

AC Canoe Polo Technical Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting - Actions & Decisions

Meeting name: Canoe Polo
 Location: teleconference

Date: 14 September 2016

Attendees:

Ian Beasley	Ian Hume	Matt Moore
Donald Leigh	Stephen Gibson	Rob Watson
Anthea Courtney		

Apologies:

John Moore		
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Item	Minutes	Status Update	Who	Date Due
1	Welcome	Ian welcomed all to the teleconference.		
2	2016 World Championship Report	<p>Matt gave a run-down of the lead up competitions and training sessions that the team attended before heading to Syracuse. The Australian men's team came 15th in the overall competition. Our team had four debutante players, with the retirement or unavailability of six previous players and two players who were injured.</p> <p>Matt had some comments and ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the team was upbeat and enjoyed the championships. Although not achieving a stronger final ranking, there is a new awareness of the high standards set at an international level. our players took a lot from the experience, which will hold them in good stead preparing for 2018 pre-competitions in France, Belgium and Italy were challenging but a rewarding preparation for the championships competing against NZ is not enough competition training for us a development team should go to Europe more often, and more cheaply Asian teams also travel to Europe each year we should be planning for the 2018 worlds now AC should consider a combined Oceania/Asian competition to provided wider competition experience. <p>Congratulations to John, Matt and the team for a successful and rewarding tour.</p>		
3	Women's Development	<p>Jen Stevens approached Steve Gibson to run a training camp in November.</p> <p>The women are struggling with numbers at an elite level.</p> <p>There is a need to get clubs actively promoting women's polo.</p> <p>Ian and Matt will get together on the pathway through the sport, organisation of clubs and performance club proposal.</p>	Ian	Dec16
4	Men's development	<p>Matt touched on this earlier. Look at bigger picture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify problems have a stronger national league good organisation – need a high performance manager incentives for clubs to compete against each other and compete in the Asian championships as a club team 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding package for clubs – new members to boost numbers • U/21 squad train with the senior squad at training camps • 21 nominations were received for the senior team, which bodes well for the future • Matt will continue as coach for the next 2 years • Oceania application forms need to be out asap • Qld juniors want to know which selection events they need to attend • Anthea to email Ian B the current selection policy • Ballarat school students playing polo. Former Geelong CC president has got the Ballarat CC up and running. • hold a national training camp in Ballarat in summer? • talk to Canoe Vic re getting organisation of competition happening in Ballarat. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Ian</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anthea</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30Oct16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15Sep16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov16</p>
5	Training/Development Camp	<p>Donald – Qld training camp on 8/9 October at the beginning of the season. seven players from ACT attending (Louise Gates and six juniors)</p> <p>Matt Moore and Erin Bolton are coaches for this camp. If more than 25 participants, then there will be the need for a third coach.</p> <p>Funding of \$1,000 has been sought by Qld CP to help run this event. Is this a QC training camp or an AC training camp? QC to raise an invoice to AC for the \$1,000 \$50 per person has been charged for the camp. The state should chip in, then come to AC Polo for a 'top up' It is important that budget be submitted (20 x \$50 = 1,000, ACP \$1,000 = income of \$2,000, less two flights @ \$650 each, less \$600 for catering, leaves a surplus of \$100, which is to be returned to ACP). Organise locally, advertise nationally.</p> <p>Need to be consistent with development camp entry fees Be realistic about the fixed costs Grass roots polo or elite players camp and charge accordingly What is the development camp strategy and who are our target players? Where are we now and where do we want to be? Develop a grass roots plan and an elite plan for camps. Matt and Ian B will get together and write a document as a plan for camps and publish on the AC website.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Donald</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donald</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ian/Matt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30Sep16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30Sep16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feb17</p>
6	Enquiry from Peter Cooke	<p>Peter is the president of the Springfield/Centenary CC. He emailed Ian B questioning the organisation and position of canoe polo in Aust. IB replied in writing. Peter also emailed Cam Butler in NZ, asking him why NZ did much better than Australia at the world champs. Cameron observed that Aus polo is not as strong as they used to be.</p> <p>Steve G said that Aus doesn't have a long term plan. AC should be giving clubs the assistance to get people interested in canoeing. We need a 5 year plan addressing the sport. How do we do it and how do we get there? NZ took active approach to this and appointed a paid manager to coordinate efforts. Steve G's appointment as NZ women's coach was part of the plan. NZ is now reaping the benefits of the planning.</p>		

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		<p>There is a need for a part time paid position to pull polo together Australia wide. This doesn't need to be a polo person, just someone with good administration skills. What would we pay them and where to we get the money from to pay them? Employed by AC. This could be a part position with another AC part position.</p> <p>Prepare a long term plan and funding proposal and submit to Greg Doyle. Investigate potential government grants to support a paid position. Australian Sports Commission have more funding to be released.</p> <p>Ian to prepare a job description for a paid position. Ilan will draft and send to committee and also Steve Gibson and Ian Hume for comment.</p>	Ian	28Feb17
7	National school's competition	<p>Ten schools in Tas are currently playing. CV is talking to 25 schools. Scott Polley in SA is liaising with schools. Advertise to schools in the next four weeks that we are running a national schools' competition in 12 months.</p>		
8	National Competition	<p>The date chosen by Victoria doesn't suit Qld. There needs to be discussion between states for suitable dates. Ilan to talk to Dale Tomlinson re possibly changing dates.</p>	Ian	30Sep16
9	AC Awards	Several deserving people have been nominated.		
10	Summary	<p>Listen to what Gibbo said about forward planning, he is looking forward to seeing the plan. Have a strong financial plan – value for \$ Organisation of nationals now for 2018, who wants to host? Defined pathways in the plan. Events organised long term. Selection policy in a timely manner. Marathon has strong planning in place – Donald to ask Jerry Dunn to forward a copy of their plan to Ian B.</p>	Donald	30Oct16
13	Future meetings	Dates for future meetings are: December 7 2016, March 1 2017, June 7 2017.		