

Australian Canoeing Canoe polo technical committee MEETING MINUTES

Meeting name: Canoe polo
Location: Teleconference

Date: 2 December 2015

Attendees:

Ian Beasley	John Moore	
Anthea Courtney	Donald Leigh	

Apologies:

Carolyn Cochrane	Michael Lawrence-Taylor	Rob Watson
Duncan Cochrane	Matt Moore	

Distribution:

Attendees	Craig Hutchinson (NSW)	Aaron Ward (Hobart)
Apologies	Nikky Lee (WA)	John Yacoub (Geelong)
John Borojevic (Hobart)	Mark Lommers (WA)	
Adrian Cooper (Launceston)	Rob McConnell (Vic)	
Peter Duong (SA)	Stu Midgley (WA)	

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1	Name change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Canoeing is changing its name to Paddle Australia, with new branding to be released early next year. A new paddling programme, PaddleOz will be rolled out next year to introduce school students to paddling – it is aimed at lifting participation in paddling for anyone.
2	Development grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have funds available for developing canoe polo. Let's encourage the states and others to develop canoe polo and apply for a development grant. Funds are available to support training camps, coach and referee training, and equipment purchase for playing fields. There is a form on the AC website for application for development grants. Geelong has applying for more boats – they now have 20 players and not enough boats for them. Donald will also raise a request for boats for the Sunshine Coast. Do we ask Geelong for the original boats and send to QLD or do we purchase another two sets – another set for Geelong and one set for QLD? Ian to remind the states that there is development grant money to spend. Tasmania has six schools in their competition – offer to run a development camp for them using grant funding to pay for coaches and referees to attend.
3	Strategic plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we implement it? Do we run a workshop weekend with a representative from each state attending and we take ownership of the plan? Possibly this committee fully fund one person from each state, but the states can send more than one representative to the meeting. Hire Essendon CC or use a different venue? Hold this prior to the nationals. Aim for March?
4	Coach accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian is working with Brendan Moriarty the new EO of Canoe SA to get ASC accreditation for the coaching course. Brendan needs to have an accredited coaching course to obtain funding for canoe polo in SA. A coaching framework has been submitted. It is based on the model used by Olympic disciplines. The framework is: Foundation coach (level 1), Development coach (level 2), Performance – by Aust Sports Commission and Podium accredited by AIS. . Dave Pillekers will assist develop the Foundation course. Currently we have seven level 1 coaches and two level 2 coaches. We need

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		more accredited coaches!
5	NZ tour Donald Leigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald reported that the tour was very successful and that we should aim to send a junior/youth team every two years to compete in the NZ Inter-regionals competition. The NZ polo community was very helpful to us, and we are building a relationship between both countries. We both benefit from this. Donald is not sure who was most shocked when our boys started winning games, NZ or Aus! • Can NZ send a group over here? • There will be some money refunded to parents, once the final reconciliation is done.
6	2016 ICF World Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 December is the deadline for us to enter teams. Players are discussing this in Sydney this weekend at the summer series games. Ian will send emails to the state contacts, stipulating the urgency of players nominating, and giving them to 20 December to do so. This committee to have a quick meeting prior to 31 December to discuss whether we send teams or not. Bearing in mind that if we don't send players, we won't receive automatic entry after 2018.
7	Australian Championship Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was discussed at length that this should be a high performance trophy. Only 'A' team points count towards this trophy, which should encourage the states to enter their best 'A' team possible. E.g. the 'A' team is the best team that this state can put together and a place in this team has special significance to the players. • A trophy based on participation would favour the host state as they typically enter more teams. However, participation is recognised because all teams (A, B and import) may be awarded gold, silver or bronze. • Because juniors are usually a mix of male and female players there is not an A team (an A team would be all male, which would result in an all female team having little chance of contributing to the point count.) It was agreed that where teams are necessarily blended it would be appropriate to consider the best result (A or B team) in the category. • The model proposed is that the winning team in each category = 20 points, 2nd place = 16 points, 3rd place = 14 points, 4th place = 12 points, 5th place = 10 points, 6th place = 8 points etc. This is the same as the NZ model. • General agreement on the approach but Ian to follow up with Duncan Cochrane and Matt Moore before finalising decision because they proposed that B teams be considered in the count. • There will be a short discussion towards the end of the month re this, so the QLD can put this into their information.
8	Australian championships progress report Donald Leigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-juniors – is this a competitive category? Consensus is yes, and age limit of U13 be kept. Sit on tops are no longer allowed in the national championship due to safety concerns. • Mini micro juniors – is a non-competitive category. • Aus teams selection games need to be factored into the scheduling. • Currently games look like being scheduled 8.30 – 6.00pm Friday and Saturday and 8.30 – 4.00pm on Sunday. • The AC agreement is to be signed. Ian spoke to Mary in the AC office, and she will forward to QC. • QLD has prepared the championships budget, which is currently under review by Qld Canoeing. Ian and Rob also to review budget.
9	High performance manger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duncan Cochrane is step down from his position of high performance manager at the next AGM (April). After a life-time of putting canoe polo first, family and work commitments must now take precedence. However, all is not lost; Duncan is still available for advice, mentoring and support. We thank him for many years of direction and action on the committee and wish him every success in the highly competitive sports of work and family.

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10	Next meeting	6 April 2015

ACTION LIST

Mtg date	Ref	Item	Responsibility	Due date
21Sep15	1	Prepare draft development plan	MM	30Sep15
21Dec15	2	CPS paddles – who to receive?	IB	9Sep15
2Dec15	3	Follow up with Duncan and Matt re trophy point count	IB	
2Dec15	4	Follow up with players to confirm (or otherwise) who is nominating for Australian teams to compete in Italy.	JM	12Dec15
2Dec15	5	Test interest in state representatives workshop	IB	12Dec15