

QAI AGM Minutes:

Date: 1 December 2017

Start time: 4.15 pm

Delegates Presents:

1. James Hosford (Newcastle) X O
2. Ben Hosford (Hortnails) X O
3. Geoffrey Talbot (Mac) X O
4. Blake Huthnance (WSQC) X O
5. Jason Harris (QNSW) X. X O O
6. Dan Scharf (QAQ) X O
7. Samuel Chittenden (ACU) X X O O
8. Kaitlyn Moore (QUT) X O
9. William Gow (Gargoyles) X O
10. Maddy Kerr (Monash Club) X O
11. Stella Naylor (SAQA) X O
12. Oscar Cozens (ANU) X O
13. Maaika Tredrea (Adelaide Aug) X O
14. Matt Blissenden (UTS) X O
15. Katherine Bunten (Flinders Fantastic Beasts) X O
16. Elle Crumpton (Serpents) X O
17. Sukrut Mysore (Snapes) X O
18. Regina (La Trobe) X O
19. Nicole Gertler (VQA) X X O O
20. William O'Connell (USC) X O
21. Carrissa Dyall (Centuars, late) X O
22. Sam Chittenden (USyd, late) X O
23. Emily Kirsh (Unicorns) X X O O
24. Zach GIF (Willows) X X O O

Proxies:

Basilisks vote given to Unicorns (Emily Krish) – present

Manticores given to VQA (Nicola Gertler) - Present

Weasleys given to QNSW (Jason Harris) - Present

UQ given to ACU (Sam Chittenden) – Present

Wrackspurts given to Willows (Zach Gifkous) – present

Team Reps not eligible to vote:

Portia O'Connor (Wollongong).... NOT ACTUALLY ELIGIBLE DUE TO MEMBERSHIP

James Hyder (Perth Phoenix) NOT ELIGIBLE

Auguries, SAQA and Gargoyles left at 7.17pm immediately after voting.

MINUTES

Annual Report

Financial Report and Proposed Budget (Alise Fox)

Oscar Cozens: Motion to Accept Financial Summary and Proposed Budget

Dan Scharf: Second

YES: 27
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Membership Report (Matt Ingram)

- Reported numbers of trial memberships
- Number of full memberships
- Change in team and clubs numbers
- Gained 4 teams lost 1 club
- Membership Process improvement

A non-delegate from VQA raised the issue of sign up emails not including the team name, and inconsistencies in names.

Nicola VQA: How is it a technical issue in not including the team name in the Jotform emails. Nicola has a way of making the code correlate to the team name within Jotform.

Daniel Scharf QAQ: What is the process of stepping down? (Will the special motion of Ingram being removed from the board) How many remaining board members are there, how many vacancies on the QA board?

Will O'Connell motioned to accept the membership report. Matt UTS Blisseneden seconded.

YES : 17
ABSTAIN : 10

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2016 AGM MINUTES

Matt Opaleyes: Motion to accept the 2016 AGM Meeting Minutes. Geoffrey Talbot 2nd that we should go back

YES 15
NO 0
Abstain 10
No response 2

Alex VQA non delegate: You need to include the previous year AGM minutes in the email announcement.

Will USC: They were publicly available

Wooloongong Portia: Question on eligibility to vote. Wooloongong are not registered with QA and is therefore not able to vote. Nor is Perth Phoenix.

Accept 2016 AGM minutes

YES 14
No 0
ABSTAIN 12

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Gameplay Report 2017

Merryn read Tom Russell's Gameplay Report

Regina La Trolls: Teams are supposed to play 2 different tournaments. What does QLD do?

Dan QAQ: QAQ state league. QAQ state finals.

James QNSW: NQL is similar

Regina: Can VQA make Mudbash Day 1 and Mudbash 2 separate to be different events and count?

Dan QAQ: When we're trying to put in these events each time its for insurance purposes. Next year will it be different?

Nicola VQA: Teams in VQA were emailed by Merryn and Nicola is not happy with that email

Luke and Nat Gameplay have stepped in to answer questions:

VQA play an extra four minutes, against QA regulation, which causes them ineligible for QUAFL seeding/ranking

There is a difference between what causes a game to be ranked for quafl, or to be eligible for quafl

VQA said QA accused the VQA of neglecting to meet the requirements for teams at quafl

According to Nicola, VQA emailed with a question regarding the eligibility of teams to play at QUAFL (as they were not playing by the official rules by using an extra four minutes of seeker floor). VQA is concerned about the communication between VQA and QAI and that the resolution was unclear.

