



Polocrosse Association of New South Wales Incorporated

AGENDA – 10 FEBRUARY 2017 NSWPA BOARD MEETING

- Minutes from last meeting.
- Business Arising
- New Business

1. Selection of Officer Holders:

Treasurer - Anthony Kirk
 Book keeper - Belinda Cosgrove
 Coaching Director - Christie Hunt
 Chief Umpire – Sam Halsted
 International Liaison Officer – Arch Anderson
 State Grading Officer – Jo McFayden
 State Draw Committee –Ashlee Keating (Chair) and Steffi Lilliebridge
 JDO – Lucy Grills
 IDO – Alison Mathie
 Horse Welfare Officers – Sara Grills (Chair)
 Uniform Officer – To be discussed
 Equipment Officer –To be discussed

Revision of Board Member Portfolios

- Portfolios
 - Nationals – Arch, Anthony
 - Selectors – Cathy
 - Coaches and Managers – Arch
 - Grading – Chris
 - Major State events – Chris and Anthony
 - Database – Arch
 - Umpires – Chris Bourke
 - Admin – Cathy, Amba
 - Finance – Anthony
 - Communication (Facebook, Newsletters, Website) Stuart, Amba
 - International Liaison – Arch
 - Health , Safety and Insurance - Stuart

2. Funding Applications: Funding Approved

- a. Quirindi Come and Try Day \$500
- b. NWP – \$1,800
- c. Gulgong Women's Clinic - \$1,000

Feedback will be provided to all clubs who submitted applications with respect to funds approved and rational for their success or otherwise.

Funding for Grounds Improvement :

- a. Galloping Gully \$1,000

3. Correspondence – Burradoo

There has been correspondence between the Board and Burradoo Club regarding the 2016 Zone Championships. A number of issues were discussed at the last council meeting and will be raised in “general business”. Issues include

- The provision of media/promotions support package for NSW Clubs and Zones
- PANSW ensuring the event task list as per OPM is applied.
- Monitoring of draw committee.

4. Motions on Notice:

Hunter Valley

Grading. Given the appointment of the new State Grading Officer, it was agreed that this is an area that requires increased attention to gain consistency across Zones to ensure fair and even competition. The Board will work with the new grading officer to achieve this.

Divisions for Masters

Board continues to support agreements reached at the October council meeting. ie To ensure effective competition in the open state events, Masters competition in NSW should be for over 40's Women and over 50's Men. This also reflects the number of women masters playing in NSW.

Similar to support to small states at Nationals, consideration can be given to amalgamation of small zones to field competitive sides.

Central West - Paramedic Fees

Recognising the introduction of the paramedic accreditation is relatively new, the PANSW is reluctant to introduce a state wide approach to subsidising provision of services without having a clear understanding of costs and how the costs can be recovered. For example if the average costs around \$2,000 and there are 40 carnivals in a year the state needs to be sure it can fund the \$80,0000 liability.

As previously advised, small clubs who are finding it difficult to afford paramedic support may approach PANSW for funding assistance.

Zones and Clubs should be encourage to consider options to recover costs and encourage competition between accredited service providers

5. Fees and Growth Fund

Growth Fund. The reduced insurance premiums provided PA NSW the opportunity to commence developing a growth fund to secure the future of the sport (out to 2040-2060). These retained savings should generate in the order of \$20,000 per year. The growth fund is intended for long term development of grounds, infrastructure and major promotional opportunities of the sport. The Board is in the process of refining guidelines to ensure the proper use of funds as intended (ie benefit all players)

Guidelines at the moment include that the expenditure of funds:

- Must benefit all players
- Cannot subsidise teams, team travel
- Must contribute to securing the future polocrosse in NSW.

Note that availability of the growth fund could assist with attracting catalyst funding for major infrastructure.

6. Feedback on State Conference

State Biannual Conference

In traveling to the National AGM over the last few years the Board observed that states frequently don't understand each other's challenges, innovations and general perspective on polocrosse across Australia. Consequently, NSW approached other states about the possibility of having a stand alone conference with the purpose of all parties gaining a deeper understanding of all aspects that impact our sport nationally. The intent is for all states to make informed and consistent decisions and recommendations about the future of our sport. The conference represents the opportunity for the states to come together and discuss contemporary issues in an informal environment with the view to developing solutions for implementation by agreement or, where appropriate, submission to the PAA for its consideration.

To date there have been two meetings Feb and Nov 2016. This has opened up lines of communication that previously did not exist and a cooperative culture between the States.

7. Coaching Information

It is recognised that there have been a number of coaching resources produced over the years. However, there is no central library or access for clubs, zone and community. This will be a priority in 2017. First we need to identify what is available in NSW and more widely across Australia, then consider the means by which these resources can be shared, gaps identified and agree how we can best fill the gap.

8. Communication and emails to clubs / zones

The transition between SEO's assisted in identifying structural issues in our communication between the state office and clubs and zones. The Board are proposing that a standardised system of electronic address be introduced across the state. The intent would be that each club has an easily identified address that is transferred within the club, regardless of the individual office holders.

For example: clubname@nswpolocrosse.com.au

9. Agenda for AGM and Council

Review of honorariums, the Board considers there is a need to review honorariums of State Office holders, as there appears to be some inequities. For example the grading officer and horse welfare officers received no honorarium, yet both have significant responsibilities.

Board propose this be discussed with Council.

10. Other business

Refunds- The Board clarified policy with respect to refunds for players, who for various reasons were unable to play nominated carnivals. OPM will be revised to ensure refund policy aligns with current membership categories. Note: PAA have a policy of no refunds, so PA NSW can only refund NSW fee component.

A Multi Horse request from Lake George was given, noting the support of the SH Zone.

Review of Honorariums for Council consideration

Position	Current Honorarium	Proposed
Coaching Director	\$2000	
Umpire Director	\$2000	
Board Members	\$1000 + \$120 per meeting attended	
Equipment Officer	\$500	
Horse welfare	\$0	
Grading Officer	\$0	
Uniform Officer	\$2,000 – (now moved to on line shop)	