



**Polocrosse Australia Limited**  
**ACN 657 299 664**  
**2022 Annual General Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Thursday:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
**Location:** Warwick RSL Services & Citizens Memorial Club 65 Albion Street Warwick QLD  
**Commence:** 11.00am (AEST)

Board Members	Position
Graham Lane	Polocrosse Australia Elected Chair
Susie Rose	Polocrosse Australia Board Elected – QLD/ Company Secretary
Sandra Weston	Polocrosse Australia Board Elected - TAS
Charlie Brook	Polocrosse Australia Board Elected – VIC/SA
Drew Gurney	Polocrosse Australia Board Elected – WA/NT
Callum Hughes	Polocrosse Australia Appointed Treasurer
Angela Grills	Polocrosse Australia Appointed National Executive Officer
Kate Grills	Guest of Polocrosse Australia (incoming NEO)
Mike Williams	QPA President/Member State
Trish Shepherd	QPA Member State
Ronnie Stephens	QPA Member State
Andrew Rose	PANSW President/Member State
Kaylene Wilson	PANSW Member State
Beck Brennan	PANSW Member State
Mandy Marriott	PAWA Member State
Pip Crook	PAWA President/Member State via zoom
Kim Maguire	SEO for PANSW & PAWA
Richard Heyneman	PASA President/ Member State via zoom
Mick Templeton	State Member of Polocrosse Australia
Mandy Tripcony	SEO for NTPA and proxy vote for NTPA (via zoom)
Matt Morgan	Observer/VPA President
Gill Mathie	Observer/IPC President
Laughlin Ross	NSW Observer/Polocrosse Australia Board Director Candidate
Ben Sykes	NSW Observer/Polocrosse Australia Board Director Candidate via zoom
Carolyn Garland	Observer/Polocrosse Australia Chair for National Selectors
Stewart Neal	Observer/IPC Chief Umpire
Justin Hafey	Observer
Franklin Betteridge	Observer
Shaun O'Rourke	Observer
Toni Davidge	Observer

1.0	Meeting Opening
1.1	Prior to the commencement of the AGM, Michael Jones, CEO of the RSL Club, went through the house keeping rules of the club.
1.2	Graham Lane, welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked the Board for their support during the year.

1.3	<p>A presentation to Angela Grills and thanked her for her services as the NEO for the last 4.5 years. Laughlin Ross also thanked Angela for the work and support she had given during her tenure as NEO.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Ordinary Business</b>
2.1	<p><b>Confirmation of Quorum.</b> Andrew Rose, Mike Williams, Mick Templeton, Mandy Marriott, Richard Murrell, Richard Heyneman and Mandy Tripcony, Quorum confirmed. It was agreed for Mandy Marriott to do the voting on behalf of the PAWA.</p>
2.2	<p><b>Financial statements, reports, and minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2021 Annual Report for the calendar year ended 31 December 2021 (including the PAA Director’s 2021 reports); The 2021 PAA Annual Report was shared with the Member States prior to the meeting. Noted.</li> <li>The Financial &amp; Auditors Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021; The financial &amp; auditors report were shared with the Member States prior to the AGM and are currently available on Polocrosse Australia’s website. The P&amp;L shows a profit of \$300k. Mike Williams flagged that the Board needed to actually show the profit even though there are provisions for the 2024 World Cup recorded in the budget. Andrew Rose inquired on the amount of money that was saved the year due to Covid. Graham advised it was \$50k. Andrew Rose also inquired about the ROI on the investments. Callum advised the Board were receiving higher dividends using the international markets and they had outperformed the investments with the Bendigo Bank. Bendigo Bank’s rate on fixed term deposit is currently 0.3% Callum explained how the investment funds in the international market worked and currently are returning an average of 4%. Elite Player Development has \$22k occurred to it, \$14k to cover the Albury Junior Classis and the Narrabri Junior Challenge. Polocrosse Australia will formalise all details in the future.</li> <li>The minutes of meeting from 2021 AGM 8th May 2021.</li> </ul> <p>No comment from the Member States.</p>
2.3	<p><b>Resolution of electing two Board Members.</b> Four nominations are; Sandra Weston (current Board Member) Charlie Brook (current Board Member) Laughlin Ross (candidate) Ben Sykes (candidate) Susie addressed the meeting and explained how the voting process would work under the new constitution of a company limited by a guarantee;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step one seeking a round of preferences,</li> <li>Step two voting would be on the two preferred candidates with a “Super- majority resolution”.</li> </ul> <p>Jodie Hall was nominated to be the scrutineer with Alex Hall as the witness. The State Members attending the meeting via zoom were given a mobile phone number to send through their votes. Approved by all the Member States. Before voting took place the Member States who nominated their candidates were given an opportunity to address the meeting and address why they supported their candidate. The four nominated candidates also were given the opportunity to respond. Mike Williams (QPA) supported Charlie Brook Richard Murrell (TPA) supported Sandra Weston Andrew Rose (PANSW) supported Laughlin Ross</p>

