



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 14th December 2022 at 18:00 AEDT via Zoom

1. **Attendance:**
 - 1.1. **Directors:** Jim Nicholls (Chair), Max Kewish (Deputy Chair), Kah Yang Loke (Treasurer), Barbara Northcott, Kerri-Ann Organ, Pat Habner
 - 1.2. **Officers:** Jim Clement (Secretary), Greg Bury (Academy General Manager)
 - 1.3. **Apologies:** Rob Murray (Executive Officer)
2. **Opening:** The Chair welcomed all to the last Board meeting of 2022 and opened the meeting at 18:06 AEDT
3. **Declaration of Directors' Interests:**
 - Max Kewish – President, Croquetwest
 - Pat Habner – President, CAQ.
 - Kah Yang Loke – employee of a sponsoring business
4. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, 9th November 2022 as a true and accurate record.
 - 4.1. **Ratification of Circular Resolution:** Resolved to ratify the vote in favour of WCF Topic 116 proposed changes to WCF Ranking system.
5. **Compliance Matters:** Attached at Annex A
 - 5.1. RIB expects invoices to be with states by end of this week and has club Certificates of Currency ready to be distributed as soon as state invoices are paid.
 - 5.2. Budget Committee is yet to meet, being the members who are also involved with interviewing CEO applicants.
 - 5.3. Scholarship matters addressed below at Item 8.2.1
6. **Finance Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: Kah Yang spoke to his report, attached at Annex B. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

 - 6.1. **Business Arising from the Finance Report:** Pat Habner queried the costs of hosting the MacRob and whether this was budgeted for from the International Fund. Resolved to put the expense of the MacRob against the account line item of the International Fund. The Board agreed to write to Rosie Landrebe regarding catering and merchandise for the MacRob, and that Kerri-Ann be responsible for disposal of the excess merchandise. **Action: JN/K-AO**

Kah Yang Loke left the meeting at 19:16 AEDT

Greg Bury spoke to his report, at Item 10.3.2, and left the meeting at 19:32 AEDT

Greg to organise a perpetual trophy to the value of \$300 for the U21 Gold Medal

Action: GB

7. Correspondence

7.1. Inwards

- 7.1.1. 25 Nov 22 from Richard Pickvance re complaint – Pat Habner, as President of CAQ, declared a conflict of interest in this matter.
- 7.1.2. 25 Nov 22 from Lakes Entrance CC
- 7.1.3. 2 Dec 22 from Chatswood CC

7.2. Outwards

- 7.2.1. 15 Nov 22 to Cambridge CC re Morris v ACA
 - 7.2.2. 28 Nov 22 to Lakes Entrance CC
- Resolved to accept the Correspondence

7.3. Business Arising from Correspondence:

Item 7.1.1 Complaints Officer to respond to all parties by COB Monday 19 December.

Action: Complaints Officer

8. For Decision:

8.1. Governance:

8.1.1. **Appointment of Directors:** Pat Habner spoke about the services offered by Sports Recruitment for the two Appointed Directors. Agreed to defer this matter for consideration with the CEO, yet to be appointed, and until the AGM, when the members can elect Directors and the Board can appoint to fill skill gaps. **Action: Sec**

8.1.2. **Livestreaming Policy:** Resolved to adopt the Livestreaming Policy. **Action: Sec**

8.1.3. **Gateball Referee Accreditation Framework:** The Chair thanked all those who attended several long Zoom meetings to check the framework line by line to ensure that the framework was put in place to ensure that Gateball referees retained accreditation. Resolved to accept the Gateball Referee Accreditation and Reaccreditation Framework. **Action: NCGb**

8.2. Management:

8.2.1. **Scholarships 2023:** Deferred for Pat Habner and Kerri-Ann Organ to review out of meeting and advise Secretary by end of the week. **Action: Sec**

8.3. Events:

8.3.1. **2025 WCF GC Teams Championship Tier 1:** Resolved to accept the offer from the Croquet Tasmania. **Action: Sec**

8.3.2. **2023 ACA U21 GC Championship:** Resolved to provide \$1000 to Eildon CC to support the U21 GM Presentation Dinner with funds to come from the marketing budget **Action: Sec**

8.3.3. **2023 GC Presidents Eights:** Resolved that fees be set at \$110 with no reimbursement to players Secretary to notify Events Committee. **Action: Sec**

