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MINUTES 2015 Council Meeting

DATE: Saturday, 28 February 2015

VENUE: CWA HALL, 83 Wingewarra Street, **DUBBO NSW 2830**

Meeting Opened: 12.45pm

ATTENDEES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Zone</i>
Bill Bleechmore Tracey Stevenson	Central West
Joanne McFayden Phil Hvirf	Hunter Valley
John Grills Phillipa Grills	Northern New England
Mark Wilson	North West Plains
Toni Davidge Dinah Hayes Wendy Barlow	Southern Highlands
Ian Sampson	South West Riverina
Charlie Grills Chris Bunny	South West Slopes
Margaret Garnsey Matthew O'Neil	Western District

MEMBERS

June Bleechmore	Cameron Hill	Raymond Hudspeth	Lucy Grills
Sara Grills	Carolyn Garland	Karen Hvirf	Sandra Weston
Cathy Lilliebridge	Peter Wilson	Sam Beer	David Mortimer
Ian Faulkner	Robert Finlayson	Libby Ward	Russell Anthony
Sam Halstead	Brian Johnson		

APOLOGIES:

Elissa Koch	Jenny Falkiner	Kristy Bullen	Lisa Eagle
Colin Parkinson	Jim Davidge	Greg Davidge	Kevin Stevenson
Gary Stevenson	Kaye Stevenson	David McKillop	

Minutes from previous Council Meeting – as circulated

Moved	<i>Laughlin Ross</i>	Seconded	<i>Bill Bleechmore</i>
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Business Arising

NIL

Presentation of Yearly Awards – President Laughlin Ross congratulated those on their awards

- Administrator of the Year – Cathy Finlayson
- Brian Johnson Presented - Umpire of the Year – Wendy Barlow
- Rookie Coach of the Year – Brad Wamsley
- Coach of the Year – Robert George

Reports from Subcommittees

- **Selectors** – Cathy Bennett spoke about the processes and procedures going forward. These will be detailed in a revised OPM. The Junior selectors have selected the teams for Barastoc and everyone will be notified ASAP.
- **Umpiring** – Sam Halstead spoke about the need to clarify the rule changes and refresh everyone's understanding. One rule to look at is the field sizes/ safety lines and Sam will be sending an email out to refresh everyone on this.
- **Coaching** – Marg Garnsey report as presented – Arch Anderson advised that the 2014 NSW Coaching Flowchart had a few hiccups in how it was implemented, but could run well.

MOTION:

That the process for selecting NSW Coaches be as presented by the Coaching Director NSW Coaching Flowchart be adopted

Moved	<i>Charlie Grills</i>	Seconded	<i>Mathew O'Neill</i>
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Council resolved as all in favour of the process described in the flowchart is to be adopted.

- **Grading** – NO report
- **Junior Development** – Lucy Grills spoke about getting publicity to juniors and organizing a tent for the junior expo and also one at the Albury Junior Classic and to organise some merchandise for these events.
- **Intermediate Development** – NO report

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE BOARD REPORT 27 FEBRUARY 2015

9th Chukka

- A discussion was had regarding interest in assisting or taking on the production of the 9th chukka. It costs \$12,000 for printing and graphic works and around 600 copies go out each year. Lucy Grills advised this was a good price for what we are getting. No interest was accepted therefore SEO to send an email to all zones seeking expressions of interest for someone to take the role on.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE AND FUNDING

- Grant funding is to be made available each year for development of the sport.
- Two funding rounds may be conducted each year.
- Applications should be received prior to the Board and AGM meetings in February each year and depending on applications a 2nd round will be considered for consideration at the half yearly meeting.

DRAW COMMITTEE

Discussion of need to review how the Draw committee operated.

- The council agreed that 1 or 2 draw officers be appointed from each zone to be available to assist with preparations of NSW event draws.
- An explanation of the role of draw officer will be put up on the website as to how it will work.
- Andrew Rose has been appointed the Chair of the State Draw Committee. Chair will determine, level of support needed and appoint Draw Committee members to work with him and Host Club to develop the draws for NSW events.

ZONE CARNIVALS

Given difficulty in getting Hosts for Zone Carnivals, Council agreed that there could be flexibility with the dates to give each club/zone a chance to put their hand up to run these carnivals.

Information to run a zone carnival will also to be uploaded to the main events section on the NSWPA website.

2016 NATIONALS

Discussion on when Nationals teams should be announced. 2016 Nationals will be in April.

Council agreed that selectors should have indicative teams selected by Zone Championships. However this carnival gives opportunity for final discussion between selectors and potential changes to be made. Council agreed all National Team Selections should be forwarded to State Office 2 weeks after Zone Championships. Teams will then be sanctioned by the Board and sent out asap.

SQUAD SELECTION

Squad lists for each division are to be maintained at reasonable levels and updated on the website.

Squad members will be contacted by the Chair of each Division to determine which events they are available for and to nominate what horse they are playing on.

Selectors also have option to seek expressions of interest for specific events.

Zone secretaries can be contacted to obtain the phone numbers / contact details for those who are on the squad list.

ASHS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TRADE STAND

In response to correspondence received, Sara Grills suggested PANSW should look at putting a stand at the ASHS at Tamworth from 8-16 May 2015.

SEO will forward a circular to everyone seeking volunteers to assist with manning the stand at the ASHS.

