



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

held Wednesday, 20th May 2020 via Go-to-Meeting

1. Attendance:

- 1.1 **Directors:** Megan Fardon (Chair), Jim Nicholls (Deputy Chair), Mary Marsland, Geoff Crook and Max Kewish (members) *Jacky McDonald joined the meeting later, at 17:24 AEST*
- 1.2 **Officers:** Jim Clement (Secretary), Rob Murray (Executive Officer)
- 1.3 **Apologies:** Don Close (Treasurer)

2. **Opening:** The Chair opened the meeting at 17:03 AEST and welcomed all those in attendance.

3. Coronavirus Update:

- 3.1 **National:** Cautious relaxation of restrictions, but decisions are up to states.
- 3.2 **Qld:** Premier advised that borders may remain closed until September
- 3.3 **Vic:** Play resumed from 7th May, with limitations such as: maximum of 10 players at a venue maintaining social distancing, no spectators allowed, clubhouses to remain closed, sanitisation of equipment, etc.
- 3.4 **SA:** Much the same as Victoria but 10 on a court at a time, anticipate recommencing competition on 8th June.
- 3.5 **WA:** Sport and recreation venues will be allowed to re-open subject to Completion of a COVID Safety Plan prior to reopening and to display the COVID Safety Plan certificate at the facility
The Sporting facility is allowed a maximum of 20 patrons per site with strict limit of a minimum of 4sqm per person. Businesses are required to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 by observing the Safety requirements listed in the guidance document.

4. Informal Publicity Group:

- 4.1 **Formalisation of Group:** Resolved that the group be formally recognised as a Croquet Australia committee. Draft Terms of Reference to be reviewed for the 10th June 2020 Board meeting.
- 4.2 **Approved Tasks:** Megan pointed out that the task initially given to the group was to increase public knowledge of croquet, and improve its image; later there was the separate task of getting players back on the court post Covid-19

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- 4.3 **Group Consensus:** Jim Nicholls addressed the apparent lack of consensus in the group, with differing views of this being expressed. Max Kewish gave his view of the history of the group's discussion, and the state of consensus.
- 4.4 **The way forward:** Max Kewish explained the system of seeking a publicity company and queried the current status of the Firey proposal. Jim Nicholls queried what Firey was proposing to include in their campaign, supported by Jacky McDonald, and proposed a multi-year program targeting several areas. However, it was agreed that the resolution made at the 13th May meeting would stand.

5. **WCF Calendar of Events Post-Covid-19:** Jim Nicholls reported that, in the Zoom meeting he attended this morning, all but Australia of the nations hosting WCF events in the next 2 – 3 years were in favour of sliding the whole calendar by a year, to give a measure of certainty to the calendar. The 2025 MacRob would not slide, as this is the centenary of that competition. In regard to the 2021 MacRob, the UK and the USA have expressed the probable difficulty getting players to commit to travel for this event. The MC wishes to make an announcement prior to 30th May 20, the closing date for the Women's ACWC. It was agreed that Australia would fall into line with the rest of the attendees at the Zoom meeting. *(Secretarial Note: WCF advised of this decision at 18:46)*
6. **Next Meetings:** 27th May 2020 at 17:00 AEST via Go-to-Meeting
10th June 2020 at 17:00 AEST via Go-to-Meeting
7. **Close:** The meeting closed at 18:26 AEST.