8.4. WCF:

8.4.1. **Topic 118:** Resolved to vote against the CA proposals which do not address the fact of only one event in 2024 and moves the centenary of the MacRob from 2025. **Action: Sec**

9. For Discussion:

9.1. Governance:

9.1.1. **ACA as NSO for Gateball:** to be referred to the CEO

9.2. Management

9.2.1. **Duty of Care & Proposal for Paramedics at ACA Events:** to be referred to the CEO

10. For information:

10.1. **Outstanding Action Items:** Reviewed

10.2. Governance

10.2.1. **2023 AGM Preparation:**

10.2.2. **Secretary's Report:** Attached at Annex C

10.3. Management

10.3.1. **EO's Report:** Attached at Annex D

10.3.2. **Academy GM's Report:** Attached at Annex E

10.3.3. **NCGb Report:** Attached at Annex F

10.3.4. Committee Minutes Received:

10.3.4.1. 2 Nov 22 National Coaching Committee. Secretary to request that the Board be updated on action items, especially those flagged to be completed by 30 November 2022

Action: Sec

11. Next Meetings: 25th January 2023 at 18:00 AEDT via Zoom
15th February 2023 at 1800 AEDT via Zoom
20th March 2023 AGM at 09:30 AEDT at VCC, Cairnlea
20th March 2023 Discussion Forum at 11:00? AEDT at VCC
20th March 2023 at 14:00? AEDT at VCC

12. Close: The Chair thanked the Board members for their work over the year and closed the meeting at 21:33 AEDT

Attachments: Annex A – Compliance Matters
Annex B – Financial Report
Annex C – Secretary’s Report
Annex D – Executive Officer’s Report
Annex E – Academy General Manager’s Report
Annex F – National Coordinator Gateball Report

Accepted as a true and accurate record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JL Nicholls', written in a cursive style.

JL Nicholls
ACA Board Chair
25th January 2023



Item 5 – Compliance Calendar

Date	Subject	Action	Reference	Who
By end Oct	Scholarships	Recommendations to Board	Scholarship Policy 11c	Committees
Nov Board meeting	Insurance	Board to receive/approve broker's recommendations		Board
Nov Board meeting	Insurance	Broker advised of Board approval		EO
By end Nov	Scholarships	Board review of recommendations	Scholarship Policy 11d	Board
By early Dec	Insurance	Brokers to invoice States		Brokers
Dec Board	Budget	Approve Budget		Board
By end Dec	Scholarships	Notify all applicants	Scholarship Policy 11e	EO
Jan	Finance	Deliver accounts to auditor	Associations Incorporation Act	Treasurer/ EO
Jan	Governance	Distribute AGM Notice, call for Notices of Motion & Board Nominations	Constitution s15.3 (b) 60 days prior to AGM	Secretary
Jan/Feb	Governance	Notices of Motion & Board Nominations due	Constitution s15.6 & 21.2(c) 45 days prior to AGM	Members
Early Feb	Management	Call for EoI for Appointed Officers & Committees		Secretary
Early to Mid Feb	Finance	Resolve to accept and sign audited accounts		Board
Mid Feb	Governance	Distribute AGM Agenda & Papers	Constitution s 15.3(e) 30 days prior to AGM	Secretary



November 2022 financial report

- Total asset \$795,361, total liability \$146,927, total equity \$648,433, net asset \$648,433
- Cash and cash equivalents \$240,088.
- Short term investments \$440,111
- Operating deficit of \$52,260 – primarily from domestic travel \$22,276 of which \$6,236 was paid to Bruce Felming for travel and accommodation for the McRob, Other expenses \$48,471 which are primarily live streaming of McRob \$30,000 paid to My Sport Live and catering for McRob \$15,592 paid to Rosemary News, Hires/purchases – App Officer \$9,948 of which \$8,000 paid for recruitment fee, Hire events \$17,725 paid to various clubs.
- YTD results is a deficit of \$75,720. This is about \$77,787 above the annual budget for the same period (surplus \$2,067).

