



The Victorian Quidditch Association
Annual General Meeting
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Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018 of the Victorian Quidditch Association, held on the 12th of May at 10am at Melbourne’s Multicultural Hub, 506 Elizabeth Street

Minutes prepared by Alex Langdon

Meeting opens at 10:26am

Chairperson: Nicola Gertler (President)
Returning Officer: Carissa Dyall

1. Attendance

Nicola Gertler <i>proxy for Emma Morris</i>	Alex Langdon	Carissa Dyall	Gavin Davidson	Tim Scott <i>proxy for Emily Kirsh</i>
Dylan Waller	Jack Emerton	James Brooks	Nick Munro <i>proxy for Justine Herring</i>	Alexander Frame
Claire Lyons	Nat Benedykt	Dean Rodhouse <i>proxy for Emily Merry</i>	Ed Vienet <i>proxy for Veronica Halupka</i>	Matt Ingram
Merryn Christian <i>proxy for Chloe Bridle</i>	Deni Tasman <i>proxy for Liam McCoppin</i>	Nathan Morton <i>proxy for Shara Longbotham</i>	Mark Kelly	Cassia Menkhorst <i>proxy for Mary-Clare Conheady Barker</i>
Manny Thompson	Beth Anderson <i>proxy for Manon te Riele</i>			

Total Members in attendance: 32

2. Unconfirmed Minutes
2.1 VQA AGM 2017

Attachment 1

Resolution #1

“That this General Meeting of the Victorian Quidditch Association approves the unconfirmed minutes of VQA AGM 2017.”

Moved: Emily Merry

Seconded: Emily Kirsh

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

RESOLUTION PASSES

3. 2017 Committee’s Reports

Reports are given by:

President: Nicola Gertler

To the members of the Victoria Quidditch Association,

2018 was an incredibly prosperous year for Victorian Quidditch.

Victorian Fantasy ran as one of the most successful Fantasy events in the Australian calendar with the aim to provide players the opportunity to develop skills and friendships across teams.

The Victoria cup brought with it the addition of three new teams, the Whomping Willows, Melbourne Unicorns Blue and Monash Mudbloods and a round robin which all teams participated in each week with the aim to develop Vic Cup into a league similar to any other weekly club sport.

Furthermore, the Victoria Cup finals were split into an upper and lower bracket which allowed more teams and players to participate in a finals series.

Melbourne Mudbash was a huge success not only amongst Victorians but interstate travellers. As an association we broke our own record from previous years and hosted the largest ever weekend tournament outside of QUAFL. This year Mudbash will be held on the 21 st – 22 nd of July, and I am waiting on final confirmation but I look forward to Dogbash 2018.

The Victorian Leadbeaters proved that Victoria boasts some of the best quidditch players in Australia. Thanks especially to the tremendous efforts of Luke Pahl in coordinating the Leadbeaters Trivia Night and the unexpected profit from Melbourne Mudbash as well as merchandise sales, the

association was able to provide our Leadbeaters and reserves with uniforms and accommodation funding assistance to travel to Brisbane and take gold at the 2017 QA State Shield. Aside from being a member of the team and being incredibly proud of my teammates, as the President of the VQA I wish to share my admiration for the way our leadbeaters represented the Victorian Quidditch Community, both on field and off, in their sportsmanship, dedication to training, and dedication to the team. Overall the Leadbeaters program, encompassing not only the 21 team members but also the coaching staff, reserves and development squad, was a hugely successful program and I look forward to its development and future success in 2018.

QUAFL, the Australian National Championships, saw Victoria's further grip on the national quidditch scene nine teams representing the VQA, taking three out of the four semi-final places and bringing home the Championship for the fourth year running. Congratulations to all those involved in an playing and volunteering capacity, thank you to Quidditch Australia for allowing our teams to have this excellent opportunity to play against teams from across all states, and a final congratulations to the Whomping Willows QC in securing the national title. I'm sure I speak for all members of our community when I say I look forward to travelling to QLD this year and then returning to Victoria with one of our ten teams adding the 2018 national championship to their resume.

