



International **Quidditch** Association

IQA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 08 April 2020

18:00 UTC - 20:30

Minutes: Pauline Raes and Betsy Lewin-Leigh

Attendance

Voting members

- Jorge Alberto Coronado (Trustee)
- Alex Benepe (Trustee) (joined 18:40)(Left 20:15)
- Austin Wallace (Trustee, Vice-Chair)
- Betsy Lewin-Leigh (Trustee, Secretary)
- Borja Arbosa (Trustee, Treasurer) (left 19:20)
- David Jonsson (Trustee)
- Kym Couch (Trustee) (Left 20:00)
- Pauline Raes (Trustee, Secretary)
- Rahel Liviero (Trustee, Chair)

Invitees

- Mary Kimball (US Quidditch Executive Director)(left 19:30)

Apologies

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Confirm Agenda

Initial preferences

An initial poll has been held to see what everyone's thoughts on the event and appropriate steps are going into this meeting. Everyone agrees that the event can't be held in 2020, most Trustees show an initial preference towards 2021, with a couple of Trustees being undecided.

World Cup decision making

Every NGB has some form of containment measures in place although they are all different. 2 NGBs filled the form in twice, these results were collated and the numerical results were averaged if different.

Alberto has a question about which countries/regions have a visa issue as this may impact the next World Cup. Pauline answers question based on survey response.

Mary and Pauline identified 4 possibilities for the event:

1. Cancel the event
2. Postpone the event to a year to be determined later
3. Postpone the event to 2021
4. Postpone the event to 2022

The board continues to discuss the impact of each of the possible scenarios, on the IQA, the event, and the various parties involved, including the members and event partners.

USQ official preference is to postpone to 2021

“To postpone the IQA World Cup 2020 to 2021”

Moved: Rahel

Seconded: Austin

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Next Steps

Complete the announcement copy and approve

Update the COVID-19 and World Cup website page

Pick dates for the event

Picking dates - option to give power to Pauline and USQ to make decisions about the date and discuss with us if there is an issue.

“To give power to Pauline and Mary the ability to decide the date for the 2021 world cup, all trustees have the ability to trigger a vote on this date within 24 hours of the announcement”

Moved: Alberto

Amended: Austin

Seconded: Rahel

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Austin suggests a 2021 Panam games with a development squad from the US and CAN, and having it in South-America specifically for teams who can't go to World Cup. Currently quite a few SA NGBs confirmed for 2020 so this may be a factor. Cost could be an issue for individual players to afford the cost. Concern that it could spur Europe to do the same. Maybe an issue with countries having to choose between this and the World Cup. Something development-wise would be very useful however just may be logistically difficult.

- Mary leaves the meeting at 19:30 UTC

Event Cycle

A 2021 World Cup impacts the rulebook cycle, would want the next world cup to be in 2024 moving the event back to the end of a rulebook cycle and allowing people more time to plan. Would be beneficial for the organizational side of things but less for financials. Could change continental games and how they are set up. Could vary geographical locations for continental games which would be positive. After 2024 what could be the best next steps? Could test with NGBs and take a decision closer to the time when we know more of the future. Taking into account finances and logistics. Alex thinks that the IQA should focus on the rulebook and a perfect World Cup, is a fan of less events that are perfect than more that are not so perfect. Would rather focus on the fundamentals for world cup rather than continental games. Running

continental games one year and not the other in the run-up to the next world cup could be useful to give our volunteers more prep time and to give other people the opportunity to run their own events. A concern could be that NGBs might want an event every year as the IQA currently has minimum other membership perks, as well as NGBs being considerate of the need of development for small NGBs. Alex suggests that if NGBs are concerned we could defer or lower membership fees for the year that there is not an IQA run event. There are concerns regarding IQA finances if we lower or defer membership fees. Pauline suggests asking the NGBs what they think about a gap year and give them the option to give their feedback and opinion. Rahel suggests this could be a good use of the advisory council. Pauline suggests that we could run continental games in one continent and not in another depending on their needs. Betsy suggests a development event for the off-year. Alberto is concerned about the logistical needs as we would have less support from the NGBs. Austin suggests a continental Panam with one being with a partner who does the majority of the work and spend that year working towards world cup and focus on the other year of Panam and focus on that event. One event focussed on quality and one on accessibility. Rahel worries that Europe would not respond well to this due to European games being of similar quality to World Cup. Betsy proposes to have a tournament for developing members only and the other year to have a tournament for the other set of NGBs.

Austin proposes

- 2021 World Cup
- 2022 Classic/Dev style continental games
- 2023 Classic/ Developmental Continental Games
- 2024 World Cup

Alberto mentions that we should offer membership perks to our members, as we currently don't have many. If we decide that one of those are events, the IQA should make a good multi-year plan for the schedule of the events.

Pauline suggests to give the NGBs a voice, send out a proposal and gather feedback.

“To hold the IQA World Cup of the next cycle in 2024”

Moved: Austin

Seconded: Pauline

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

“To empower the IQA events department to put together a proposal with alternatives for the 2022-2024 cycle continental games”

Moved: Austin

Seconded: Rahel

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstention: 0