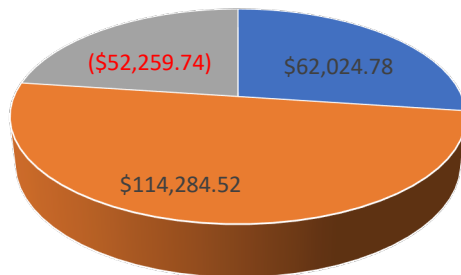


Appendix 1 to
Annex B to
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Australian Croquet Association Inc				
Profit & Loss [With Year to Date]				
November 2022				
	Selected Period	% of Sales	Year to Date	% of YTD Sales
Income				
Affiliation- Member/Player	\$61,668.82	99.40%	\$343,490.27	85.90%
Affiliation - Member/Player Rebate	\$167.73	0.30%	\$167.73	0.00%
AC Law Books	\$0.00	0.00%	\$8.18	0.00%
GC Rule Books	\$0.00	0.00%	\$1,071.86	0.30%
Wedge Gauges	\$0.00	0.00%	\$169.55	0.00%
Advertising income	\$0.00	0.00%	\$400.00	0.10%
Grants	\$0.00	0.00%	\$3,000.00	0.80%
Donation Received	\$0.00	0.00%	\$31,768.00	7.90%
Event Entry Fees - Full	\$45.00	0.10%	\$11,904.50	3.00%
Postage	\$0.00	0.00%	\$7.55	0.00%
Interest	\$83.23	0.10%	\$178.75	0.00%
Other	\$60.00	0.10%	\$7,728.06	1.90%
Total Income	\$62,024.78	100.00%	\$399,894.45	100.00%
Total Cost Of Sales	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
Gross Profit	\$62,024.78	100.00%	\$399,894.45	100.00%
Expenses				
Equipment Purchases	\$0.00	0.00%	\$71.95	0.00%
Rules & Laws Books, Hoop Gauge	\$0.00	0.00%	\$9,769.94	2.40%
Badges	\$0.00	0.00%	\$200.91	0.10%
Coaching Manuals	\$0.00	0.00%	\$2,059.63	0.50%
Online Learning	\$5,395.00	8.70%	\$5,395.00	1.30%
Audit Fees	\$0.00	0.00%	\$1,584.00	0.40%
MYOB subscription	\$0.00	0.00%	\$218.18	0.10%
Bank charges	\$25.33	0.00%	\$125.20	0.00%
STRIPE charges	\$10.87	0.00%	\$1,566.70	0.40%
Board/Governance Expenses	\$0.00	0.00%	\$7,985.82	2.00%
Prizes	\$3,001.27	4.80%	\$4,983.09	1.20%
Hires/Purchases-App Officer	\$9,948.00	16.00%	\$9,948.00	2.50%
Tournament Referee	\$0.00	0.00%	\$3,218.96	0.80%
Referees/Venue Manager	\$0.00	0.00%	\$72.00	0.00%
Disbursement Presidents 8s	\$1,920.00	3.10%	\$1,920.00	0.50%
Uniforms	\$2,970.26	4.80%	\$6,035.98	1.50%
Training	\$0.00	0.00%	\$2,095.92	0.50%
Entry Fees - WCF	\$0.00	0.00%	\$393.36	0.10%
Travel - Domestic	\$22,276.35	35.90%	\$59,818.11	15.00%
Hires - Events	\$17,725.94	28.60%	\$45,411.38	11.40%
New Club Grants	\$0.00	0.00%	\$1,500.00	0.40%
Accommodation - domestic	\$0.00	0.00%	\$19,579.72	4.90%
Grant Plan	\$0.00	0.00%	\$453.75	0.10%
Other	\$48,471.60	78.10%	\$106,851.71	26.70%
ACA Contribution	\$0.00	0.00%	\$15,500.00	3.90%

