

Minutes of Committee of Management Meeting held by ZOOM, 11th June 2021

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

President Angus Young opened the meeting at 7.10pm.

1. RESTRICTED PAIRS:

Nambour could not get a suitable venue and have passed this onto Dalby Association after first speaking with Dulcie Casey to ensure it was possible for them to hire the Hall.

Dulcie advised the PCYC could be booked, but we would have to be out of the venue by 9.30pm.

Janet asked if we could have the bowls at the PCYC and the meeting at the Uniting Church as we could not guarantee we would be done by 9.30. Dulcie has arranged to book the Church hall and the PCYC.

2. COMPULSORY PRACTICE:

Janet will talk to Gympie about hiring their hall.

We will need to talk to Toowoomba about arranging to have the photo done there as they have a stage.

3. TOOWOOMBA:

We need to take to Toowoomba to check they are still okay to host the First Compulsory Practice and the July Championships.

4. NATIONALS:

We have received 4 letters expressing concern:

Caloundra Association, Selectors, Ros Richter, the Weir family.

- Concerns for personal health
- Cannot afford additional cost or time if mandatory quarantining on coming back to Queensland
- Current restrictions in Victoria do not allow for an indoor event the size of our Nationals
- Kaylene knows of several people who have said they will not be accepting their position due to COVID concerns in Victoria
- Ros Richter said with present situation, she would not travel to Victoria
- Calls for QIBA to ask the Team Members their feelings on the situation and whether they intent to travel to Victoria
- Calls to contact AIBBC to let them know the views of the Queensland members

We do need to gauge who will and won't go. We do need to get a response from all players to enable us to make a decision how to vote at the AIBBC meeting. We can't call a special meeting of players as it would be irresponsible to bring players from across the state in the current COVID conditions.

There is an AIBBC meeting at the end of the month to discuss Nationals. We will get a **questionnaire** out to players so we have something to make decisions on at the AIBBC meeting.

5. PLAYER QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. Are you currently intending to travel to Victoria in August for the Nationals?

- (a) YES, I am going no matter what
- (b) NO, I am definitely not going
- (c) I am undecided at this time

_____ **PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER** _____ a _____ b _____ c

(d) Have you had the COVID vaccination? Yes ___ No ___

We cannot force people to commit to saying more than that they intent to go because if things get worse everyone has the right to decide not to go. The quarantine situation is a variable, and no-one will know if they can get to Victoria until the last minute. If nationals proceed, if restrictions allow it, how we feel about it is irrelevant, we either send a team or we don't.

Angus has talked to Ian Ogilvie, and the feeling in NSW is that a lot of people don't want to go. Kyle said that he has spoken to Anne Draffen unofficially, at this time it is still proceeding, but that was before the current situation here.

Angus said his gut feeling is that it quite likely won't go ahead. Victoria's hand may be forced, particularly if SA, NSW and Qld end up with teams that are decimated. How could Victoria and Tasmania possibly fill that many extra positions?

SUMMARY

- (a) QIBA is aware of the current COVID situation in Victoria and is monitoring it closely.
- (b) QIBA understand that everyone has concerns and will keep people informed.
- (c) In light of the recent outbreaks we remain ready to make the necessary decisions for both the state team and the upcoming state events.
- (d) We will circulate a questionnaire to gauge team members feelings on travelling to nationals
- (e) We will be using the results of that questionnaire to guide us for the AIBBC meeting
- (f) We are doing it by correspondence as we feel that calling a meeting at this time would be financially impractical to many members, and not in the best health interests of members.
- (g) If players do choose to pull out, they will not be penalised.
- (h) The AIBBC will be meeting in coming weeks to discuss the Nationals and QIBA COM will discuss the results of that meeting and the results of the questionnaire.
- (i) Ultimately it is up to every individual to make their own choice to go or not go if the Nationals do proceed as scheduled.
- (j) QIBA will respect whatever decision everyone makes.

6. QIBA EVENTS:

Restricted Pairs and meeting is 3 weeks away.

Do we proceed regardless of the COVID situation? We cancelled events last year that could probably have proceeded, so we should just push ahead and only cancel last minute if necessary.

For the meeting we have to ensure the chairs are kept apart and not moved together by delegates as happened at Caloundra.

7. July Championships is 6 weeks away.

We will propose to the July meeting that we do the draw on the day. If we have a blank draw sheet, and the cards pre-printed with team names, we than only have to add team numbers and mat numbers when the drawn is done. Maybe 30 minutes required.

SHARON to bring raffle tickets. Food will be BYO.

8. SELECTORS must be able to attend the Nationals (travelling Selectors motion).

If some Selectors don't go, then they would have to resign as Selector so we can elect new Selectors to choose a reduced team.

9. Next COM meeting

Date proposed – 27th July, if possible in person at Caloundra.

There being no further business, President Angus thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Janet Stockel
Secretary QIBA Inc.
14th June 2021

Angus Young
President QIBA Inc.