

Minutes of Committee of Management Meeting held by teleconference, 3rd June 2020

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

President Kyle French opened the meeting at 7.37pm.

Report on AIBBC Committee Meeting, 25th May 2020

TRIAL FORMAT

1. As per the request from the previous AIBBC meeting, we submitted a proposal regarding how to select the next Australian Squad and Team. The proposal was for teams of 14 interested players from each state playing a format similar to the current Trans-Tasman International Match. This way the Selectors would be able to see people playing, rather than picking based on reputation.

Our proposal was not successful, the format agreed to for the trials is:

- Nominations for National Squad to open on 15th July
- Individual nominations to go to State Secretary who will forward to National Secretary
- To nominate, an individual must have EITHER:
 - Played in the National Championships hosted in Mount Gambier, August 2019
 - Been a member of the 2018/19 National Squad, and trialled at Mounties in Jan 2019
- The National Selection Committee has the capacity to invite individuals to trial who do not meet these criteria but demonstrate outstanding performance and merit an invitation under section 3.3 of the AIBBC Selection Policy.
- The number of individuals to make up the squad is flexible depending on the requirements of the selectors, with no minimum or maximum number.
The selection panel shall consult with the COM if wishing to invite more than 32 players, as this shall be dependent on the facilities available
- Nomination close date has not been set at this stage

Angus indicated that the feeling of the meeting was that wherever the trials end up being held, then that may well also be where the International Match is held.

Whilst our proposal was not successful, the AIBBC COM and Delegates liked the proposed format as a potential additional event to the AIBBC calendar for 2020 as a replacement for the normal Nationals, if a safe event can be facilitated in line with national and state government guidelines regarding restrictions. November is the proposed date. Delegates were asked to take back to their states to consider interest in hosting the event.

Angus said he had indicated that Queensland would be a good destination to combine with a holiday at the same time, potentially at Caloundra or Toowoomba.

It was queried if the AIBBC would be putting any money towards the Nationals replacement event.

We will generate potential budgets to look at next meeting for both a Trial format and Nationals replacement format. With only 12 carpets required, Burke St at Caloundra, or Annand St at Toowoomba would be suitably sized venues, and both venues have their own catering facilities.

We will generate a potential budget for the hosting of the International.

MAT SPACING FOR NATIONALS

We sent a letter in regarding carpet spacing because in 2018 we got into trouble for not having enough spacing between the carpets. They had initially been set up with 500mm between, with 2 rows of carpets. We were told it was not enough and had to increase the spacing and go to three rows. Now they are saying that the minimum has been 450mm for some time.

This is an extract from the AIBBC minutes 25th May 2020.

It was proposed: That the specified minimum space between mats be set at 450mm, but the AIBBC COM recommends 700mm as a guideline.

If there are a number of individuals participating with wheelchairs or walkers, then the host state is taking on the responsibility that there may be some people who are walking on the mat.

There is already facility within the Laws of the sport that provision should be made for players with a disability. Moved: VIC Seconded: TAS

2. Confirmation of minutes

Previous Minutes

*Robin Cruikshank moved the Minutes from the **Committee of Management meeting 22nd April 2020** be accepted as read. Seconded Sharon Hancock. Motion Carried*

Previous Minutes

*Janet Stockel moved the Minutes from the **Committee of Management meeting 13th May 2020** be accepted as read. Seconded Robin Cruikshank. Motion Carried*

3. Insurance

Now that COVID restrictions have been eased to Stage 2, some clubs are looking to restart. We will need to put the Public Liability insurance policy back in place.

Restrictions will be eased to Stage 3 on 10th July, so we should be able to start planning events.

President Kyle will draft a general release to go out to everyone.

4. Delegates Meeting

With Stage 3 coming up, we should be able to hold a Delegates meeting in person, so long as we comply with distancing regulations. Distancing means it will require more space than usual.

COM discussed holding the meeting over until the first weekend in August instead of July. At that time, we should be able to do both the meeting and the Restricted event so long as we have a hall of sufficient size.

Fassifern Association was the designated venue for July but did advise they were not able to get a hall for both days. Nambour Association is next on the Roster. Janet advised that the Nambour hall would not be big enough to put down 2 rows of carpets with the appropriate spacing and suggested that Nambour could host the weekend at Caloundra, so long as Caloundra is willing to rent Nambour the hall. Janet will contact Caloundra. Fassifern would take next years position on the Roster instead. If Nambour is unable to rent Burke St, they will try Toowoomba.

At the AGM it was moved to have the meeting at 1pm on Saturday, with bowls on Sunday at 8.30am. This was moved, seconded and carried. If we can hold it at Caloundra we might need to schedule the meeting earlier so we don't run into Bingo (assuming it has restarted). Otherwise we would have to see if the back hall is large enough. We will need to see if Caloundra has enough carpets. Kyle said Brisbane could bring 2 carpets if required.

5. Website

President Kyle has been in contact with Site n Stores.

The person he had been liaising with is no longer with them, so they have not been receiving Kyles messages. "Red Membership" is the hosting and support, emails are extra.

Janet will get a quote for moving the website to another host.

6. National Championships – discussion for one division

We have put this to the AIBBC a number of times over the years, but always got knocked back.

It would need several events added to bring team sizes up to 34-38 people.

It could mean that we go back to only 4 games, unless everyone plays everyone else twice.

It was commented that if the 'mini nationals' event is played in November, and everyone likes it, it could be a starting point for a bigger discussion on the nationals in general.

President Kyle will draft a proposal and send out.

7. Nationals Sponsorship

We held a brief discussion on sponsorship. Janet will re-send out the information for next meeting.

8. Next COM meeting

Our next teleconference will be on Sunday 5th July 2020 at 10.30am.

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

*Janet Stockel
Secretary QIBA Inc.
14th June 2020*

*Kyle French
President QIBA Inc.*