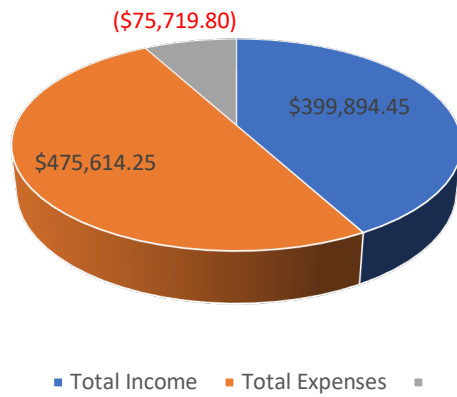
	Selected Period	% of Sales	Year to Date	% of YTD Sales
Coaching	\$0.00	0.00%	\$172.00	0.00%
Cleaning - Events	\$180.00	0.30%	\$470.91	0.10%
Computer Expenses				
Computer Expenses	\$12,729.81	20.50%	\$15,780.56	3.90%
Web design expenses	\$0.00	0.00%	\$16,253.76	4.10%
Online Magazine	\$0.00	0.00%	\$6,500.00	1.60%
Consultancy Fees	\$351.93	0.60%	\$7,083.64	1.80%
Donations Paid	\$0.00	0.00%	\$240.00	0.10%
Legal Fees	\$0.00	0.00%	\$2,050.00	0.50%
Marketing	\$0.00	0.00%	\$1,100.00	0.30%
Affiliation Fees - WCF, WGU	\$0.00	0.00%	\$2,078.06	0.50%
Entry Fees	\$704.00	1.10%	\$8,296.00	2.10%
Postage, Freight and Courier	\$95.25	0.20%	\$766.50	0.20%
Printing & Stationery	\$507.05	0.80%	\$935.06	0.20%
Rates & Taxes	(\$22,540.00)	-36.30%	\$0.00	0.00%
S&W Superannuation	\$998.86	1.60%	\$14,244.03	3.60%
S&W Salaries - Other	\$0.00	0.00%	\$3,380.50	0.80%
S&W Salaries & Wages	\$9,513.00	15.30%	\$82,836.25	20.70%
Recruitment expense	\$0.00	0.00%	\$6,000.00	1.50%
Telephone and Internet Charges	\$0.00	0.00%	\$667.67	0.20%
Total Expenses	\$114,284.52	184.30%	\$475,614.25	118.90%
Operating Profit	(\$52,259.74)	-84.30%	(\$75,719.80)	-18.90%
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$52,259.74)	-84.30%	(\$75,719.80)	-18.90%

Income statement for the period from 1 Nov to 30 Nov 2022

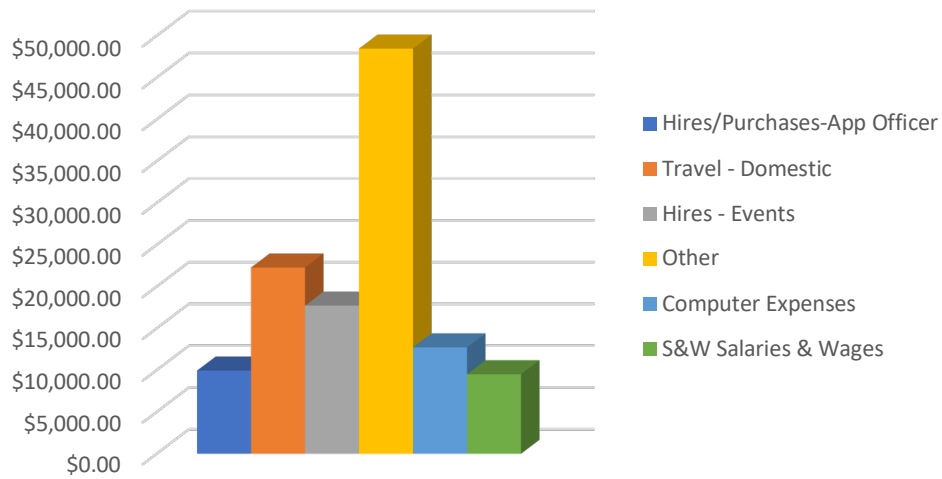


■ Total Income ■ Total Expenses ■ Net Profit/(Loss)

