



International **Quidditch** Association

IQA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 15 March 2020

Start time 20:00 UTC - 22:15 UTC

Minutes: Betsy Lewin-Leigh

Attendance

Voting members

- Albert (Trustee)
- Alex (Trustee) (Left 21:30) (Joined 21:40)
- Austin Wallace (Trustee, Chair)
- Rahel Liviero (Trustee, Vice-Chair)
- Betsy (Trustee, Secretary)
- Pauline (Trustee)
- David (Trustee) (Left 21:30)
- Borja (Trustee) (Left at 22:00)
- Kym (Trustee) (left 20:40)

Observers

- Mary (USQ) (Left 21:05)

Apologies

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Covid-19 and World Cup

Pauline and Mary have met to discuss this already. Next steps include the joint statement that was released yesterday. The situation is changing very quickly and day to day. I.e. New Zealand and Europe changing their borders and the US changing its travel bans. Concern is more around teams being able to plan for July. Economic disruption to be considered, for example individuals struggling to have extra time off and resources to travel and practice in the run up. It's also difficult to make the call early as so much changes so quickly, if it is cancelled and then as the situation develops it would have been possible then the community's reaction will need to be considered.

Recommendations from Pauline and Mary:

 How quickly we move needs to be discussed, possibility of deciding in April after talking with NGBs to see how it would impact them

 With the current risk factors and the dates within all the other NGBs that the event should be postponed by a year. Aware of dates for uni time tables, other NGB events, etc although could be alongside a smaller IQA run event this year in July in Richmond

 NGBs should be fully consulted.

Is Richmond thinking of closing the venue like other parks in the US?

 We are in constant communication with them and as soon as they make that call we will be made aware however at this current point nothing that far into the future has been closed.

 Most closures are between 2 weeks and a month.

 Most event closures are over the next few months and have been rearranged for July / September / August

Austin thinks that travel bans are going to get worse rather than better and that we should reschedule for a year. Alex suggests that we ask NGBs what the latest dates that we could make the decision is so that we have time to see how the situation develops. Pauline thinks if NGBs are asked to decide how early to make a decision then they will ask for it to be as soon as possible. Suggests a google form asking when the decision should be asked, if they would attend this year, if they can attend next year etc. makes the note that we need to decide on a whole for the event and the IQA rather than the NGB that we live in. This decision will impact on the PR for USQ + IQA, the rulebook WC would be covering, the financial implications, etc. Austin says that the only path forward is to outline possible next steps and look at options available and get input on these from NGBs. Austin is concerned that we will not know within the next month what will happen by July with COVID-19, Betsy, Kym, and Albert disagree and say we should know the outcome soon. Alex also makes the point that keeping an eye on China and how the situation develops will be a learning experience for other countries. Alex makes the point that we should ask NGBs to hold back on travel and booking further expenses and discuss with their airline what options are available for cancelation/rebookings. Rahel is concerned that airlines will not be looking that far into the future yet. Austin asks if there is a time that we should make the decision, April 3, April 16, May 1. Pauline and Mary suggest the week of April 10 decision making and April 15 announcement, giving us a few days to prepare the statement and answer possible questions. This time should be around when countries will be deciding future steps and how things will work moving forward. A statement is to be prepared by Pauline and Mary to be presented to the board, this will be sent to NGBs about what we are looking at and considering along with a public statement, a survey will then be sent to NGBs and then the results discussed. Emma Humphrey has also said that her dad is happy to give us advice and works professionally within the field if we would like that. Austin's dad also works within disaster management and is working with the BC gov to deal with this situation. Pauline asks if we should consult with Alistair Humphrey to discuss further, there is a general agreement to do this.

Pauline says we should know when the next dates are around April 10th we are also in a partnership with USQ and cannot make the decision to move to another country without fully discussing with USQ and that it may not be an option to move to another country. Albert says that NGBs are asking why we don't open up a second round of bidding and offer other countries the option to host. Austin makes the point that as we are moving the event and not canceling and running a new event so this is not an option. Pauline asks if the board is happy for her and Mary to focus on the next steps and keep the board informed. Everyone agrees.

- Mary leaves meeting at 21:05 UTC

Pauline asks if the IQA wants to make guidelines to prepare for similar future situations. Betsy and Alex agree.

Alex asks if the IQA wants to make a more aggressive stance on recommending NGBs to postpone events. Betsy thinks this is going to be unnecessary as the NGBs holding large events

will be discussing this themselves. We could encourage NGBs to discuss this with us as well. Pauline points out that we might not have the resources. Austin says the IQA might not have more information about the local situations than the NGB leadership, we can send a message to the NGBs on the members slack offering our advice should they want this. Others agree.

Bank account

“To approve Jorge Alberto Coronado to open bank accounts and sign checks on behalf of IQA Sport, Inc.”

Moved: Alex

Seconded: Austin

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Development Fund

Everything is going to be delayed for Uganda.

Pauline asks if we want to have a conversation with the Dev fund NGBs about delays caused by Covid-19. Albert says he's already talked to Peru and will talk to the other NGBs as well.

Borja has looked into shipping to Uganda as well. He will be continuing this research and coordinate with Albert on this. Alex points out shipping means things can get lost due to local mail systems in various countries. Albert says he's coordinating with John around local pick-up once equipment gets shipped.

Position Elections

Secretary

“To elect Betsy and Pauline as co-secretaries”

Moved: Austin

Seconded: Rahel

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Treasurer

“To elect Borja as treasurer”

Moved: Albert

Seconded: Austin

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Vice-Chair and Chair

“To elect Rahel as Chair”

Moved: Betsy

Seconded: Pauline

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstention: 2

“To elect Austin as Vice-Chair”

Moved: Betsy

Seconded: Alex

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstention: 2

Next meeting

19:00 UTC 29/03/2020