



11. State Director of Umpiring's Report: Moved: Paul McGrath Seconded: Chris Sillitoe
 12. State Director of Coaching's Report: Moved: Mike Williams Seconded: Chris Franklin
 13. State Director Youth Development Moved: James Bredhauer Seconded: Stewart Neal
James will continue to be a point of contact for the New Zealand Tour in January 2018
 14. Women's Committee Chair: Moved: Penny Kelly Seconded: Stewart Neal
 15. State Director of Horse Welfare: Moved: Justin Hafey Seconded: Trent Collins
 16. Policy & Procedure Report: Moved: Louie Raiteri Seconded: Bill Kerr
- All reports as per reports.**

Charlie; Congratulations and thanks to MC for their effort during the year and on all reports. Congratulations to Penny on getting the Optus tower renewal and the best option possible.

Special Business

1. Election of Office Bearers:
Scrutineers Nominations:
James Bredhauer Seconded: Les Fraser
Rodney Geppert Seconded: Stewart Neal
Kylie Myers Seconded: Melissa Moore
Denise Clarke Seconded: Ben Byriel
 - i. Patron – Nomination from the floor
Les Fraser Nominated Howard Hobbs Seconded: Stewart Neal
Declared as Patron unopposed.
 - ii. President two (2) year term
Christine Franklin – unopposed. Declared by Charlie Brook outgoing President.
Vote of thanks from John Knights and Lou Raiteri to Charlie for his time as President.

Acceptance speech of Christine Franklin new QPA President. Extended thanks to Charlie and his time at QPA. Glad to see such a big attendance at the meeting. Would like to get a 75% rate of club attendance to Annual General Meetings in the future. Looking at ways to increase player numbers. Please approach Management Committee if you have something to raise. Good luck to the Nationals players and a big year ahead.
 - iii. Management Committee four (4) positions declared vacant as per rotating two (2) year term
55 people eligible to vote. 9 postal votes.
Voting cards completed by the delegates attending the meeting.

New management members duly elected.
Bill Kerr
Mirella O'Sullivan
Louie Raiteri
John Knights



Rationale:

Following discussions the Gold Coast Club believes that the QPA members no longer have a say on who can go into the selectors' positions and feel it is important that the members be able to vote and have a choice in this process.

We feel that currently, because the QPA Club members are not afforded the ability to vote and elect the state selectors, nominees maybe overlooked who the clubs feel will do the best job possible. We feel it is important that the members can vote and have a choice in who fills the positions.

The changes attached are designed to allow for a neutral, unbiased manner in the selection process by allowing the club delegate to vote in the Senior and Junior selectors from the nominees.

Discussions were held regarding the for and against of the motion from the floor.

As this is a constitutional change, there requires 75% of the vote to pass the motion.

Motion 1: Was defeated. Did not get 75%.

Motion 2: Gold Coast Received: 07/11/2017

Motion:

State players under the age of 21 are only eligible for selection outside of their age division when there is no competition for that division.

Rationale:

We believe this will see Queensland winning in more divisions at National level and it is important for the development of our players. When players go up to other divisions it seems to have a trickle effect down the line and in past Nationals these teams have suffered.

Discussions were held regarding the for and against of the motion from the floor.

Motion 2: Defeated by votes.

Motion 3: Gold Coast Club Received: 09/11/2017

Motion:

The Gold Coast Club moves that the QPA Constitution 22.13 be changed to read as follows:

Term of appointment:

22.13 All Selectors elected under this clause 22 shall be elected for a two (2) year term. Subject to provisions in this Constitution relating to earlier retirement or removal of Selectors, elected Selectors shall remain in office from the conclusion of the AGM at which the election occurred until the commencement of the second AGM following.

The proposed change is to allow selectors to have a two year term.



Rationale:

The two year term will allow selectors to watch players compete and demonstrate their playing ability in the lead up to the Nationals year and the same selectors can then follow through the next year with their selections for Nationals.

This also allows then to fall into line with the QPA executive and councillors.

Mike Williams withdrew the nomination of the motion as it is not valid after motion 1 defeated.
Seconded: Chris Franklin.

Motion 4: Gold Coast Club

Received: 09/11/2017

Motion:

That the QLD state polocrosse championships be held in July in 2019 on a weekend to be chosen by the management committee.

Rationale:

The polocrosse season has been extended earlier, with many horse in work for Barastoc or Albury from February. It is anticipated carnivals will still be held through until September, however it will allow players to start younger horses for the last few carnivals of the year and shorten the season for many representative team horses.

Discussions were held regarding the for and against of the motion from the floor.

Motion 4: Defeated by vote.

Motion 5: Gold Coast Club

Received: 09/11/2017

Motion:

That all motions with regard to pool teams at the State Championships be rescinded and that teams for the State Championships be accepted with due regard to the rule book.

Rationale:

Many clubs in QLD cannot fill full teams when travelling some distance to the State Championships, and choose not to play in a pool competition which is normally very uneven in grades. This last year we had teams such as Quilpie and Thargomindah treated as second class because they did not have full sides. A team from Albury played as a made up side in a competition which was very uneven. We should encourage all players to attend and enjoy the State Championships and except the risk that a team with borrowed players may beat your team. The down side is far outweighed by the overall benefit to our sport with participation by all who wish to attend. The rule book is quite specific about borrowed players and should be administered by the umpiring committee to minimise manipulation. We have removed the pool teams in the junior competition, and it is now time to do it for all grades.