Income statement for the period from 1 Jan to 30 Nov 2022



November major expenses

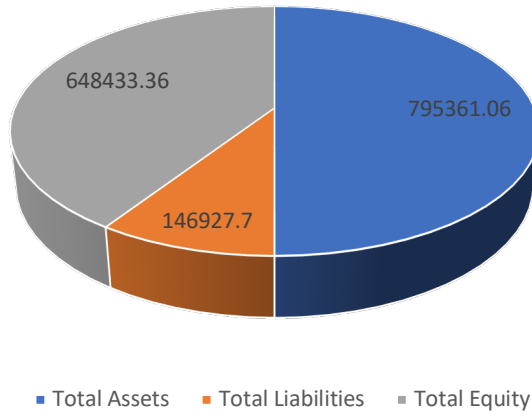




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Australian Croquet Association Inc			
Balance Sheet			
As of November 2022			
Assets			
Current Assets			
Operating Account	\$19,129.06		
Treasurer's Account	\$220,959.26		
Overseas payments account	\$1.00		
QANTAS Card	\$1,568.31		
Customer Electronic Payments	(\$60.00)		
TD 471050245779 11 Nov 2020	\$60,000.00		
BT Investment C11731060	\$174,498.65		
MLC Investment 35368672	\$165,612.38		
TD471050245154 16 Aug 2021	\$40,000.00		
Trade Debtors	\$85,003.55		
Electronic Clearing Account	(\$4,985.39)		
Payroll Clearing Account	\$18,996.50		
Stock on Hand	\$7,607.98		
Fixed Asset			
Croquet Equipment	\$20,356.91		
Less Accum Depn Croq Eq	(\$14,314.36)		
Office Equipment	\$135.46		
Less Acc Depn Off Equip	(\$135.44)		
Gateball Equipment	\$5,075.99		
Less Acc Depn Gateball Eq	(\$4,088.80)		
Total Assets			\$795,361.06
Liabilities			
Suspense - liability		\$90.00	
Trade Creditors		\$540.00	
Accrued Expenses		\$1,742.40	
WCF Funds		\$568.00	
Income in Advance		\$104,209.30	
Grant Liability		\$5,500.00	
GST Collected		\$29,754.37	
GST Paid		(\$17,491.38)	
PAYG and Superannuation payable		\$12,251.76	
Provision for Annual Leave		\$9,763.25	
Total Liabilities			\$146,927.70
Net Assets			\$648,433.36
Equity			
Retained Earnings		\$611,841.16	
International Fund		\$112,312.00	
Current Year Earnings		(\$75,719.80)	
Total Equity			\$648,433.36

Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2022





Secretary's Report

Action Items from 9th November 2022 Meeting

- **Item 4** October Board minutes amended to include edited Academy GM's reports and posted to website 21/11/22
- **Item 8.1.1** NCR ToR v1.1 posted to website 12/11/22
- **Item 8.1.2** endorsement of WGU Statutes posted to website as News item 12/11/22
- **Item 8.1.3** International Engagement for Gateball Policy posted to website 12/11/22
- **Item 8.1.4** answer re Complaint sent to Cambridge CC 15/11/22
- **Item 9.1.1** Livestreaming Policy drafted for consideration at this meeting
- **Item 9.2.1** WCF S-G advised that ACA prefers to host GC Team Champs Jan/Feb 25 12/11/22. Call for EoI sent to Members 13/11/22
- **Item 9.2.2** - Topic 117: WCF S-G advised of ACA's preference for multi-venue events, normally limited to 64 entries. 12/11/22. Receipt acknowledged 13/11/22
- **Item 10.3.1** ACA AC Doubles TR Report forwarded to VCA 12/11/22

Other Matters

- **SIA Child Safeguarding Policy Update:** At the direction of SIA, the Child Safeguarding Policy was updated to replace, in four places, the hyperlink to the Australian Institute of Family Studies website entry regarding WWCC. The South Australian Addendum to the policy was also amended to comply with the SA DHS requirements. State Associations and SIA were advised on 1/12/22, with SIA commending our prompt response.

Jim Clement
Secretary to the Board



Executive Officer's Report

For Information

ACA Scholarships

See brief and supporting documentation for summary.

ACA office hours Christmas

The ACA office will be closed from Saturday 19th to Tuesday 27th December (Inclusive).

Audit

Preparation has begun for the 2022 audit. The auditor (Assurance Matters) has supplied us with a list of documentation that will need to be reviewed. The response from ACA is due by the 30th of January 2023. The quote from Assurance Matters is \$1830 which is a 5% increase from last year.

Insurance

All membership data has been collected from the states, collated into one document and passed onto Regional Insurance Brokers. Renewal notices will be sent to the States prior to the Christmas break.

Draft Budget

Draft Budget has been finalised and passed onto the ACA Finance Committee for comment.

Events

U21 Championships

The inaugural U21 GC Gold Medals will be held in January at the Maitland Croquet Club. The Gold Medal will be followed by the Singles which currently has 9 entries and then the Doubles which has 4 pairs entered.

Complaints Officer

No further complaints have been received since the November report. The pending complaint that was being reviewed by Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) is still outstanding. SIA is unable to take any further action as the complaint did not meet the threshold of Bullying, abuse or harassment.