Will USC: How publicly available were the team requirements?

Rhiannon Gordon: Her proposal for the board includes a communication regime

Matt UTS: Are we going to have access to Toms report? Yes.

Regina Trolls: How many Vic teams didn't know that Vic Cup was unranked?

Merryn thinks it was a miscommunication between QA and VQA. Nicola disagrees.

James Hyder: Perth Phoenix are not an eligible team. Why was there, in the middle of the year, we were told that all teams under state bodies were official teams?

Luke Derrick: There is no real definition difference between teams and official teams

Hyder: This is then confusing for transfers, I never got a proper response regarding my transfer. There was a miscommunication. That needs to be fixed.

Other questions regarding Tom's proposal.

Rhiannon Gordon: Are any of the proposals constitutional amendments?

QA: No just policies.

Merryn: This will be resolved asap betwe

James Hosford Newcastle: Will the tiers fundamentally nullify the x events y games?

QA: This will simplify the process

James: The onnace is on the states to ensure teams are qualified for quafl. That's goo

Ben Hos (Horntails): It seems unfair on growing teams, who aren't accepted in to state leagues at the start of the year. But we could then have enough for midwinter Mudbash etc.

Nat and Merryn: This will be incorporated into the policy to add in leeway

Dan QAQ: Are most states against accepting teams mid season?

Nicola VQA: We could incorporate them joining mid season, maybe not to the main roster

Maaika Adelaide Aug: Yes need people. Absolutely we'd accept. Tiers would work because we don't have a very consistent league. Fantasy tournaments are a big thing for us meeting eligibility

Elle Serpents: Clarification on if it goes through. What does this mean for team reps?

Merryn; New board will meet and discuss and then hand over to gameplay, they would write a proposal, show to the board, show to the TRs. Vote or discuss, don't know yet. Then accepted by the board and communicated to community.

Elle: Do we have a tangible say, or vote, or are you just seeking opinions?

Merryn: We don't require a vote, but we would like to hear from teams.

Luke and Nat left the stage.

ANU OWLS: Oscar moves to accept the gameplay report

USC Will seconds

YES 20

NO 0

ABSTAIN 9

SUMMARY ON STATE SHEID (Nic)

Nic was commended by VQA on the success

James Hos Newcastle: Agree it was great. Do you think it was appropriate to change the finals format as a result of the weather?

Nic: We will write more refined policies regarding weather etc. and changes to the schedule.

Merryn: We do our best but we can't have warning for every single speedbump, some decisions have to be made on the fly.

QUIDCAMP SUMMARY (Nic)

100 people stayed. We had a bit of a loss.

QA decided not to continue it. It was fantastic though.

Nicola VQA: Could we run it every two years, say on not-WC years?

Blake WSQC: It was mentioned that the development camps may replace QC. That was aimed more for "dropbear types". Are we going to include all levels of players?

QA: Yes

Elle Serpents: Are we discussing development camps today?

QA: No

Will USC: USC did their own development camp.

Dan QAQ: The camps were aimed at everyone

Elle Serps: Had issues with her team regarding dev camps. It was communicated to her through War Council that Dev Camps were not aimed at State Team or Australian Team players. So she had quite a few of her high level players missing out on the camps due to the miscommunication. Were the extensive applications necessary?

Merryn: Point one. That was a difference in objective between the development camp organisers and coach. It moved from a development camp to a preview of potential up and coming dropbears as well. Perhaps in the future it could be separated into two camps: Dropbear Preview, and Developing the lower level players. Second point, it turns out the application form was not necessary as we didn't get the numbers we expected and didn't reach capacity. The long application forms will not be required next year.

Elle SERPS: To clarify, the dev camps proposed are for all levels on players? What levels are we pitching to?

Merryn: Haven't decided yet. Maybe middle tier and better tier? We don't know yet.

Elle Serpents: So you included something in the budget but you don't know what its for?