	<p>Andrew Rose (PANSW) supported Ben Sykes</p> <p>After the round of preference voting were counted the results were;</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> preference Sandra Weston</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> preference Charlie Brook</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> preference Ben Sykes</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> preference Laughlin Ross</p> <p>With Sandra and Charlie receiving 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> preference, the Member States voted on two Board Members, to seek the Super-majority resolution.</p> <p>After the votes were counted, Sandra was returned with a super-majority resolution, however, Charlie was unsuccessful in obtaining a super-majority resolution.</p> <p>This result confused the Member States and @ 12.20pm they asked for a recess to discuss their next steps. This was granted and with some of the Member States attending via zoom the meeting room was cleared except for the Member States and Ben Sykes was disconnected from the zoom meeting.</p> <p>At 12.57pm everyone returned to the meeting room for the voting to continue in the order of preferences until a new Board Member could be voted in with a super-majority resolution.</p> <p>Voting on Resolution 4 Ben Sykes – was not successful with a super-majority resolution.</p> <p>Voting on Resolution 3 Laughlin Ross – was not successful with a super-majority resolution.</p> <p>Nominations were then called for from the floor, and this included any of the three candidates who previously had been unsuccessful in obtaining a super-majority resolution. Mick Williams nominated Charlie Brook. Richard Murrell seconded the nomination. Charlie accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Votes were counted and Charlie was returned with a successful super-majority resolution. Susie apologised for the inconvenience the voting process and stressed it was the first time under the new constitution and would be improved for next year’s AGM</p>
2.4	<p><b>Appointment of Auditor.</b></p> <p>Graham Lane advised the meeting that BNW Accountants are not registered as auditors for companies and Polocrosse Australia will take the steps to find a firm that can handle our audit. This will be shared with the Member States and a resolution date will be advised. All Member States agreed to this action.</p>
2.5	<p><b>Resolution 6 – Approval of ex-gratia payments to the Board.</b></p> <p>That the Company's payment of the following ex-gratia payments to certain of its office holders, including the Directors, be and are hereby approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President \$10,085</li> <li>• Other Directors \$3,600</li> <li>• Treasurer \$7,355</li> <li>• National Manger of Umpiring \$1,130 – It was advised during the meeting that Chris Sillitoe was the new National Manager of Umpiring</li> <li>• National Manager of Coaching \$1,130</li> <li>• National Selectors \$1,130</li> <li>• Membership database co-ordinator \$2,755</li> </ul> <p>All Member States approved the ex-gratia payments to the Board.</p>
2.3	<p>With no further business the meeting closed at 1.17pm and a break of 30 minutes for lunch was given.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>General Business</b>
3.1	<p>Meeting commenced @ 1.47pm</p> <p>Please note the people who attended the AGM also attended the General Business meeting.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Reports.</b></p> <p>NUC - On behalf of the NUM Committee Richard Murrell read out his report. NEO to circulate the report with the minutes.</p> <p>Richard also thanked Kent Wells for his services as the National Manager of Umpiring and under his tenure the Rule Book was reviewed.</p>