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Complaint	Number of Complaints	Status	Time	Actioned By
Bullying	3	2 Complete / 1 Pending	2 months / Pending	Sport Integrity Australia / ACA Complaints Officer
Harassment	1	Complete	1 week	ACA Complaints Officer
State Squad Selection	2	Complete	3 weeks	ACA Complaints Officer
Coaching Accreditation	1	Complete	1 week	ACA Complaints Officer

Rob Murray
Executive Officer
Croquet Australia



Australian Croquet Academy Report

Member Management Platform

Currently, this project has been put on hold by the ACA Board until a new CEO has been appointed.

Decisions are needed for the following points:

- 1 To approve the schedule provided for the national roll out of the Member Management Platform.
- 2 To decide if a MOU agreement should be used for all states Data (a template has been provided).
- 3 To continue with the existing contracts.
- 4 To provide all states with a website homepage (quote provided).

Jamie Wilson/ Coordinate

A proposal to rebrand Croquet Australia with a national marketing campaign was provided to the ACA Board for approval in Oct/Nov.

Coordinate have now been short listed to complete the logos and marketing for the Brisbane Olympic Games. If a decision is not made regarding their proposal by Jan 1, it is possible Jamie's team at Coordinate will have too much work to complete our project in a reasonable timeframe or to be able to sign a contract.

Online Magazine

A page-by-page summary has been completed. The Summer Edition will be available in early January.

Sport Community Update, TidyHQ and Coaching Cohort

Are currently working together on a much cleaner interface and combining their knowledge to create a much better experience for all users of the new Member Management Platform.

Special thanks to John Hayes for initiating and making this happen.

I still have a lot of work to complete in this space (developing croquet specific resources and materials).

Youth Training Program

Have completed a list of all tasks to be completed and updating the project plan. (Still lots to be done and will need additional help early next year.)

Working with Murray Tinker to produce the necessary videos for all alternate games and promoting the new School Sport's Program.

MacRobertson Shield Support

Did everything I could to support this major event behind the scenes, on the ground and on social media.

Well done and thank you to all the volunteers and players for their support and contribution.

CEO Report

I will be providing the new CEO with a detailed report of what the Australian Croquet Academy has achieved and the project plans for 2023 and beyond.

Greg Bury

General Manager
The Australian Croquet Academy



National Coordinator – Gateball Report – July to November 2022

A new National Coordinator - Gateball (NCGb) was appointed on 20th July 2022. Handover with the previous NCGb, John Park, was completed on the 7th August in NSW. Visits to Strathfield, Hazelbrook and Port Macquarie clubs were also completed around this time.

World Gateball Union (WGU)

Since July 2022 our engagement with the WGU has included the following issues:

Date	Topic discussed	Advice provided
05.08.22- 13.09.22	Change of NCGb letter issued by ACA and Change of Director form lodged.	NCGb welcomed by WGU President Keiichi Imagawa. The WGU contact details for Gateball Australia have been updated.
18.08.22	Gateball Australia's membership of the Asia Pacific Gateball Union (APGU).	WGU confirmed that the WGU and Japanese Gateball Union have a good relationship with Chinese Taipei GB Association and understand the APGU formation.
12.09.22	NCGb is Director of WGU.	Gateball Australia representative remains as Director of WGU.
12.09.22	WGU membership fee invoice.	WGU fee payment was made on 26.10.22
01.10.22 - 12.11.22	International referee status Glenda Windust - NCRGB.	The WGU have confirmed that the international referee renewal for Glenda Windust will be accepted. We have not yet been invoiced for this renewal. The 2002 version of the WGU International Referee Regulations were provided.
01.10.22 - 12.11.22	International referee status Margaret Barnard – NCRGB.	The WGU confirmed the resignation of Margaret Barnard as an international referee.
09.10.22 - 12.11.22	Gateball Stick head validity – NCRGB.	Stick head with flat head underside (half-moon shaped) can be used, see Q5 of Q&A book.
09.10.22 - 12.11.22	Referee status after ceasing membership of Japan Gateball Union or other member organisation - NCRGB	If there is a special reason for the suspension period, we will accept it. In that case, the registration fee for the suspension period will be collected.
31.10.22 - 12.11.22	Current international referee exam version – NCRGB.	WGU has not revised the 2015 version of the exam. Please use the 2015 version.
31.10.22 - 12.11.22	Name or branding change for ACA or Gateball Australia. Seeking the WGU position if ACA name became, for example, the Australian Croquet and Gateball Association. Would we	Gateball is a sport designed from Croquet. Many Gateball players are also croquet players. WGU hope that Gateball and Croquet will develop together as mallet sports. WGU agree with intentions to consider a new name or branding for ACA and/or Gateball Australia. If you change your

