



Meeting Minutes

Date	Sun 21 Aug 2022 20:00
Type	Member Meeting
Location	Google Hangouts

Attendees

Blissenden, Matt	Collins, Kelsey	Derrick, Luke
Frison, Brandon	Gertler, Nicola	Robb, Rebecca
Turbet, Jamie		

Guests

Jessica Head, Kaysanne Hockey, Joshua Lindley, Alexander, Yukitoshi Imaizumi-Zhou

Meeting items

Item #1. Name change (raised by Jamie Turbet)

The QA board has decided to align with USQ and the IQA, and change the name of the sport to Quadball commencing in 2023.

Item #2. Gameplay changes (raised by Jamie Turbet)

The QA board has decided to implement two armed tackling and behind contact at the 2022 state shield.

The QA board is also exploring the implementation of the max 3 gender rule at 2023 State Shield and the 2023 Dropbears squad.

- Victoria is not in a position to do this in 2022, and will do our best in 2023 but cannot guarantee it is viable. There is simply not the numbers of members at this stage. If it is enforced it is likely we will only be able to send one team.
- QLD is in a similar position to Victoria, and would not be able to field two teams if the max three gender rule was implemented. This would actually take a step backwards, as we are overall lessening the opportunities of development for non-male players.
- NSW would be able to do it for 2022 and 2023.
- WA does not mind if it is implemented at the Dropbears level. NSW and QLD would like to discuss it with their boards first. Victoria believes it should be at the discretion of the coach.

Item #3. Volunteers and resources (raised by Jamie Turbet)

Quidditch Australia is interested in how we can support states, and each other, of growing our volunteer base.

- NSW has a small team of volunteers for media that focuses on game footage and social media graphics.
- QLD has very few non-playing volunteers but quite a few playing ones. Our volunteers are focussed primarily on social media and running the QSL game days. It is difficult to organise fantasy tournaments. Most volunteers are based in the Sunshine coast, with a few spread around Brisbane. We would like to focus more on social media to have a more active presence. QAQ is fortunate to have a healthy board group.

- Victoria has three board members, and a couple of volunteers who don't have official positions. It is difficult to run game days, and clubs are struggling with volunteers for basic tasks. Managing a club appears too difficult for them.

- WA has been very quiet. It is difficult to run tournaments, but there have been a few social events organised and fantasy tournaments which attracts numbers. The board has 6 people, and has each club represented.

Moving forward QA would like to connect all the different volunteer bases to help support each other and grow our collective resources. We should focus on getting everyone on slack, and choosing a couple of projects we can all work on together.

Item #4. NSO (raised by Jamie Turbet)

After pursuing and preparing for the National Sporting Organisation recognition for two years now, applications are open and we can submit our case.

Membership numbers are a problem however, as we have significantly less people compared to pre-COVID.

Each state is going to reach out to their clubs to understand if they currently have players who are not registered with Quidditch Australia, and compile a list.

Item #5. General Business (raised by Jamie Turbet)

- Rule changes that are getting implemented, IQA will provide wording ASAP. Two armed, removing one line. Behind contact will be more nuanced. Written and video resources will be provided. Have weekly meetings to discuss the changes. Using some US resources as well. Working on incentives for coming.