Merryn: It will sort of replace quidcamp. It could include a broad range of purposes.

Elle:

Leah non delegate: Even experienced players can get involved and help mentor

Nicola VQA: that's why it was changed to include all levels

Elle: Not opposed to all players being included, just wanted clarification

Stella SAQA: In light of wanting to develop the sport on national level, will you run events or initiatives to help governance in quid organisations. E.g. SAQA has trouble getting established and flourishing. We might need help running an organisation.

Merryn: It's not as easy as setting up a camp. Looking at resources that can be made available to help organisations, but it might not be appropriate to go as a camp. Maybe a seminar.

Will USC: Dev camps are awesome. We learned more than at quidcamp.

Hyder Perth Phoe: Will there be a dev camp in Perth?

Merryn: We would like to.

Regina Trolls: Is there any income at the dev camps?

QA: NO

Maaika: Can clubs fundraise and put in a proposal to fly a coach to the more isolated states?

Merryn: USC did it themselves. You could also potentially apply to QA but we don't have room in the budget for grants.

DROPBEARS SUMMARY:

Selection process is ongoing . Next camp in Sydney.

Team announced before 1 Feb.

There won't be a specific crowd funding campaign this year. Instead it will be a merch sale.

We had issues with people receiving merch. This year we are switching the merch to be distributed by a third party.

Nicola VQA: To clarify, Nic will stay on as a staff member, Dropbears Team Manages

QA: Yes

PRESIDENTS GENERAL REPORT:

We have been overworked due to vacancies within board.

QA faulted in the implementation of gameplay policies (mostly already discussed). Outdated policies, policies broken. We tried to enforce policies that weren't previously enforced.

Sanctioning was unclear and needs clarification and clearer communication.

Want to focus on the 21 guidelines by the Australian Sports Commission (?) to eventually incorporate with the Australian Sports Commission and they set a good guideline of our focus for what to work on.

QUAFL 2016: A huge step forward in quidditch events. State Shield is the next step up. It's gonna rain.

Will USC: Can you write up the presidents report and publish it?

Merryn: Yes after QUAFL. With Tom's report and the others

Matt UTS: Board meetings, have the rest of the minutes been found?

Merryn: Haven't had a lot of meetings, the conversations have been day by day. We can't meet quorum unless there are 5 people

Matt: There were minutes that had four people and votes were counted and decisions made.

Merryn: Board meeting minutes will be made public next year.

Nicola VQA: Accountability of the association. The previous board meeting minutes were very vague. Perhaps someone else should take minutes. Every AGM we talk about clarity and accountability, so this needs to change. More detailed board meeting minutes.

Elle Serpents: motion to have a recess for 5 minutes

Second Will USC

Yes 17

No 12

Abstain

Will USC Moves to accept the pres resport

Yes 14

No 0

Abstain 15

Will USC Motion to move the election now

Sam ACU Second

Yes

No

Abstain

ELECTIONS

Lee Shu Ying

Regina Trolls: You listed you could go for sec. Any experience secretary?

Shu: No

Will USC: There is lots more than secretary that Shu could do

Merryn: Portfolios aren't set in stone in the constitution

Shu: I've only got experience in treasury, but not comfortable doing it for the whole country

Nicola VQA: How do you feel about improving the accountability and transparency of the board. Do you think you will be more professional than your candidate statement and speech?

Shu: Yes

Cameron (Serpents Non-delegate): What did you learn in your position in student engagement and can you use that in your role in QA?

Shu: I was the point of contact between community and club. I hear lots of problems within the community with QA and I would like to be another point of contact within QA to serve the people. I am approachable.

Luke Derrick

Luke: 5 focuses, transparency (QA google drive), communication, universal membership document, new reffing systems and qualifications, unification of states with QAI

Matt UTS: What portfolio?

Luke: Chairperson, gameplay

James Newcastle: To what extent has this QUAFL been your work? What were your ideas/contribution?

Luke: Seedings and format of schedule, original refs and snitches. Nat did the ref stuff.

James: You were QA staff previously. What did you learn?

Luke: I ran membership. There were some mistakes. People have expectations and its hard to meet them. It's important to be transparent. If you make mistakes, admit it.

