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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Polocrosse Australia Limited

ACN 657 299 664

Thursday: 20 April 2023
Location: The Commercial Club, 618 Dean St, Albury NSW
Commence: 10.00am (AEST)

Attendance Record:

Board members	Position
Graham Lane	Polocrosse Australia Elected Chair
Susan Rose	Polocrosse Australia Board Elected – QLD/ Company Secretary
Sandra Weston	Polocrosse Australia Board Elected – TAS/NT
Charlie Brook	Polocrosse Australia Board Elected – VIC/SA
Mick Templeton	Polocrosse Australia Board Appointed - NSW
Callum Hughes	Polocrosse Australia Appointed Treasurer
Kate Grills	Polocrosse Australia Appointed National Executive Officer
PA Voting members	
Mike Williams	QPA President/Member State
Trish Shepherd	QPA Member State
James Bredhauer	QPA Member State
Andrew Rose	PANSW President/Member State
Kaylene Wilson	PANSW Member State via webcast
Beck Brennan	PANSW Member State
Mandy Marriott	PAWA Member State
Pip Crook	PAWA President/Member State
Matt Waugh	PASA President/ Member State
Matt Morgan	PV President /State Member
Scott Miller	TPA Vice President and proxy for Richard Murrell/ State Member
Rob Wait	NTPA President/ Member State via webcast
Observers	
Gill Mathie	IPC President
Stewart Neal	IPC chief umpire
Les Fraser	QLD/ PA life member
Kim Maguire	PAWA SEO
Travis McMahon	PASA SEO
Brian Johnson	Polocrosse Australia Board Director Candidate
Catriona Nicholls	TAS Club member
Toni Davidge	NSW Club member
Simon Brennan	PANSW chief umpire
John Zaina	VIC Vice President
Helen Grills	Meeting scrutineer

Meeting Opening	
1.	Graham Lane, Chair, opened the meeting at 10.06am, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2023 PA AGM and requested the PA voting members approve him to chair the meeting. This was granted and approved.
Ordinary Business	
2.	<p>Confirmation of Quorum Confirmation of Quorum was confirmed by roll call conducted by Graham Lane. It was agreed that Scott Miller, TPA, was proxy for Richard Murrell, Kaylene Wilson, PANSW and Rob Wait were via webcast.</p>
3.	<p>Financial statements, reports, and minutes The 2022 financial report was circulated prior to the AGM and Graham Lane asked for questions from the PA voting members.</p> <p>2022 AGM minutes and the PA Directors' report were circulated prior to the AGM with the 2023 Notice of AGM.</p> <p>Motion: <i>"That the meeting accept the audited 2022 financial report, the 2022 minutes and the directors' report"</i>.</p> <p>Moved by Callum Hughes Seconded by Mike Williams Motion carried.</p>
	Prior to voting, it was confirmed that Helen Grills would act as scrutineer for the meeting. Rob Wait, NTPA and Kaylene Wilson, PANSW, who were present via webcast, would be voting directly via text message to the meeting scrutineer, Helen Grills.
4.	<p>Resolution 1 – Election of Elected Director (Chair) Mr Michael Templeton Voting was completed, Michael Templeton was elected as a director and the chairperson of Polocrosse Australia.</p>
5.	<p>Resolution 2 – Election of Elected Director Mr Brian Johnson Voting was completed, Brian Johnson was elected as a director of Polocrosse Australia.</p>
6.	<p>Resolution 3 – Election of Elected Director Ms Susan Rose Voting was completed, Susan Rose was elected as a director of Polocrosse Australia.</p>
7.	<p>Resolution 4 – Approval of ex-gratia payments Graham Lane noted that whilst this resolution is not a requirement, it was agreed that voting members should be consulted on the matter.</p> <p>Moved by Matt Waugh Seconded by Matt Morgan Motion carried.</p>
8.	<p>Resolution 5 – Notice of Motion – Code of Conduct</p>

