2013. RK noted the following status in relation to these;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MG – KPI's and KRA's not complete or available in documented form. • WG – KPI's and KRA's both complete. • RG – KPI's complete – not available in documented form, KRA's not complete or available in documented form. <p>The GWA Board expressed disappointment and concern in regards to the status of this work as it had been agreed at the previous Forum held in December 2009 that this work would be completed. The GWA Board noted that this information was to be available for distribution to the Board prior to the next Board meeting. Further it noted that non-production of this requirement would result in a withdrawal of some / all GWA financial support, which could include the ongoing reduction of facility usage fees.</p> <p>The GWA Board thanked both the TRP and AER SMC's for providing information in relation athlete numbers in the HP Progression Pathway.</p> <p>RK also noted that there had been some concerns raised at the meeting in relation to the HPC and club links (eg: HPC responsibility to Clubs and Club responsibilities to HPC's) – this will be discussed further at the HPC Forum meeting to be held on the 28 May 2010. RK will provide a further report after this meeting.</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 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWA Services and Development Section <p>6.1 GWA Gymsport's Section Report</p> <p>GWA Policies The GWA Board noted the status of the following GWA policies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GWA Critical Incident Policy (in progress) • Travelling Parent Policy – linking to the Under Age Policy (in progress) <p>6.2 WG</p> <p>Expression of Interest Form – WG USA Tour The GWA Board noted that Expressions of interest for this tour had been circulated to all WG Clubs for feedback. Responses will be tabled at the next GWA Board meeting.</p> <p>WG SMC Technical Directors Report – February 2010 SC and RK provided the meeting with a verbal report from the informal meeting held on the 2 March 2010.</p> <p>Club Level Awards – 2010 State Championships The GWA Board noted the further motion of request from the WG SMC in relation Club Level Awards at the 2010 State Championships – the GWA Board agreed with the motion that the Club Level 1 -3 sessions come into line with the Level 4 – 10 sessions.</p> <p>GM raised the issue of a member (s) of the MG SMC approaching her in relation to the direction that MG SMC was required to take in relation to this matter. RK stated that MG SMC had been given opportunity to provide feedback in relation to Club Levels (Prev. Optional Spectacular) previously and had provided no information, to this end it was agreed that MG SMC would be required to adopt any relevant proposals as had been supplied by WG SMC and approved by the GWA Board. (Refer GWA Board minutes 20 November 2008 – Section 3.1 and 16 October 2008 – Section 3).</p> <p>The GWA Board therefore agreed that if MG SMC now did not wish to adopt the WG SMC proposal in relation to Club Level competitions then they were required to provide a written submission, which incorporated a club survey (as per the WG SMC Survey) and a mechanism for the MG community to increase MG participants in these competitions. This submission is to be provided to the GWA Board for further discussion.</p>	<p>MG SMC to provide a written submission in relation to Club Level competitions.</p>
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WG EMC – WG Judges Succession Plan

The GWA Board noted the letter and attached documentation as tabled at the meeting. In doing so GWA Board supported the contents of the letter and request further information as it becomes available.

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

The GWA Board noted the request in relation to the change of date / competition in relation to rescheduling this event to that of the 21-22 August (RG Winter Challenge). The GWA Board noted that it would not make a decision in regards to this request until documentation had been supplied per requested in section 3.3 of this meeting.

6.4 AER

The GWA Board noted that the AER Series # 1 event had had to postponed due to the delay in the production of GA Judging Education Course materials, the GWA Board agreed to either of the proposed dates of either the 14 or the 16 May 2010 pending availability of the facility.

6.5 GWA Services & Development Section Report**Education Courses**

- Four Coaching and 2 Judging Courses held in February.
- Four Coaching and 5 Judging Courses cancelled or postponed in February.
- 15 Coaching / Judging Workshops or Courses scheduled for March.
- GSCS Conference and Talent ID session (Regional Talent Development Scheme)
Information complete – applications close on the 15 March.

GFA and Schools

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

- The tabled six month Inclusion report was approved by the GWA Board for submission to DSR. The Services and Development section and Helen Webb are congratulated on their progress / achievements. GWA Board also congratulated Helen on the production of the GymAbility Participation Program Case Study.

		<p>DSR Green Shirt Program – Judging A 2010 badge and information package had been produced for this DSR Grant – all funding has now been allocated.</p>	
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>15 April 2010 <i>(GM tabled her apology for this meeting).</i></p> <p>AGM – Sunday 18 April 2010</p>	