The VQA this past year has demonstrated to the wider community that Victoria is a force to be reckoned with, not just on the field but in hosting events, volunteering, refereeing, snitching and in the sportsmanship demonstrated by all our members.

The success of our association however could not have occurred without the hard work of our executive and committee. Often volunteering is a job which can go unacknowledged, however I would like to extend my gratitude to the all the 2017 committee members, including team representatives, for their efforts. In particular I would like to thank the 2017 executive, Alex, Regina and Chloe for their work and ongoing support. Further thanks must be attributed to James Brooks, who week in week out never fails to provide the VQA with equipment for Vic Cup, but is also one of the first to arrive and last to leave at every tournament and every gameday.

I believe that it is these things however which many fail to consider. Of course we need equipment, of course we need referees, and of course we need a fixture. However it is the effort put into providing these necessities which the VQA cannot function without.

I implore you to therefore consider your involvement in our community. If you joined quidditch

without the considerations required by a developing sport, I feel that maybe you have chosen the wrong sport. Development is the shared responsibility of all members of our community. While the

VQA is rooted in good foundations, we cannot continue to expand without the contribution of our members. Volunteering for the VQA comes in a range of time commitments and for a range of interests and skill levels, and hence I ask you to consider what contribution you could make to our community, and for the purpose of this meeting, directly to our committee.

Looking forward to the rest of 2018, I am pleased to officially welcome the Melbourne Ravens and South Melbourne Minotaurs to our ranks, and bid farewell to the Wrackspurts QC and Melbourne Unicorns Blue. As I have already mentioned, I see this year being another of great success for our association and I look forward to sharing these successes with all of you.

Vice President & Secretary: Alex Langdon

Alex talks about how the events run in 2017 were for the most part successful. Vic Cup 2017 ran well with 18 rounds of plays and 3 rounds of finals, Mudbash was particularly successful with 11 teams participating and 2018 Victorian Fantasy again proving successful. Spring Carnival was okay but the VQA would probably look at other ideas for an October tournament, potentially running a fantasy tournament or something else that would be fun.

Regarding membership, Alex says that in 2017 the VQA had just over 200 members last year, whereas this year we currently have around 160 members, but this is not worrying for the associating as we had a number of sign ups mid-year in 2017 so we should likely finish 2017 with the same number of members as last year.

Treasurer: Nicola Gertler (on behalf of Regina Atkinson)

Regina is unable to be here due to illness so Nicola will be giving the report on her behalf:

The VQA started with \$12,791.75 and \$15,735.41, this will be touched on further in financial reports, but this is good place financially for the VQA. We haven't lost money and we have had enough income come in to fix equipment, pay for first aid and supplies, etc. League fees were raised from \$35 to \$50 from 2016 to 2017, this has made a positive impact on the VQA to make sure we are paying Head Referees and First Aiders, and making sure that the first aid kit is always stocked round to round.

We had some unplanned profit from Mudbash, while we didn't budget to make money and only budgetted to break even or have a small buffer for any unexpected payments, we ended up making a considerable profit due to having more teams and players sign up than expected. This profit we put

towards funding the Leadbeaters (with additional fundraising). Ultimately, the VQA is doing well financially.

Merryn asks if this is a normal year in terms of finances? Nicola says yes, but again this is our first year of handling these finances with this current executive so it should maybe continue. She says that \$8,000-\$15,000 is our regular balance, but as she mentioned, it has been beneficial for us raising of fees for Vic Cup in 2017 as we didn't have to make decisions on what we could and couldn't spend funds on, and we could just assign funds where needed for equipment, referees, etc. Profit on Mudbush was easy to assign to Leadbeaters for uniforms, and we were able to provide more than we were initially intending too. We can now comfortably provide for our members.

Nicola makes a clarification that the financial year is 1st Jan to 31st Dec for those who were unsure.