	remain eligible to be a member of the WGU provided Gateball was still in the name?	name as a member of the WGU, please submit an official name change notification to the WGU. WGU would inform member organisations of it at the next meeting of its Board of Directors.
Date	Topic discussed	Advice provided
14.11.22 - 16.11.22	Is there an International referee course required to progress to this level and can it be delivered by the WGU in Australia at our cost? We will encourage people to become International referees and use the exam provided.	Keiichi Imagawa, WGU President has responded that he hopes that many referees will play an active role in Australia. It may be difficult for WGU to hold training courses in Australia at this time regarding referee training. He hopes he will have the opportunity to consider that in the future.

Asia Pacific Gateball Union (APGU)

We have advised the APGU of the change of NCGb and they have acknowledged the change. APGU require two appointed officers from Australia and NCGb has been appointed as Vice Chairman and John Park has remained as an Executive Director.

Engagement with other International Gateball Associations

An ACA/Gateball Australia letter issued to all member organisations of the WGU and APGU in October to introduce the NCGb and ask that all communications with Australian players be directed through the NCGb.

In November, the International Engagement for Gateball Policy was finalised and was circulated to all State Coordinators and to players through the Gateball Google Group.

India, Thailand and Korea have invited Gateball Australia players to play at their tournaments planned for January, February and May 2023 respectively.

Some International Gateball Associations have already expressed interest in the Australian Gateball Championships 2023 and have been provided with information as requested.

Australian Gateball Championship 2023

The Australian Gateball Championships will be held in September 2023. The first meeting of the AGC committee was held during October. Preliminary discussions about task allocations and the budget occurred.

International Event Coordination Network (IECN)

Engagement with the IECN commenced for the Australian Gateball Championships 2023 with the event registered in September and discussions held with the Border and Events Visa officers in November. A timeline for promotion of the event, expressions of interest from international teams, invitation letters to support VISA applications and VISA requirements and processing timeframes for international players has been confirmed.

Expansion of Gateball playing members

Gateball player numbers continue to grow in most states. Driven by enthusiastic coaches, we have seen new players in regional Victoria. The club hub structure in NSW has encouraged new Gateball players in locations like Port Macquarie. With the Queensland State Coordinator of Gateball, Robert Roose, and other local coaches, Gateball has been introduced to the Wide Bay Burnett region in Queensland. Members of the Point Lookout club at Maryborough participated in their first tournament in November. South Australia has also seen a growth in the number of clubs playing Gateball. Discussions have commenced with the WA State Coordinator for a visit in February 2023.

Gateball Coaching

New coaches from Level 1 to Level 3 and coach presenters have been accredited in NSW, QLD, VIC and SA. We continue to work with the National Coaching team to ensure that all Gateball coaches can access the Learning Management System.

National Coordinator of Refereeing Gateball (NCRGB)

Since November 2021, the 'Gateball Australia Referee Accreditation and Reaccreditation Framework' has been under review. Throughout November, the Referee Committee has spent over 20 hours in meetings providing feedback on the Framework and supporting documents including a referee logbook, assessment checklists for practical exams and updated written exams for Level 1 and 2 referees. The Framework will be presented to the ACA Board for approval in December.

The Gateball Australia Tournament Regulations are the next focus for the Referee Committee.

Level 1 and Level 2 Referee classifications were reversed and new badges have been ordered. The transition of referees between the classifications will be completed by State Coordinators in 2023. Referee assessments were held in Queensland in November and more assessments will be held in South Australia in December for SA, NSW and QLD candidates.

High Performance Manager – Gateball (HPMGb)

The HPMGb has commenced work on the Captains Development Program which will be delivered in May 2023 with the support of Level 3 Gateball coaches. The HPMGb is also looking at innovative ways to engage with Gateball players and captains to develop strategic thinking.

Gateball Selection Committee

The Selection Committee recommended the Australian squad for 2022 and this was approved by the Board in November. All players have been advised. A Gateball Australia Selection Policy will be developed prior to the 2023 selections.

Gateball Australia Website

The Gateball Australia website required a significant amount of handover and upgrading to be conducted during the month of November and was offline from the 6th to 26th November. We engaged web developer Alison Maugham who has been invaluable in getting us back online.

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