

Australian Canoeing Canoe polo technical committee MEETING MINUTES

Meeting name: Canoe polo
Location: Teleconference

Date: 2 September 2015

Attendees:

Ian Beasley	John Moore	Kylie Rawson
Donald Leigh	Matt Moore	Rob Watson

Apologies:

Carolyn Cochrane	Anthea Courtney	
Duncan Cochrane	Michael Lawrence-Taylor	

Distribution:

Attendees	Peter Duong (SA)	Stu Midgley (WA)
Apologies	Nikky Lee (WA)	
Richard Andrews (NSW)	Mark Lommers (WA)	
Adrian Cooper (Tas)	Rob McConnell (Vic)	

Item	Minutes	
1	Finances Rob Watson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank account has healthy balance, no outstanding income or debt Draft 2015/16 budget circulated to the committee for comment in July, but no comments received Approval given to pay for NZ youth tour air travel
2	NZ youth tour Kylie Rawson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six U18 players nominated and selected for tour of NZ in Sept/Oct. Four from Vic, two from Qld. Team manager is Kylie Rawson, coach is Donald Leigh The team is 'pumped' ready and keen to go. (Our U18s are already planning to be part of future world championship teams.) There is a development camp at GCC before leaving for NZ. John Yacoub, Jay Burgess and Donald Leigh will lead the camp. Budget for the tour is still draft, to be finalised by IB and approval by committee. Polomania is supplying boats for the tour. The boats are Vampire 'Stralia', bright green with a yellow splash. Players will have the first option to purchase a boat at the end of the tour. Cam Butler (Polomania) will spend on-water time with the team to demonstrate boat features and performance.
3	Development Matt Moore	<p>Matt led general discussion on developing and growing canoe polo. Ideas and approaches considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to think and work at the club level, must establish a club culture Development is not confined to one person or one committee but involves everyone Important to empower people to take control and run with their ideas Challenge is to prepare a development plan. Including development camps, coaching, refereeing, organising. Choose some easy wins to target this year. Do not try to do everything at once. Create a template approach that each of the clubs can work to Need a pathway for new players to join state competitions JM suggests adopting slalom model of small groups of juniors and youth with coaching follow through

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have clubs in Qld, Vic, SA, NSW, Tas, WA, Canberra, Darwin, and Alice Springs, so a good base to build on. Consider creating an ACP grant to support development (but must have suitable accountabilities in place). Must cater for all levels but recognise that a strong top level is needed for others to aspire to. <p>NZ sets the example. Some feature of their growth are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not strong several years ago but turned around with a strong, disciplined coordinated effort Australia gave assistance and advice At present NZ has around 10,000 players in a region. Strong push into schools NZ national championships has 27 teams Participation costs are low Funding from lotteries helps keep costs down
	Asian championships John Moore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC and JM proposing that Australia and NZ joins the Asia region and so compete at the Asian Canoe Polo Championships held every two years. DC in touch with Asian Canoe Polo to investigate the possibility Asia region comprises Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Chinese Taipei, Iran, South Korea, Singapore The region has become stronger in the past few year and will give Australia and NZ a stronger level of competition compared to Oceania.
4	2016 ICF World Championships John Moore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for players, coaches and managers are open now Nominate on AC website The championships are at Syracuse, Italy - 29/8/2016 – 4/9/2016
5	2016 Australian Championships Donald Leigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be held at the Miami Aquatic Centre on the Gold Coast Two outdoor pools – 50m, 8 lanes and 50m, 10 lanes City of Gold Coast is a sponsor, other sponsors in discussion Championship committee established and making good progress toward the competition.
6	Sponsorships Ian Beasley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPS has provided eight paddles, initially for senior men or senior women. But also possible for NZ development tour. Committee happy to approve the paddles for either of the teams as most players already have their own paddles IB to follow up with DC
7	Summer Series Ian Beasley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates confirmed: Round 1 Canberra, 31 Oct–1 Nov15 Round 2 Penrith, 6 Dec15 Round 3 Mawson Lakes, 23–24 Jan16 Round 4 Nagambie Regatta Centre, 27–28 Feb16
8	Next meeting	2 December 2015

ACTION LIST

Mtg date	Ref	Item	Responsibility	Due date
2Sep15	1	Comment on 2015/16 draft budget	Committee members	30Sep15
2Sep15	2	NZ tour budget to be finalised and circulated to committee for comment/approval.	IB	4Sep15
2Sep15	3	Follow up with M L-T to have World Champs call for nominations added to FaceBook.	IB	9Sep15
2Sep15	4	CPS paddles – who to receive?	IB	9Sep15
2Sep15	5	Prepare draft development plan	MM	30Sep15