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# QA Board October Meeting Minutes



# Quidditch Australia's August Board

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 26. 10. 2020

**Location:** Google Hangouts

**Present:** Ajantha Abey, Kelsey Collins, Alistair Yap (9:14pm), Jamie Turbet, Nicola Gertler & Scott Palmer, Luke Derrick, Matthew Blissenden (9:42-9:58), Logan Davis (9:42-9:58)

**Meeting Opened:** 9:07pm

### 2020 AGM

LD: Are we planning for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November? What time are we aiming for?

JT: Maybe 7 or 8pm?

LD: Go for 7 in case it goes for a long time.

LD: Are we going with google hangouts?

JT: Yes, I've been having a look at it and they have a lot of new functions like polling and Q&A. It would work well for the AGM.

LD: What do we need to do? Write reports? Who is reporting?

NG: Don't do too many reports, keep it simple. We can distribute other info before/afterwards.

LD: Jamie do we want to do one?

JT: Would be good for executive members to present a report.

LD: Ok, that's all. Other board members can send me extra stuff to include in my report. We talk first, and set the tone, if we are quick the whole AGM will be quicker.

9:14pm Alistair enters the meeting.



## **Returning Officer**

JT: I can't find anything in the constitution about a returning officer, but we should have one.

LD: Happy for AJ has a returning officer?

All: Yes

JT: We also need to worry about people's membership status. Not all the usual clubs are members due to COVID, but should we allow some exceptions so they can vote?

NG: Reduce membership fee to \$5

AJ: Do they need to be a member by a certain time?

JT: Don't think so

LD: Randoms could sign up to be a club.

JT: We can say no to the membership if we want. We could put restrictions like have to be registered last year, but couldn't play due to COVID

NG: We can contact the teams that it specifically affects

LD: Jamie can you action this?

JT: Yes

## **Gameplay**

KC: Logan has put through a proposal for ref testing. We do an online qualification that is not the same as the IQA because it is just rule based, we want to do game scenario type questions. Same for snitch and AR certification. We would be doing in person testing at games. Refs do a field test where they are referring to a game where an assessor watches. Until the ref passes the field test they get paid \$10 per game. Once they pass the field test they pay \$20 as a minimum across all states, an incentive for refs to be properly qualified. The assessor is paid \$10.

AJ: Is there a policy for who an assessor is? How do you choose one for a particular field test? Is there a criteria for an appropriate game to do a field test?

KC: Second last para - through an open application process which any member can apply for. A ref who has reffed high profile games and a background in assisting refs. Would have to be a ranked game that you get certified at.



NG: This will be done by the gameplay department, we can trust they will choose something that is appropriate

LD: There should be a timeframe in which you find them a game to be certified at. Month? 6 weeks?

AY: Would we consider mudbash and midwinter?

KC: Don't think so.

NG: They are played against club teams, and a good opportunity to get certified as they are usually mid year, and many high profile refs travel to these events. Good cross state reffing.

KC: Could be fine, as long as there are appropriately competitively.

SP: Good to set standards across the states as well.

KC: Ok, happy with that. Ref recognition, introducing a ref uniform that is designed specifically for QA, and once they are certified they are provided one for free. We have them available for purchase by ARs etc. Each time you must get recertified we get patches.

LD: Not sure if we can present them with a shirt when we are allowing people to buy. Present them a badge instead. Get expensive when we are buying individual shirts.

KC: We won't be buying them individually, with the incentive of getting paid more per match we assume people are wanting to get certified therefore we will need many shirts.

AJ: I expect mandating states having a supply and sharing jerseys will be a problem

NG: Don't need a specific Australian one. Like stuff to match for high profile games. We can subsidise people buying a ref top instead, which will make it easier for people to match. Bibs would be cheaper and easier for people to share.

AJ: If we are going to have loads of ref jerseys across Aus, we need a much better equipment tracking system.

KC: We need to talk about having a design or not to get the process

LD: Are we happy with patches?

ALL: yes

Matthew Blissenden and Logan Davis from the Gameplay department enter at 9:42

NG: Logan, for a normal vic up game if you have a normal black and white shirt game, but high stakes games we use QA branded, would this work?



Logan: But we expect states to work forward and be able to provide the shirts in future. Having it at the community level it is important to build respect and positive culture within the community. It is important to work towards it as a long term goal.

NG: Makes sense

LD: We could say certified refs need to wear the proper shirt to get paid the \$20.

Logan: For HRs, yes. Most other sports wouldn't even let you play.

NG: For the current financial situation, a subsidy would be better for us, we will have to see how we go next year.

Logan: There are a few other options to try and balance money.

NG: Sounds good, getting costs will be good so we can see what is financially feasible.

AJ: On recognition we need additional policies for a formal framework for a GF situation, lays out series of guidelines how people can qualify for selection how they get chosen, what qualifications to remove ambiguity.

All: Agree

AJ: Field testing assessors, is the current plan the way it will always be done, or just to start it up.

Logan: A combination of - written application as well as talking to people - would continue to do that maybe. Keep the assessor for a 2 year period, or respond by recruiting more as necessary, something that needs to be determined as we go along.

Matt: When we talked about it we did say this would be a trial process

Logan: We would trial in NSW for 3 months for example and go from there

Matthew Blissenden and Logan Davis gone 9:58

## **COVID Situation in Victoria**

AJ: Victoria can play sport on Wednesday. Can play non-contact if an adult. Couldn't find anything on numbers in gathering.

NG: Couldn't find anything on numbers - moved to first non-contact step.

SP: Gathering limited to number necessary for play, players, coaches and umpires

NG: Nic asked if we have covid safe plans.





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AJ: Everything I've done is guidelines for people to follow, published on the website. Some states require documents by their government. That is for the organising group to figure out. I will update the website.

**Meeting Closed: 8:11pm**