Ed Vienet asks how much oversight over treasurer's duties? Nicola says that anything under \$500 the VQA exec can authorise, anything over that amount the committee votes on - for example, equipment is just given by executive. Anything more we put to vote by the admin committee, and the expense can be approved. Tournament expenses are through TD/ATD who then put forward their financial plans to the committee to approve. Regarding Paypal/CommBank/VQA debit card - paypal is just money in, cash box is hard to track and we would like to do away with. Payments made either by direct transfer, or payments on the debit card, which are made with a transaction record.

Head of Officials: Liam McCoppin, read by Nicola Gertler

As Liam is unable to attend the AGM, Nicola reads his report on his behalf:

"As the job description provides, the Head of Officials role extends not just to helping to provide referees for Vic Cup, Vic Fantasy and any other tournaments run by the VQA, but also to continue to improve the standard of refereeing in Victoria.

In the 2016 report, I listed a number of things that I believe the VQA ref team does well, as well as list some of the things we hoped to achieve in 2017! As a summary, in 2016 I noted that the quality of officiating in our club level quidditch was limited, mainly due to our still unprofessional and volunteer based referees, with (I believe) not a single person whose job in the community is purely to referee. All of our referees are also players. These limitations are still the case, but I'm honestly very happy and proud of the amount of volunteers we have seen over the past year! Teams are becoming more and more engaged in providing referees and learning the rules. I do honestly believe that this standard of officiating is continuing to grow, and this is something I'm immensely proud of.

In the 2016 report, I made 3 recommendations to improve refereeing in Victoria in 2017, and those were:

1. Increasing the % required on the IQA Head ref test before being paid for officiating a match,
2. Providing 2 referee workshops for beginner referees, as both a theoretical/rules discussion and a practical workshop
3. Working with Quidditch Australia to produce our own National means of ref testing or training.

I am fantastically happy to report that 2 of those 3 goals were achieved, and the third is being worked towards.

1. We increased the % required on the IQA Head ref tests from 50% to 80% (the pass mark on the tests), and this saw more refs becoming IQA accredited earlier in the year, resulting in - better refs!
2. We ran 2 ref workshops, one sit down rules discussion, and one practical workshop, discussing positioning and game awareness. These were well attended, and I definitely recommend running the same workshops in 2018.
3. As for the third, QA could not get their ref training/testing program off the ground in 2017, but what I've heard, it should be coming in 2018. I believe Victoria's should continue to support this prerogative from QA, and hopefully we can provide some assistance in 2018 to get this national program up and running!

In short, 2017 saw our referees come along in leaps and bounds, and we should be doing our utmost to continue this upward trend in 2018. Running referee workshops, working hard to maintain our volunteer numbers and helping to set up a national officiating testing and training system are musts for 2018, but as well as these, I will suggest a couple of recommendations or goals for officiating in 2018.

1. As we move to become more professional, so too should perhaps look to professional referees for inspiration. Contacting a referee body for one of Australia's leading sports, ie Hockey, Soccer or AFL (use Nathan Morton's connections?) and perhaps setting up a meeting with one of their leaders to discuss issues regarding referring would be fantastic for our development. If a top quality umpire from AFL came down to speak to Victorian Quidditch referees about officiating sports, making in the moment decisions, game awareness and positioning would be extremely invaluable. We could learn a huge amount!
2. A major issue that I foresee Quidditch officiating facing in the coming years is: the problems that come with officiating your friends and competitors, while being a player/friend on another team. Creating a program where discussions over impartiality and removing personal opinions from the game and creating a professional officiating mindset for games is essential for our continued development. A seminar, included in our referee workshops, should be trialed in 2018.

On a sad note, I will not be rerunning for head of officials again in 2018. After 3 years of being head of officials, I don't think I can commit as much time and resources as is necessary for this role. I'd like the transition period between myself and the next head of officials to be as smooth as possible, so for the next few weeks I'll be available to help explain the role to my successor, slowly placing more and more responsibility into the new Head of Officials hands, until the transition has finished. I've also written a small document explaining some of the jobs one might expect a Head of Officials to do, and how to handle them. It's been a wonderful 3 years, and I'd like to thank all those along the way who have helped me. I'd like to especially thank Gen Gibson, who was a wonderful leader of the VQA for a number of years, and Nicola Gertler (who is no doubt reading this out right now), who have both regularly gone above and beyond for Quidditch in Victoria. Without the 2 of them, Quidditch here would definitely not be in the strong position that it currently is in.