SEO to contact the ASHS to determine if they would like to include a Sub Junior Polocrosse Exhibition at the championships.

NEW ENGLAND GIRLS SCHOOL POLOCROSSE

NEGS shirt colours supported as do not clash with any other club colours. They are now affiliated and have so far 7 playing members (5 juniors & 2 Intermediates).

Carolyn Garland is to approach TAS boarding school if they would be interested in starting a school.

SYDNEY SHOW

The Sydney show has changed the event to 3 days instead of 2 days and this has now clashed with the Albury Junior Classic resulting in 3 sub juniors pulling out. Anyone interested in going are to contact the sub junior chair Marnie Rawlings.

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORSHIP

Protocols for State level sponsorship are now up on the Website. This should be seen as a working document. It would be appreciated if members who have experience in sponsorship, or intent to seek sponsorship could look at the protocols. Any constructive suggestions or changes would be welcome.

WORLD CUP LEVY

A letter was received from the PAA advising a budget of \$250,000 is required for the World Cup and proposing a levy per player to cover the costs. The proposed levy would cost NSW \$49,240 over 4 years. The council agreed that a letter is to be sent to the PAA advising requesting more information on how this is to be spent and if we will be receiving the funds back similar the previous years agreements.

INTERMEDIATE SQUADS

A list of names was given to PAA for the squads. However more information is required on how these proposed development squads will operate.

Board to send a letter to the PAA to ask that more information is required.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Board have provided a brief Annual Report which details work undertaken by the Board in the last 12 months. Much of the work is aimed at increased transparency and accountability to members. The Annual Report is available on the website.

BREAK TAKEN

Appointment of Board members in key roles, Zone and State level

Cathy Bennett provided the background to the decision to accept Board members nominations for State Selectors. There had been insufficient numbers of nominations, despite significant lobbying from members of the Board.

Board considered the Constitution and considered that Board Members could hold State Selector positions:

29.1 (b) Nominees for the President and Interested Director positions on the Board must declare any position they hold in a Zone, including as an office bearer, director or a paid appointee. If the nominee is elected they must resign from their position in the Zone, including but not limited to a position as officer, director or a paid appointee.

Bill Bleechmore spoke to the Council that the 'intent' of the Constitution was to prevent Board members having significant Zone level positions such as President or Delegate. There was discussion with respect to the interpretation of the Constitution.

MOTION:

THAT THE COUNCIL ENDORSE THE BOARDS INTERPRETATION AND THAT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE CONFLICT OF INTERST SHALL ONLY APPLY BETWEEN ZONE LEVEL AND STATE BOARD LEVEL FOR ZONE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY & TREASURER.

<i>Moved</i>	<i>Bill Bleechmore</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Charlie Grills</i>
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MOTION CARRIED.

Notice of Motion 1:

a. WD – MOTION

“That the PANSW board adheres to its Constitution and operations manual and not appoint board members to be selectors”.

Mathew O’Neil spoke to the floor. WD opinion is board members shouldn’t be selectors.

**MOVED: MATHEW O’NEIL
Motion DEFEATED**

SECONDED: No seconder was received

Notice of Motion 2:

- b. SWS** *“All players are to be selected into State teams based on ability, experience and form. Should an Individual be considered as an appropriate member of a State team, but is also eligible because of age for another division, then the relevant selectors should meet to confirm such a selection. All registered players, regardless of age, should be considered as eligible for selection, for senior divisions, Mens, Womens, Mixed and Challenge Cup; divisions where there are no age restrictions.”*

MOVED: CHARLIE GRILLS

SECONDED: JOHN GRILLS

Motion DEFEATED

Correspondence:

a. Letter from Jodie Jackson – re Insurance

The letter will be forwarded to the PAA asking clarification around insurance purposes and a follow up to Council to be received at next meeting.

b. Letter from Southern Highland re Mixed teams

A letter was received from the Southern Highlands seeking support for flexibility in running Mixed Competition to encourage women players.

Discussion of the Rules and if a Mixed side could include women in second section.

Suggestion that a trial in the SH zone for an Open competition, but have first section of 3 women, and second section can be played as Open. On data Base could call these teams FOC (female open chukka) competition

- Council & State Umpire (Sam Halstead) agreed to support the trial in the Zone and for local competition. Trial would be monitored and reported on.

c. Correspondence from South West Slopes as to Coaching Selection

Discussion of Coaching Selection addressed the concerns raised in the Correspondence.

General Business

- Sara Grills advised that a local vet in the Albury area has indicated that he will be very reluctant to treat any horses in his area if they are not vaccinated for Hendra. Those attending events at Albury should be aware of concerns.
- Revision of OPM - Cathy Bennett noted that there were a number of proposed amendments to the OPM, including selections, nomination of coaches etc. Version 3 will be placed on the website. All members should review the OPM.
- Sandra Weston congratulated Anthony Kirk on his Treasurer report and suggested the Council appreciate all the hard work and hours he has put into it.

- Chair of Selectors for each Division are to provide the SEO with the 3 carnivals where the majority of selectors for this Division will be attending. These carnivals and this will be loaded on the website and it is in the interests of players seeking selection to attend these nominated carnivals.

Next Half Yearly Council Meeting date is 26 September 2015.

Meeting closed: 4.52pm