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MINUTES

Council Meeting - 22 February 2020 held at Cascades Motor Inn, Dubbo

Meeting commenced at conclusion of AGM

Presentation of Annual Awards and congratulations to recipients

- Coach of the Year - Arch Anderson
- Rookie Coach of the Year – Jane Melbourne
- Team Manager of the Year - Jo Finlayson
- Administrator of the Year- Jo McFayden
- Umpire of the Year- Sarah Finlayson

Minutes from previous Council Meeting – amendment to minutes circulated - Melissa Davis to be added to list of apologies.

Moved Charlie Grills, seconded Chris Bourke that the Minutes of previous meeting be accepted as circulated with the inclusion of Melissa Davis in apologies. CARRIED

Business arising from previous meeting-

Laughlin Ross enquired re the digitising of the 9th Chukka archives. SEO advised that she would follow this up with Dinah Hayes

Review of Minutes of Board Meeting, Friday 21 February –

- PAA AGM and All States meetings will be held at Ballarat on the day after and during the upcoming Nationals respectively.
- Increasing Participation of Women in Sport Grant of \$45,000 has been almost expended. PANSW intends to support the North West Equestrian Expo in 2020.
- Grant for Improved Governance through Devolution to Zones and Clubs. (\$5,000) Initial workshop for Club and Zone Administrators was conducted in Yass in January by SEO and Catherine Bennett. Good attendance and venue.
- A second administrators course is to be held in the north/mid NSW. Council was asked for any suggestions on venues for this course to be sent to the SEO.
- Costs associated with Nationals -discussion held over for General Business.

Notices of Motions- nil received

Correspondence in:

Attachment 1. -PAA advised PAA selectors for 2020/21- Ross Shepherd, Trish Jones and Laughlin Ross. The meeting congratulated Laughlin Ross on his appointment



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Attachment 2.- Letter from Hunter Valley zone - request that future nominations for Directors or President position be accompanied by a brief resume, detailing relevant experience, etc.

Moved Jade Hooke, seconded Mark Wilson that all future nominations for elected Directors and President should provide a brief resume and position application. CARRIED

Attachment 3. - Correspondence from Jugiong Club expressing their disappointment at the decision to allow the Swan Cup to run on the same date as the Jugiong carnival. *NOTED.*

General Business

Paramedic/First Aid Provision for 2020 season

PANSW has been in negotiations and have agreed to enter into an agreement with State Medical Assistance (SMA) for the provision of Paramedic Services for all 2020 NSW carnivals.

- All carnivals would be covered by an accredited registered paramedic.
- All bookings will be done centrally by PANSW SEO. Completed logistics forms need to be sent through SEO.
- Any concerns about the service provided by SMA these should be provided to the SEO in writing.
- Clubs are to contact SEO with any changes to carnival dates. Once a Carnival is booked the host club's contact needs to liaise with the paramedic service provider regarding possible cancellation etc. Clubs will be advised of the contact details for their rostered paramedic, before their carnival.
- Full Information regarding process including cancellation policy will be circulated asap.

If Hosts club consider they require more than one paramedic on site then the extra cost will be passed on to the Host, eg for Junior classic which is a week- long event, this will need to be negotiated with the SMA.

Commercial events will be charged the full actual cost of paramedic services, eg Swan Cup.

Vote was taken on preferred option. Option 2 was successful - \$15/player.

It was reiterated that this costing option was a trial for the 2020 season and would be reviewed at the half yearly meeting. All feedback was encouraged.

2020 Season carnivals

- To ensure ability to provide paramedic coverage, in 2020 PA NSW will need to schedule a maximum of three carnivals in NSW per weekend.
- There is still no confirmed host for the 2020 Zone Championships. Consideration may be given to them to be held biannually.



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Update on Blue Bandage (BB)

Sandra Weston PAA Director advised that:

- BB will be for people aged over 12 from 2020.
- Each club needs to keep working to attract and retain BB members
- SEO will follow up with Data Base management to ensure that Clubs can get a list of financial BB players at the carnival to ensure easy checking of financial status.
- Sandra Weston will look into checking on interstate registrations. Currently Clubs/SEO have no way of checking this.
- PAA also encouraging ways to integrate BB players, suggested graded competitions for players graded 1 or 2, to play against similar graded players.

Nationals -player fees and squad weekends

Table was distributed (Attachment 5) that provided all the estimated costs associated with participation at 2020 Ballarat Nationals. The cost included gate fees, player fees, yards, senior/junior function, vet costs. It does not include the costs of shirts, camping or the use of a hired generator. Board reminded the Council that at the 2018 half yearly, the Council agreed that future Nationals should be cost neutral to the membership. PANSW has not been successful in attracting any sponsorship for 2020 Nationals. Players will need to contribute to the costs involved.

Vern Wakefield, horse chiropractor, has offered his services for NSW members at Nationals at no cost. There was discussion regarding this generous offer and how it could best benefit NSW . Board to discuss arrangements with Vern Wakefield.