	<p>Coaching – Jodie Hall read her report and explained about the upcoming changes with “Essential Learning – Level 1 Coaching” that is being introduced by Sport Aus. NEO to circulate the report with the minutes.</p> <p>Andrew Rose asked if it would be possible to have a smaller entry level into coaching. Jodie replied this in WIP with the new essentials course.</p> <p>Mike Williams asked for more communication between the States and the National Manger of Coaching. Noted.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Gillian Meppem.</b></p> <p>Graham advised the meeting that Gillian had resigned as an appointed Board Member, and it had been a mistake to assign an appointed Board Member as a State Liaison Officer. Graham also thanked Gillian for her services during her tenure and mentioned her work with the Policies &amp; Procedures Manual and governance.</p>
3.4	<p><b>Training for the Board.</b></p> <p>Graham advised the meeting that all Board Members are required to complete an online training course on Governance through SportAus.</p> <p>Mike Williams informed the meeting, that at the All States Meeting it was discussed if the Board could look at appointing a director for governance. Noted.</p> <p>Andrew Rose asked about a new State Liaison Officer (SLO) for NSW and if the State Members could have input into choosing their SLO. Noted.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Strategy Plan.</b></p> <p>Polocrosse Australia has been working with Andrew Kikeros with the new strategy plan and a draft copy will be shared with the States once everything has been finalised by the Board. Graham stated that some State Associations are already working with Andrew and Polocrosse Australia would like to see all States adopt a similar strategy plan aligned to the Polocrosse Australia’s plan.</p> <p>Graham also advised the financial plan and budget will be aligned to the strategy plan.</p>
3.6	<p><b>2024 World Cup.</b></p> <p>It is noted that the 2024 World Cup will clash with the 2024 National Championships to be held in July at Chinchilla QLD with Gill Mathie working through the process to ensure these events do not clash.</p> <p>IPC is working with Sandra to run a Rest of the World Series to be held during April/May 2023. Once this finalised the details will be shared via the NEO.</p>
3.7	<p><b>National Integrity Framework.</b></p> <p>NIF have produced templates for the policies for our sport that have been adopted by the Board. All these polices are published on the PA website.</p>
3.8	<p><b>2022 National Championships.</b></p> <p>Mick Templeton and Matt Morgan thanked the PA Board, PA Council and everyone for their participation and help to make these Nationals successful.</p> <p>Matt advised the VPA didn’t run at a loss and a formal summary will be issued shortly.</p> <p>Mick also thanked the Chinchilla Club for their support and their flexibility in moving their Nationals to 2024.</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed to form a Nationals sub-committee to capture all the data from the Nationals, and help assist the next host club identify the challenges to enable them to run a successful tournament.</p>
3.9	<p><b>Dates for 2023.</b></p> <p>Albury Junior Classic 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April  Barastoc- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May  Narrabri Junior Challenge 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July  Inverell Swan Cup 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>It was discussed for Polocrosse Australia’s P&amp;P Manual needs to look at what constitutes player legibility with Interstate and International competition and for Polocrosse Australia to be more involved.</p>
3.10	<p><b>Database.</b></p> <p>There are still concerns with the database especially around mutual membership.</p>

	Angela explained to the meeting that she has been working with the SEOs' and Paul Carter to identify the challenges of the database. This is a WIP that Kate will now drive.
3.11	<b>Votes.</b> Jodie Hall was instructed to destroy all the voting papers and delete the text messages. Noted.
3.12	<b>Insurance.</b> Member States questioned are we getting the best value for our money through EBM. Graham explained what had transpired during Covid and it proved to be the best outcome for our sport. The Member States discussed the recent payout to Emily Tapp with the National Campdraft Council, they all have concerns about the risk management of their fields and are looking at ways this situation doesn't happen to polocrosse. This is a WIP.
3.12	<b>Meeting closed.</b> With no further business, the meeting closed at 3.21pm.