	<p>Motion from PANSW was to amend the current Polocrosse Australia Code of Conduct to the supplied and updated wording supplied with the Notice of AGM.</p> <p>Andrew Rose raised member concerns regarding access to member phones, the lack of consultation and what could a possible fine sanction be. Mike Williams raised the need for further framework around the policy and the need for consultation.</p> <p>Graham Lane stated Polocrosse Australia was open to hearing the concerns and that the past 12months provided reasoning for the need for the Code of Conduct. Susan Rose added the policy goes to the culture and integrity of the sport and invites suggestions and are happy to discuss further with consultation.</p> <p>It was agreed to move forward with the motion and vote.</p> <p>Moved by Andrew Rose, motion was lost.</p> <p>It was agreed that further development was needed with the policy including the addition of set timelines as suggested by Beck Brennan and Pip Crook.</p>
	<p>At this point, Graham Lane invited newly elected director, Brian Johnson to join the directors table and requested that Mick Templeton as newly elected chair to chair the general business meeting.</p> <p>Mick Templeton thanked Graham Lane for he’s time and commitment as the chair the last 4 years.</p>
General Business	
<p>1.</p>	<p>2023 – 2024 Strategic Plan Drafted however further detailed development is required in the plan to be adopted by 30 June 2023.</p> <p>Matt Morgan suggested the inclusion of use of the \$250k development fund in the Strategic plan. Pip Crook suggested developing a longer plan with aligned budgeting. It was agreed there should be a rolling 12month operational/business plan with the annual calendar.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>2023/24 Participation Plan Australian Sports Commission as part of polocrosse funding is required to produce a participation plan that can cover anything from grassroots development, board development, coaching development etc.</p> <p>Andrew Rose suggested that points from individual states should be feed directly into the plan as a mainly volunteer sport there is limited to capacity.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>2024 Draft Calendar PA Board recognise not enough dialogue between the group and plans to host more meetings with the voting members.</p>

	<p>Brief calendar with proposed dates including standalone 2024 AGM date, 2024 Nationals, state meetings, proposed NUC and board meetings to be included.</p> <p>Polocrosse Australia suggests that PA and voting members meeting quarterly, with two in-person meetings and two via teleconference. We need to be mindful of costs to states and timing to states not on east coast.</p> <p>The aim is to complete the 2024 draft calendar, closely followed by the 2025 calendar. To include State based competitions that impact carnivals in other states. Ie Naracoorte coaching camp, Barastoc etc.</p> <p>Mick suggested Nationals should be a standout event in the year and therefore further discussion needs to be had in scaling back.</p> <p>IPC confirmed 2024 World Cup dates are confirmed and Chinchilla will make an announcement on Friday 21 April 2023.</p> <p>PA requests that States provide their draft calendar for their State by the 18 May 2023, Polocrosse Australia will collate and circulate for further review.</p> <p>Agreed that moving forward the AGM should be held as a stand alone event.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Grading process review</p> <p>Charlie mentioned this is not a new discussion however robust conversation with the National umpiring committee needs to occur and then further conversations with members on how to develop the process further.</p> <p>Trish suggested utilising the QPA process as it works well for representative however needs further development in grassroots area.</p> <p>Andrew suggests that PA appoint an independent grading officer to oversee. The increase of graded competitions further highlights this issue.</p> <p>Mike suggested that a 3-person panel for a grading committee with the main role to oversee policy, provide support to States and a further appeals process for an individual.</p> <p>Suggestions taken on board and noted.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	
	<p>Rulebook review</p> <p>Beck Brennan asked whether states would be included in the review, it was confirmed that state chief umpires would be included, with the proposed updates to be share with the states prior to adopting any changes.</p> <p>Matt Waugh suggested that the rulebook should solely be rules and that governance and administration be removed. This was supported.</p> <p>Rules will not be changed rather it is a review, which is required every 4-5years.</p> <p>National Umpiring Committee</p> <p>Mike asked is the current committee working, Mick stated it is a working process and more ongoing contact with the board is required.</p>

	<p>Eligibility for State competition for smaller States Matt Morgan raised the question, how can we address helping smaller States to keep their players from leaving to join bigger states in order to develop their polocrosse.</p> <p>Tristate states met recently including Charlie Brook and agreed to develop further intrastate competitions ie. State v State, it is believed this will advance the smaller states representative development. There may be the need to include Victoria on the odd occasion.</p> <p>This is an ongoing issue that we need to continue to work together but it was agreed that Nationals is not a participation event, it is the best of the best.</p> <p>Andrew suggested clear direction on timelines 2024 Nationals before the start of 2024. Noted</p> <p>Administrative support It was agreed for Callum to include in budgeting for contracting external administrative support to work through the backlog of task to be completed ie. PA website</p>
	<p>Destruction of votes. Helen Grills was instructed to destroy all the voting papers and delete the text messages. Noted.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed. Mick thanked everyone for their time and asked Graham Lane to formally close the meeting. Graham thanked the current board, previous board members, key stakeholders, and the polocrosse community for their support.</p> <p>With no further business, the meeting closed at 12.59pm.</p>