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**Date:** 05. 02. 2021

**Location:** Google Hangouts

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

**Meeting Opened:** 8:18pm

### Membership fees

- The strategic forum and follow up forums about QA finances suggested a tiered membership system with different prices for new members and returning members.
- The forums also suggested returning members would be happy to pay more in order to secure financial security for QA and to provide future services, like grants for clubs and improved resources.
- We shouldn't raise them too significantly as we are drawing back our offerings with not hosting State Shield (SS) this year, which is also our biggest cost. It would be better to raise again in 2022 when we are hopefully running quidditch back at normal capacity.
- We need to make the community aware prices will change in 2022.
- We will be sticking with jotform for this year as the company we have chosen has not yet fixed their gender field. If this is not fixed by June we will be scoping other options.
- \$60 for returning members, \$45 for new members, \$45 for social members, \$10 for a trial membership, and \$5 for supporter membership.
- Luke Derrick moves a motion to make memberships \$60 for returning members and \$45 for new members.
- All agree to \$45 for new members
- Luke, Kelsey, Alistair, Scott and Jamie vote yes to \$60 for returning members. Nicola votes no.



- States have never been charged a membership fee. This year we will work on building a relationship with the states and negotiate what services we provide, and introduce a price in 2022.
- **Action: Scott to email membership company to notify them of our deadline of June**
- **Action: Scott to draft criteria for the different membership tiers**

### **Portfolio allocation and casual vacancy**

- Everyone is happy in their current position.
- We should move towards 'traditional' board positions and move memberships, media, gameplay and events to staff members to mirror traditional organisational structure.
- The new portfolio for the board should be a General board member with a focus on strategic planning.
- We already have a nomination from Matt Blissenden, but we need to advertise publicly.
- We can turn media into a staff position and will focus on updating our media outlets, ie. Facebook and website. The board will be responsible for drafting all communication.
- **Action: Jamie to ask AJ if he is interested in a media position**
- **Action: Jamie to check constitutional requirements for announcing a casual vacancy**
- **Action: Jame to announce a casual vacancy**
- **Action: Kelsey to notify Matt about announcing the casual vacancy**

### **Facebook announcements**

- We have a backlog of announcements that need to go out about the AGM. Post all topics in Slack so we can draft them.
- We need to keep up an active public profile on Facebook, but announcements should also get emailed to members as not everyone has Facebook
- **Action: Everyone to post announcements in the slack thread**

### **Nic Radoll's proposal**

- Nic Radoll has offered to update our health related policies
- They will become a part of the Secretary's Governance committee and will report to Jamie



- To ensure a distinction between them as a staff member and a contractor they will need a tender application just like other organisations and will be assessed against other applicants
- **Action: Jamie to respond to Nic's email**

## Events 2021

- Two big events as well as quidcamp/gender engagement fantasy
- We will not be hosting State Shield in 2021
  - It is a huge project that may not happen if we have travel restrictions or event restrictions
  - States may not have the time to organise and train a team if they are subject to shutdowns throughout the year
  - Players may not have the capacity to play highly competitive games
  - Local leagues may need the extra weekend for their own gameplay if they are subject to lockdowns
  - Players may not be able to afford to get to SS and QUAFL, and we would like all players to focus on getting to one event - QUAFL is more inclusive
  - We will not have the Dropbears playing until 2023/4, so there is no need for high level competition this year
  - We need to have a focus on community and grassroots growth
- If we are able to plan an event around October, we could maybe hold talent identification opportunities
- We will work towards QUAFL going ahead and reassess closer to December
- If we have number restrictions we can split teams into two divisions to make different events
- To secure venues we need a package letter to sell ourselves, similar to the sponsor letter for the Dropbears
- We would prefer QUAFL to be hosted in Melbourne to assist their teams, but we will consider venues from QLD since they are losing SS. Canberra is also a good option as it is fairly central and had high attendance in previous years
- **Action: Jamie to post SS recommendation in the national cabinet channel to get feedback from states**
- **Action: Alistair to draft a QUAFL package letter for venues**
- **Action: Nicola to send Alistair Dropbears sponsor package**
- **Action: Alistair to notify members SS will not go ahead pending national cabinet discussion**



## General Business

- We will do a call out for staff once we have a full board and know what we need
- **Action: Jamie to check with current staff to see who is staying on for 2021**

**Meeting Closed: 9:20pm**