Agreed a casual event only is required for presentation of shirts, etc at Nationals.

Council agreed that Managers and Coaches should not be asked to pay entry fees and dinner. These costs will form part of the charge to players.

Board to follow up with Peter Wornes regarding his support and services at Ballarat.

Moved Kaylene Wilson, seconded Charlie Grills that \$1500 be allocated for payment to Peter Wornes to attend 2020 Nationals as support to NSW Players. CARRIED

Squad Weekend-

- Practice will start Saturday morning- time and program to be advised.
- No bar or Canteen facilities
- Saturday night- group catering as per advice to teams
- Lunch not provided – self cater



Devolution to Zones: feedback from Administration Workshop

Southern Administrators workshop was well received. A second workshop will be held in the north. Council asked to provide SEO with feedback on preferable location and time.

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Other Business

Tracey Stevenson (CW) noted we need to get younger players into important roles in clubs and Zones.

Tracey Woodward (NNE) suggested “YAMMER” as a possible communication tool, which would allow younger players to communicate. There are opportunities for online meetings/education sessions Selectors meetings etc.

New Score Sheet (Attachment 6)

Sara Grills distributed a proposed new score sheet that will capture more information on player and horse related incidents. Score sheet includes all information on current PAA score sheet. Proposed that Lake George could trial the new forms.

HWO committee meeting discussed the importance of the role of scorers and timekeepers. The example of WA, where the Draw Committee allocate timekeepers and scorers was suggested as a system that works well. To be trialed in 2020.

New Vet Out Form (Attachment 7)

Horse Welfare Officer, Sara Grills distributed a Horse Vet Out Form for use when horses are vetted out. With respect to horses vetted out between games, carnivals require Horse Welfare or Chief Umpire, or nominated person to complete. Again, a trial will be conducted by Lake George.

Twisted Bits for Nationals

Col Parkinson – requested clarification on the bits that can and cannot be used at Nationals. Charlie Grills advised that Victorian Government advise that a twisted bit cannot be used in Victoria. Charlie Grills will look into the issue and advise teams at squad training weekend.

North West Equestrian Expo- Coonabarabran

Laughlin Ross commented on how popular this is and how the kids appreciated the shirts and PANSW promotional merchandise they received. There were 40 sections of kids and it was a fantastic opportunity for NSW Polocrosse It was great exposure and a good investment.

Australian Intermediates to New Zealand (NZ)

Laughlin Ross, as PAA National Selector congratulated NSW players Hugh Anderson and Felicity Elford on their recent games in NZ. Both acquitted themselves very well and performed in an exemplary manner.



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The date for the half yearly meeting in October will be advised

Andrew Rose thanked the members for their participation and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 2:26pm.



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Attachment 1

From: Angela Grills <neo@polocrosse.org.au>
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2020 at 11:42 am
To: SEO | NSW Polocrosse <seo@nswpolocrosse.com.au>,
Subject: National Selectors

Good morning all,

The PAA would like to advise Ross Shepherd, Tris Jones & Laughlin Ross are the National Selectors for the next two years.

Rodney Geppert will stay on as Chairperson of the Selectors.

Drew Gurney is the PAA Board representative for the NUC.

The PAA would like to congratulate the 3 selectors and Rodney on their appointments.

Can you please advise your members.

Thanks

Angela
Kind Regards,

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Attachment 2.



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19th February 2020

To: NSW Polocrosse

Re: President & Director positions

Hunter Valley would like to ask that for future years, anyone nominating for a President or Director / Board position supply a document, where they outline their

- Resume/Personal Bio
- Polocrosse experience
- What they are planning on/Can do for NSW Polocrosse if elected,

Similar to what the Australian Stock Horse Society have for nominating Board members.

This will allow Zones to get an understanding of the nominees, especially if they are from other zones.

Kind Regards

Jade Hooke

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Attachment 3

15/02/2020

To NSWPA,

Jugiong polocrosse club would like to express disappointment of the sates decision to allow the Swan Cup carnival to run on the same date as our club carnival (18/19 th July).

Jugiong has run its annual carnival on this July weekend for many years. When the Narrabri Challenge was introduced, we shifted weekends, to support our zone juniors. The 2020 fixture allowed us to return to our original date, only to learn that in an updated draw list The Swan Cup has been approved on this same weekend. We are supportive for new events such as the Swan Cup, however we would have been appreciative of notification that this was to be played on our carnivals date.

Last year we hosted 32 teams to our local carnival, the largest carnival in our zone for the season. The introduction of the Swan Cup on this weekend will potentially impact our attending teams. Jugiong will continue to run its carnival as per the fixture, and hope that in the future, the State will consult clubs when fixture inclusion will directly impact their carnivals.

Regards,

Jugiong Polocrosse Club

Hayley Weston – Secretary