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QA Meeting Minutes

March Emergency Meeting

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Secretary



Quidditch Australia's March Board

Meeting Minutes #2

Date: 19. 03. 2020

Location: Google Hangouts

Present: Ajantha Abey, Kelsey Collins, Alistair Yap, Jamie Turbet, Nicola Gertler, Luke Derrick, Scott Palmer

Meeting Opened: 9:36pm (AEDT)

Memberships

What impact will giving refunds have to QA?

LD: Can you talk to the impact of refunds Nicola?

NG: As discussed I sent an email to our insurance agent and asked if we can suspend or rollover our insurance into the next FY or can we also make a half year payment in future. It was recommended that we keep public liability. They are not willing to suspend or roll over the current payment but we can make a payment later in the next FY if needed.

We have \$30 700. 43. \$17 000 of that is from memberships. Last year's insurance payment \$9717 for personal injury, \$8 192. 91 was for public liability. We need approx \$9 000 for public liability. Refunding everyone is not ideal, especially if we run SS and Dropbears. Assuming, however, that the only thing we run is QUAFL, and the player's fee covers cost, we can do it.

LD: I would like to err away from refunds as we don't know how long this will last - it feels too early. However, if it goes for say 2 months plus, then we refund

NG: People are reevaluating at the start of May which doesn't seem too bad. What do other people think? How many people have asked?

AJ: One has emailed and clubs have asked. We may be able to play in the next half of the year so full year memberships could be fine, but trial memberships are an issue. We could extend the trial to when we resume play, or refund.



KC: We need to be clear that we will continue to evaluate the situation

NG: We could do one, but not everyone

KC: We need to have a blanket rule so we don't set a precedent.

NG: We don't have a no refunds policy on memberships - and we have done this in the past for people who haven't used their membership

KC: I don't want to set a precedent, as this is a different situation and unknown territory

NG: I wonder what consumer rights are in NSW

LD: Both are good points, I think we should just vote

AJ: I think refunds should not extend to people who have used their memberships - some may need the money. We should have a form they need to submit.

LD: Alright, what do others think?

JT: Offer refunds as AJ described

Will this impact NSO numbers?

NG: We need a minimum number of members to apply for sports recognition. We also need a min. Number as per the constitution to exist - maybe 5 or 10

JT: When Nora contacted Sports Australia in regard to memberships they said past members were fine as our constitution states people need to formally give up their memberships with us. Making people submit a form would do that. Other concerns that we have are that we need information like addresses, gender, etc. that we don't have beyond this year. I also don't think this is the highest priority right now, and can be pushed back if necessary.

LD: Agreed

Trial Memberships

LD: For trial we can extend from when we start up again, and per state as well in case a state is having a break in their league when we resume

NG: Keeping in mind this includes sanctioned trainings etc. I would also prefer to keep trial memberships rather than refund them so it encourages people to come back once we start up again



State Shield

LD: What were the dates for SS?

NG: 3rd and 4th of October

LD: So our cut off date for cancellation is the 1st of July

JT: Yes, needs to be enough time as well to allow people to have trials and training sessions and such

NG: We should make a decision in June, with public announcement of 1st of July

LD: Decision made June 20th, release on the 29th.

AJ: So this is the timeline for when we cancel, but act as normal until this point?

LD: Yes

AJ: If we cancel do we want to consider another sort of event?

LD: Yes, but decide in June.

AJ: Would we postpone to later?

NG: We could have it in the next calendar year, kinda does and doesn't work. If we don't have a dropbears campaign for next year, assuming it isn't cancelled, we have free QA months. We do need to consider that WC might be postponed. Would this be a good trial run for a non-representative national event in dropbear years and representative off years?

LD: Yes, but we should consider this if we decide to cancel

NG: We should consider burn out of players and staff, and people who don't like many competitive events to give others more opportunity

LD: Nicola can you start writing up alternatives if SS is cancelled? We will monitor the situation, WC, COVID-19 etc.

QUAFL

LD: Timeline for cancellation? We will make a decision by August 15th with a release by August 31st.



NG: That is the latest we can do it, but it should be a continuous conversation. Especially if we have to cancel SS.

LD: What do we do about requirement exemptions. I don't see why we would host QUAFL if there are no other tournaments throughout the year.

AJ: The point is to be a national event, it's more than just the best team, it's a time to come together. Even if we held no other quidditch, people would have QUAFL to go to. It would be a sad to have no events, and then cancel quafl even if we can play.

LD: So it's a possibility to make exemptions, it will be announced closer to the time. Requirements will be announced when we confirm the event. There will be requirements, we need to determine what form.

KC: No need to discuss adjustments until we know what is going on

Midwinter

AJ: Newcastle wants to know what we think

KC: Way to early to tell

JT: Plan as normal, see if venues will accept cancellations due to corona, give themselves a hard deadline as to when they will cancel, perhaps a months and a half as it is a smaller event

Strategic Planning

LD: Will there be a focus?

AJ: Yes

Dropbears

NG: People are asking that if WC is cancelled what are we doing with uniforms? We don't know what is going on, we are waiting on the IQA to see what happens.

JT: Last meeting we decided that 1st of April was our deadline

AJ: I don't think WC will happen when it is scheduled. I will ask for a timeline to see how/when they are making their decisions and adjust our plans accordingly. Last thing we



heard from them was they are extending rego's, and that there would be more information early this week, which has passed.

LD: See if you can push them into releasing more information. When do we want a final decision from them?

JT: Three months from when the tournament will happen

AJ: Mid April

General Business

LD: AJ, will you do a Q&A thing?

AJ: Yes, it has also been suggested that we should do open office

LD: Jamie can organise open office hours

AJ: We have a question from Regina; are we still in the preseason free transfer period?

NG: Yes

AJ: I will get a public announcement done for Saturday

JT: I can have minutes and draft emails done by tonight

Meeting Closed: 10:14pm (AEDT)