

Minutes of Committee of Management Meeting held, 18th December 2022, Caloundra

Present: President Kyle French, Secretary Janet Stockel, Treasurer Sharon Hancock, JVP Max Evans.

Apologies: Patron Robin Cruikshank, Senior Vice President Angus Young

President Kyle French opened the meeting at 10.00am.

1. TREASURERS REPORT

Sharon Hancock moved her report be accepted as read, seconded Max Evans Motion Carried

2. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Secretary Janet received a phone call on Monday 12th December from the Caloundra Indoor Stadium advising that the Council has scheduled work to replace the roof on the stadium. The works period has been scheduled from June through to end of September. Our booking is one of 12 that have been cancelled. Steve Gurr was very apologetic and said that he had spoken to both the University and the Currimundi Recreation Facility to advise them they could be getting some calls.

Secretary Janet advised the COM of this on Monday and started looking for alternatives.

There will be references throughout these minutes as topics arise and a full discussion in general business.

3. MINUTES

Delegates meeting, 5th November 2022

3.1 Nationals: Carmel Blyth had been speaking with someone from Apex about running the bar and bbq, however Carmel has since notified Janet that Apex has said that as most of their members worked it would not be possible. The catering and bar now cannot be progressed until we have confirmed a new venue.

3.2 Sponsorship Letter to Council: no response received as yet.

3.3 AGM: will be held first weekend in March.

3.4 Nationals: the Caloundra Stadium had agreed that the farewell dinner format as done by Tasmania was fine for us to do there. This now cannot be progressed until we have confirmed a new venue.

Janet has started emailing and phoning with University of the Sunshine Coast & Morayfield Sports Centre. The Currimundi Recreation Facility currently has one basketball court and is in the process of building 2 additional indoor spaces, however they are not scheduled to be completed until at least May, and that is dependent on no delays caused by weather or materials shortages. Without completed facilities it is not feasible to consider it as an option, although it could be a possibility in 2028 as they have onsite accommodation for approximately 400 people.

3.5. FEES AND EXPENSES

At the November meeting only fees were moved. Honorariums, traveling expenses and restricted hosting expenses to be set at the AGM.

After some discussion *COM moved to put a motion to the AGM that honorariums, traveling expenses and restricted hosting expenses to be set at the November meeting also.* *Motion carried.*

4. COMPULSORY PRACTICE FORMAT

This year, with the approval of the Chairperson of Selectors, the fours teams were rolled into the triples for the practices.

It was proposed that we have one weekend as usual and change the other weekend. One proposal was grouping people into 5's, then playing a single and a four in one round then a pair and a triple in the next. The group decides who plays what. This could be beneficial to juniors especially, as they can get some guidance from more experienced players. **This will be put on the agenda for discussion in March.**

5. OCTOBER CHAMPIONSHIPS

We need to look at why the October nominations are not as good as they could be.

Is it the format? When we play at Pittsworth, would we get more nominations from the Toowoomba region if we were playing small bowls? That would change where we could play, as the town hall does not fit enough 30' carpets. If we continue with 4 ¾" bowls then do we need to look at alternative locations? Do we not have the separate ladies and gents events and only do open? All suggestions welcome. [This will be put on the agenda for discussion in March.](#)

6. GALA WEEKEND

There was a proposal put forward for an alternative format. [It will be added to the agenda for March.](#)

7. TEAM UNIFORMS

There was some discussion at the November meeting about getting quotes for updating the team uniform. Max has done some research and has price lists from several sources. Prices for polo shirts are \$40 approx depending on quantity ordered. Suppliers also have jackets, vest, trousers, shorts etc.

8. RESTRICTED EVENTS

With reducing numbers of teams being nominated for restricted events, do we need to look at changing the format to encourage more associations to nominate, and to also come to the meetings?

The singles could be open rather than ladies and gents. Or even cease the Restricted events in favour of a 4 or 5 game day instead? Alternatively, the events from the October weekend could be spread across the 3 meeting weekends and something different could be played in October. All suggestions welcome. At the July meeting it was moved & carried that if there were 5 or less teams a round robin be played. [This will be put on the agenda for discussion in March.](#)

9. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

As stated at the start of the minutes, we have been forced in to looking for a new venue for Nationals as the roof of the Caloundra stadium is going to be replaced. Our booking was cancelled by Council.

9.1 Morayfield Sports Centre

They have a building that has 2 sides, one side has 3 courts, the other side has 2 courts plus a multi-purpose space. Either side is big enough for our requirements. They have not got back to me with cost, but the week we want is not available.

9.2 Clippers Basketball Stadium

They have 3 courts, the space looks excellent. However the basketball season does not finish until end of school term 15th September. We cannot get a booking before that. It is 4 weeks after the normal week, there is no way we would be allowed to push the dates that far. It would also affect accommodation, as it would be school holidays.

9.3 Currimundi Recreation Facility

They currently have one court and while it has a lot of space around it, it is not enough to get all the carpets down. They are building 2 additional indoor spaces, however they are not expected to finish until at least May. Any delays (weather or materials) and it is unknown how long it could push to.

9.4 University of the Sunshine Coast

Initially USC has given us a quote for hire of 2 of the 3 courts. Secretary Janet has told them that we definitely require all 3 courts. They are trying to contact some of the academics who have already started the Christmas break, as some of them hold classes in the stadium.

Our original booking at Caloundra was for 8 days, for approximately \$18,500.

USC has quoted for the same 8 days at a cost of \$30,895.80

After some discussion Secretary Janet will request a quote for only 5 days, cutting out the pre-tournament, and the setup and cleanup days. Setup will have to be early on the first day, unless we

arrange for a few hours the day before competition starts. Cleanup would have to happen after the closing ceremony.

Also, some exams start that week and they use the stadium. We may need to look at either the week before or the week after as alternative dates. We will need to go look at the stadium. Worst case scenario is that we hand it over for another state to host, but other states will have similar time issues we are having.

So far USC seems like it might be the best option despite the cost, but we will need to find out what catering and bar options there are, and if the farewell junction can be held there. There is no accommodation at Sippy Downs where USC is located. Teams will have to stay at Caloundra, Kawana, Mooloolaba or Maroochydore.

We will need to talk to AIBBC about what leeway we can have to change the schedule. We will call Secretary Anne after the meeting today and follow-up with an email. We will have another meeting in January once we have more information from venues and AIBBC.

Our projected budget will have to be amended once we have settled on a venue and have more details.

9.5 Civic Reception

It seems that the civic reception is now optional. That being the case, we should consider not having it. We may not have time for it, and there is also the cost.

9.6 Farewell Function

Until we know where the new venue is we cannot do anything further about the farewell function.

There being no further business, President Kyle thanked everyone for attending and closed at 11.20pm.

Janet Stockel
Secretary QIBA Inc.
22nd December 2022

Kyle French
President QIBA Inc.

Discussion with Secretary Anne, AIBBC

We advised Anne of the booking cancellation, and that we are looking in at options. We asked how much leeway we might have as to dates, and if we can't host how soon AIBBC would need to know to give another state a chance to organise something. This a big event to pull together at the last minute.

Some states will have already booked accommodation, so a date change will affect them, and possibly location of accommodation.

A week before or after should be doable, more than that could cause issues.

Anne suggested the possibility of several smaller venues. This could create issues with having enough umpires and having to change the schedule so teams are not playing in 2 venues on one day.

Anne will send out an email to other states and COM advising of our situation and that we are working on it. AIBBC is having a meeting 15th January, if we are able to update everyone at that time. QLD COM will have a meeting 10th January to update where we are at.