



BOARD REPORT

27 FEBRUARY 2015

MEETING OPENED 11.00am

PRESENT

Laughlin Ross (President/Chair), Cathy Bennett, Anthony Kirk, Arch Anderson, Chris Bourke & Katie Yeo (SEO stand in / minutes)

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

BUSINESS ARISING

NIL business arising

NEW BUSINESS

PAA BOARD APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER HOLDERS

The following candidates were appointed:

- Treasurer - Anthony Kirk
- Coaching Director - MargGarnsey
- Chief Umpire – Sam Halsted
- International Liaison Officer – David Lyall
- State Grading Officer – Tracy Woodward
- State Draw Committee – Andrew Rose
- JDO – Lucy Grills
- IDO –Alison Mathie
- Horse Welfare Officers –**NO nominations received**
- Uniform Officer – Libby Ward
- Equipment Officer – Donna Weston

Action/outcome:

- SEO will be contacting all office holders to confirm their accept the position;
- Seek councils input as to suitable candidates for Horse Welfare Officers. At least 3 officers are to be nominated

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.

Action/outcome:

- Board advise membership of the yearly funding process. Applications to be submitted prior to mid Feb and the end of August for Board consideration.
- New procedure to be placed in the OPM to clarify grant funding process & selection criteria.

DRAW COMMITTEE

Discussion was held around the current draw committee. Agreed that at major events the host club should not have sole responsibility of doing the draw; recognition that some of the smaller clubs don't have the capacity to do a draw for major events but should be involved in the draw; some clubs are more than capable of developing the draw but there should be some state level oversight and supervision.

Currently there is only 1 member on the draw committee. This needs to be expanded and processes reviewed.

Action/outcome:

- Clarify what is expected & what host clubs and the state want/expect from the draw committee;
- Consult with council as to possible ways forward.
- One suggestion would be for each zone to nominate a draw officer who could be called upon to provide assistance and be a zone POC for draw issues
- The level of assistance would be determined by the chair of the draw committee. A flexible approach is considered appropriate but needs transparency.

ZONE CARNIVALS

Discussion of options to ensure zone and club carnivals are held each year. Rotation across Zones has been tried before and didn't work. Discussion was also held around the dates (long weekends) and whether there could be flexibility in dates.

Action/outcome:

- It was agreed to stay with the current process, clubs are to be encouraged to nominate if they want to host a zone or club championships.
- Expressions of interests to be sought.
- Seek council advice if there should be flexibility for zone and club championships dates.

2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM SELECTION – DATES FOR TEAMS TO BE SELECTED

Action/outcome:

- Board propose to discuss with the subcommittee;
- Proposed that the teams will be finalised and to be announced at the completion of Zone Championships.

SQUAD SELECTION

Proposed that squad lists need to be revised and updated, maintain at manageable levels.

Action/outcome:

- When selection committees select their Intermediate & Adult squad lists they are to be no more than 22 players. NOTE: Suggest Juniors & Sub Junior committees can determine need for squad lists and size but size cannot exceed 22;
- All divisions must have an up to date squad list that is published on the website;
- Those seeking inclusion on squad list are to refer to the OPM for procedure.

DATABASE ADVICE

Action/outcome:

- The board has concerns about the new software licence agreement.
- Having considered legal advice received, the board will be writing a letter to the PAA seeking renegotiation of the terms of the contract.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Action/outcome:

- Board has supported \$800 to CW to support their coaching weekend (postponed from last year);
- Board supported WDC & NWP \$800. SEO is to provide some feedback to WDC & NWP following board consideration of applications;
- Board supported \$550 towards North West Equestrian Expo;
- Board supported \$2,000 towards Australian Junior Coaching. Seek clarification of total PANSW support to Junior Classic.

TELECONFERENCING (PRAGMATIC COMMUNICATIONS)

Action/outcome:

- PANSW to set up an account with company - “Pragmatic” as teleconference provider, cheaper option than current
- To assist with financial accountability different accounts will be set up. (i.e.) different selection committees, Board meetings etc.

ASHS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TRADE STAND

Action/outcome:

- Board agreed NOT to support the trade stand proposal

COACHING - TRAINING COURSES AND NATIONALS COACHES SELECTION PROCESS

Discussions were held around the recent coaching training course that was held in Yass.

Disappointing very limited number of participants attended. Need consideration of process to ensure viable numbers (cost effective). Need to discuss with Coaching Director various options. Council needs to be aware of cost implications of limited support for events and need for forward planning.

Discussion required with council to consider reinstating the Nationals Coaches selection process and to also consider having assistant coaches.

Action/outcome:

- Discuss with council that the reinstatement of Nationals Coaches selection process& also consider having assistant coaches for national tournaments;
- Board still need to approve appointment of the coaches;
- Coaches should be finalised and announced with national teams at the zone championships.

LETTER FROM GULGONG

A letter was received from Gulgong to play an exhibition match at the Mudgee Show

Action/outcome:

- Board agreed to the very well considered letter that was received;
- SEO will advise Gulgong Club of the approval.

NEW ENGLAND GIRLS SCHOOL POLOCROSSE

Action/outcome:

- Board accepted the proposal for colours of the new Club received

SYDNEY SHOW

The RAS have changed the dates from 2 full days of polocrosse to 3 full days, which means that if players participate they will miss out on 2 days of the Albury coaching. SEO will keep the board informed.

Action/outcome:

- SEO to confirm that all the subbies are financial polocrosse members

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORSHIP

Action/outcome:

- Proposed guidelines for sponsorship for national and individual teams have gone on the website
- Seek constructive feedback from everyone

AGENDA FOR AGM was discussed

OTHER BUSINESS

9th CHUKKA

Action/outcome:

- Seek councils input for options for production of the 9th chukka

OPM

Action/outcome:

- Proposed changes to the OPM were reviewed and discussion with council to be held.
- OPM V3 will be finalised after council discussion and available on the website.

HOST OF WA JUNIOR TEAM

WA requested a reciprocal exchange with NSW.

Action/outcome:

- Will be discussed with WA at PAA meeting

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THE PAA

1. WORLD CUP LEVY

A letter has been received requesting NSW support towards the world cup. Total cost will be \$49,240 for the world cup. The effect of the request is to place a \$10 levy on all players across Australia for the next 4 years.

Action/outcome:

- discussion from council to seek a motion to PAA
- seek additional information to the basis of the request for funding i.e budget
- any decision is to be determined by the national council.

2. INTERMEDIATE DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

PANSW supports player development but has concerns regarding the effectiveness & costs. From information provided it is unclear how this program will actually operate or impact on players and competitions attending.

Action/outcome:

- Any decision regarding this new initiative needs to be determined by national council

MEETING CLOSED: 5.59pm