Discussions were held regarding the for and against of the motion from the floor.

Motion 5: Approved Won by vote.



Motion 6: Gold Coast Club

Received: 09/11/2017

Motion: That the competitions to be played at State Championships be: Open, Women's and Junior

Rationale:

To encourage more Women's competition we should play that grade at the State Championship.

Discussions were held regarding the for and against of the motion from the floor.

Motion 6: Won by vote.

Motion 7: Gold Coast

Received: 09/11/2017

Motion:

That team nominations including players names and overall team grading be made available either electronically or by posting manually at each carnival before play commences.

Rationale:

This information is easily available from the database as should be made available for transparency.

Discussions were held regarding the for and against of the motion from the floor.

Mike Williams withdrew motion. Seconded: Chris Franklin

Christine thanked the scrutineers for their effort.

7. State Club Championships 2019 - location and date
Nomination from Wandoan Club for a September date.
Paul Erbacher: Everyone knows the fields, looking for a full time caretaker, doing an upgrade to the canteen. Please forward suggestions.
Christine declares the 2019 championships will be at Wandoan.
8. Zone Championships 2019 – expression of interest
MC Working on a new format of a State Tournament, not ready as yet still in discussion. Hope to have a draft ready by AGM next year or earlier. Will be a club grouping, rather than a current zone. 5 clubs with equal number of players and grades, to allow for a more even competition. Lots of talk over 10 years, and MC looking to provide a trial proposal for 2018 AGM. Will still have all divisions – Open, Intermediate, Junior, Sub Junior.

Cunningham interested. Bill Kerr nominated Seconder Murray Sturgess Chinchilla

Tansey Interested. Trent Collins nominated Seconder Chris Sillitoe Tansey

Ballot held for expression of interest in 2019 Zone Championships between Cunningham and Tansey.

Tansey declared the winner by ballot.



Denise Clarke moves motion that the ballot papers be destroyed. Seconded by Penny Kelly

General Business

Sister Club: Paul McGrath

Been a lot of enquiry from players from far north and outback to come and play with other sides. This is not about stacking teams it's a player development. Would be split into 2 zones, South East, Leichhardt & Capricornia to be one. The rest for the other. This is one sister club for the season. The umpire committee needs to be consulted and approve the arrangement prior to the close of the nominations. It's not for state champs or interstate playing. It would be a trial for 12 months.

This is to improve opportunities to be seen by selectors and to play in appropriate level of play rather than a pool competition. To play at an appropriate level. It's an agreement from the start of the season so there is no surprises during the season. And provided it is through zone and state umpire and approved before. Not for team stacking to win games, a development opportunity.

Peta to send out guidelines to all club secretaries and presidents when Paul has got guidelines drawn up.

A new uniform committee of Mike Williams, Sydnee Johnson and Kate Davison. The uniform has needed an update due to the lack of availability of fabric and patterns. Uniform will now have a navy skirt/pant/slack, a white shirt and black shoes. The blazer to stay the same. A scarf has been designed and is very striking. All uniform items have a code and readily available across Queensland from uniform shops. A very striking uniform, more modern. Uniform requirements to be sent out from the office, with codes and styles.

Charlie Brook spoke on the First Aid for carnivals: A minimum standard needs to be set for Queensland and sent to the PAA so an Australian standard can be created. Currently the PAA doesn't fit the Queensland needs. Currently looking at Queensland ambulance services, or where not available, a service that meets a minimum standard. Without that minimum standard it won't be able to run. Discussions were held regarding the minimum standard and costs involved with the different services available in areas.

Peta to send a letter to all clubs about what they use and the cost.

Charlie Brook spoke on Transparency: Letter was received from Wandoan, Calliope, Bauhinia in relation to transparency. Had a meeting with the Wandoan club yesterday and was a good meeting and good outcomes. Meeting minutes are available for all members in the state. Communication on what is available has lapsed a little. But if you want anything, just contact the office and ask.

State of Umpiring: Paul McGrath does a huge amount of work after carnivals. How many clubs talk to umpires about standards set when walking onto the field. Umpire meetings are not well attended when held. Club presidents need to do more with their umpires to ensure a better level of umpiring. We have had a suggestions to hold regular presidents meetings between the QPA president and all of the club presidents to discuss issues.

Discussions held regarding how improvements could be made with regard to umpiring of games.



John Mullins spoke regarding Kaihoe club has asked for juniors to come back and forward between Australia and New Zealand and looking to make a regular thing. To play against the NZ development side. Invitation from president of Kaihoe club to make it happen. NZ has children wanting to play at Chinchilla also. Multiple interactions with teenage kids who play polocrosse all over the world. Billeting and horses available for those children. Will be a couple of Australian parents over there to keep an eye on the children.

Clubs are finding it difficult to find auditors and the cost is high.
Christine said we can look into it and possibly to get a bulk deal at a central auditor.

Reminder that we are trying to get sponsorship for the Nationals. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sponsoring the QPA for Nationals as the goal is \$30,000.00

Discussion held on the possibility for new management committee nominations, that people have the opportunity to speak about themselves and why they want the position.

Next AGM date and location: Saturday 8 December 2018

Toowoomba location. Moved by Murray Sturgess:

Seconded: Les Fraser.

Close Closing Address – President

Thank you to those who have been nominated that were successful in positions and also those who were not successful. Thank you again to the scrutineers. Thank you for your attendance and look forward to seeing you tonight.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm