

Minutes of Committee of Management Meeting held by teleconference, 13th May 2020

Present via teleconference: President Kyle French, Senior Vice President Angus Young, Secretary Janet Stockel, Treasurer Sharon Hancock. **Absent:** Patron Robin Cruikshank

President Kyle French opened the meeting at 7.50pm.

July State Titles

1. We received correspondence from Toowoomba Association advising that their COM have held a meeting and have made the decision not to host the July Championships, as they believe that it will still be a vulnerable time for their members. Government regulations at this time are still not clear as to where we will be at that time. Toowoomba is happy to host a re-scheduled Championships, perhaps in September.

President Kyle suggested that the last weekend in August might be a possibility, given we would normally be away at Nationals then. He did not want to clash with Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers weekend, assuming they are still looking at having that weekend.

Ultimately, we cannot set a date until Government restrictions allow indoor gathering of over 100 people. According to the Governments "Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions" STAGE 3 is slated to begin on 10th July. At that time a maximum of 100 people will be permitted to gather and community sports can re-start, although it will still require physical distancing and 4 square metres per person when indoors.

It was suggested that for State Championships we might consider regional playoffs, and the regional winners then play off at a location large enough to have perhaps only 8 widely spaced carpets to determine the state winners. This could only be done with singles or pairs, as triples and fours would have too many people at each end of the mat.

One issue with this format is that some people make up teams with people from outside their own association, sometimes from preference, sometimes from necessity.

2. July Meeting

There was some discussion regarding the options of how a delegates meeting can be held.

At previous meetings we discussed holding the meeting via ZOOM and delaying the Restricted Event.

Quorum

(extracted from Constitution, rule 22.1)

At any general meeting the number of delegates and office bearers required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of office bearers presently on the Management Committee plus one.

THEREFORE: Committee currently is 5 elected members, so double that plus 1 = 11.

(extracted from Constitution, rule 22.3)

If we hold the meeting and fail to get a quorum the meeting is to be adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Management Committee may determine.

At this time we still feel the ZOOM meeting would be the best option. We must still consider our duty of care, and our general membership is in the older age bracket. Easing of Government restrictions might change by our next meeting.

Another option is that we can send out a postal vote to the associations asking them to vote on whether or not we hold the meeting at all. It would need to be a postal vote without dissent, so that if even one association says to hold the meeting, then we have to.

Alternatively we could ask about deferring the meeting until possibly the first weekend in September. If restrictions have been sufficiently lifted at the time, we would have enough time to choose to play a Championships in October, be it the normal events for October, or to re-schedule some of the May events, particularly the junior ones.

It was also commented that at some stage we will be able to decide on an event we can play, and at that time people may want some input into what we do.

Perhaps we should send out a survey regarding the July meeting, proposing an alternative date either later in July, August or September and requesting that all association respond with either a yes or not as to whether they would send delegates to the meeting. We could also request that if anyone has any specific questions they send them in writing for inclusion on an agenda. We would need to set a response date.

3. Events

It was felt that the main point of discussion at a meeting would be what events, if any, we will be able to hold before the end of the year. People could be keen enough to get out and about that we may be able to schedule events each month for the later part of the year, and thereby fit in a number of our events.

Distancing restrictions would mean that we might only play singles or pairs until restrictions are further lifted, we would need additional spacing between mats, and look at using bowls with different coloured rings within each team so that each player is not touching bowls being used by other people. We could also have a kitty for each team.

We will have to re-activate the Public Liability insurance before STAGE 2 on 12th June.

We may need to send out a letter to associations advising them that QIBA will not be hosting events at this time, but if associations decide to start to play, they need to remember to maintain social distancing, to allow 4 square metres per person in their venue, hygiene etc.

Clubs and associations should also give some consideration to starting with singles, not with pairs, triples, rinks or fours. Players could also not roll the kitty, just have the skip place the kitty.

It was suggested that we could jumble up the various events from the 3 state championships, starting by playing the various singles games over a weekend – ladies singles and gents singles (May), open singles (October), junior singles (May). This way we can more easily maintain social distancing while still being able to start playing some of our events. We would need to sit down and work out how a schedule for such a weekend. Would we need 2 days or 3? We would be restricted to only about half the usual number of mats we could put down, and that will affect what we can comfortably achieve, as we would have less people in each round so there would be more rounds, and therefore time, required for each event.

We could then move through types of events as the degree of restrictions and safety requirements change, Pairs, then triples then rinks/fours.

Once we get to being able to make decisions about hold events, we may want to invite some sub-committees to attend our COM meeting, for instance Referees to discuss what rules might have to be amended or created under COVID conditions.

4. Next COM meeting

Our next teleconference will be on Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm.

There being no further business, President Kyle thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Janet Stockel
Secretary QIBA Inc.
25th May 2020

Kyle French
President QIBA Inc.

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