Matt UTS: Based on the amount of ideas you have, it will be a lot of work. How are you with delegation or time commitments?

Luke: Work is slow, I don't take it home, and I do quid stuff at work. I will be able to do a lot of work in pre season

VQA non delegate: What is your time scale with incorporating states with QA

Luke: Discussions need to start. Timeline needs to be established within the next three years.

Dan QAQ: Google Drive, security issues.

Luke: A private google drive with only team and state reps given access.

Ingram: Suppose I post my own fantasy tournament and want to have access to this membership list?

Luke: Talk to QA, case by case basis. We'd need some sort of verification process. Needs regulation.

Rhiannon Gordon

Hos Newcastle: Since when have you been working as HR staff member, what has been done?

Rhi: brought in as a volunteer, had a lot of goals, aligned with what I currently want to do. Applying for board to have more tools to do with what I want to do. I didn't get any of my proposals done, I was used as conflict resolution. I would get notified, go through the issue, consult member protection policy and write an action plan. As a non elected member I could follow up with the player myself. I got disillusioned with the role as I could actually follow up with any of the conflicts. Want to implement the goals I set out with

Hos: Do you think your portfolio could include HR?

Rhi: Secretary is probably the closest. Long term I think there needs to be a HR role, and even a committee. Increase transparency.

Owen non delegate: If someone takes over your volunteer position, how do you propose the board increases the use of volunteers

Rhi: Include volunteers with a lot of the board meetings

Emily Kirsh: Do you think there needs to be more volunteer roles

Rhi: Yes. But no one is running for them. Increase awareness, ensure that people feel comfortable to apply.

Rhiannon Merrifield

Statement read by Merryn.

No questions as Rhiannon Merrifield is not present.

Ben Hosford: Is there an issue with her being on another committee?

Merryn: There is not a strict clause in the constitution that forbids it from happening

Dan QAQ: Is there a clause in the WAQA constitution prohibiting it?

Nicola: Where is Rhiannon Merrifield?

Merryn: At work in WA.

Nicola: Did she apply for a portfolio?

Merryn: It was listed in her candidate statement

Elle Serpents: Does the board have a problem with her being the WAQA president?

Merryn: There are conventions for a reason but we don't want to sway votes either way

Ingram: If the board made a decision that affected the body she represented, she would be omitted from comments and voting.

James Hyder: Regarding transparency, the WAQA board was only made aware 1 hour ago that they were not allowed to Skype in and weren't given the opportunity to

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

Lee Shu Ying - YES

YES 20

NO 9

Abstain 0

Luke Derrick - YES

YES 28

No 1

Abstain 0

Rhiannon Gordon – YES

Yes 29

No 0

Abstain 0

Rhiannon Merrifield - NO

Yes 3

No 20

Abstain 6

OTHER BUSINESS

Nicola VQA: Transparency in QUAFL volunteers. No one was given the opportunity to apply.

Merryn: There were no bids to QUAFL, QA had to run it.

Nicola VQA: It appeared that you considered being a player and there hasn't been any transparency in running the tournament

Merryn: There were no specific roles within the QUAFL organisation committee. That's the decision we made. The committee was Gameplay plus Merryn

Nicola: What is

Emily Kirsh: Do you think that the advertisement of QUAFL bids will need to change for next year so that people nominate?

Merryn: there needs to be more incentive. We can't pay the volunteers to run it. What can be offered as incentive? Does it need to be advertised better? Yes.

Ingram to Emily Kirsh: Do you have any ideas for incentives?

Emily: VQA helped run it last year. VQA put in a lot of effort to run QUAFL and didn't get anything out of it. There needs to be some sort of incentive.

Rhi Gordon: A leadership retreat could be an option. Treated to time away from life and get to sit down, get to know each other and work things out. Could be a matter of appreciating organisers as they do it.

Luke Derrick: Volunteers don't get paid, we do it out of the goodness of our hearts and because we like it.

Matt UTS: Merch for QUAFL. UTS team name has been spelled correctly. How much rigour was involved?

Merryn: Two mistakes. ACU and UTS spelled incorrectly. One mistake was the printers fault, one was Merryn.

Will USC: Volunteers cop a lot of flack. Be nice to them.

CLOSED AT 7.38PM