Many Thanks, Liam McCoppin”

Nicola mentions that we have had a number of new HR's starting with some more experienced HR's and taking on those duties with the more experienced refs helping them to make those calls - this year it has been really successful, and thank you to players for being understanding while training those referees. This helps to create good quality, impartial refs, which is hard with a high turnover of referees for a number of reasons.

Beth Anderson asks if there are more opportunities for HRs to be trained up? Nicola would like to have 2 people per team to be able to HR, mainly to make sure that teams are prepared to give 2 HR's in tournaments (ie. Mudbash, QUAFL), as QUAFL requirements are usually that teams require 1 person to be a HR. Nicola would like to run some more workshops for all refs.

Head of Gameplay: Nathan Morton

Last year we saw the move onto Cordner oval, but unfortunately quidditch is rough on the grounds, this is due to the stress of the grounds, and not because of the VQA's usage of the grounds. We played Mudbash at fawkner park on Cordner oval as well, high quality grounds which was great for the weekend. Victorian Fantasy ran very smoothly and Nathan was pleased with how this ran. Despite not being able to use Cordner Oval we still have a decent field to use for weekly Vic Cup games.

Questions about game rescheduling - Nathan says that he thinks it is good to promote our representative teams and that we should encourage the people on those teams to ensure that those players will make the community better. The teams that those players play on should not be disadvantaged by the fact that they have players representing Victoria/Australia, so therefore it should be that some concessions are made to ensure that players are punished for being on Team Australia. Nathan also remarks that Callum Mayling is the best quidditch player in the world.

Nicola explains that Nathan put together a policy document to ensure that teams weren't disadvantaged and were able to safely participate in Vic Cup due to players attending training camps for Team Australia, as some players have to be interstate on a training camp (ie. contributing to Team Australia in a significant way) which is something that should be continued. That number should be brought down from 3 so that players don't band together on one team, players should spread across multiple teams.

Nicola says that we should look to the Leadbeaters program - in 2017 we had 21 players, 5 reserves and a development squad (a few people per position), we should try to continue this for this year with maybe an increased development squad for training to ensure that players can bring back what they learn from those trainings with Victoria's top players to increase the quality of play in the state.

Mark Kelly asks - at the moment the league sits in 2 tiers, how do we combat that? Nathan says he considered what to do, because there is an imbalance between the top and bottom teams (where 3 years ago it was pretty even). To get around this maybe would consider divisions for the league (very in line with other sports, tiered teams) to increase the amount of fun that players have on game days. Nathan wants to deter having banding of all the high quality players together on a single team, which

drives the division between the top tier of teams and the bottom tier teams. Building the divisions is tricky, Nathan proposes 2 divisions: Division 1 of 5 teams, Division 2 of 5 teams, but the 5th ranked team (bottom of Division 1) would have a very poor time in that division. Quidditch might need to consider spreading talent out across teams rather than following the super team structure in order to make divisions fairer.

Nicola says that we planned out a pre-season for divisions but it fell through as it might have disadvantaged university teams as it would have been one week after O Week - NSW have gone into divisions based off results off last year, however this wouldn't have worked in Victoria for a number of reasons (ie Centaurs breaking into 2 teams trying to develop their club, it would put them at a disadvantage to try and grade players who haven't played a game yet). It is made difficult by only having 26 weeks of the winter season, factoring in the mid season break and Mudbash, it limits the time we have available to use the grounds at Fawkner Park with cleats.

Cassia suggests that we have a few weeks to grade players but Nathan says at that point you might as well just play through the season as currently set up.

Merryn asks if we could move to 2 fields per week - we are testing this in the current week of Vic Cup (this round played tomorrow), Nathan says that it puts things slightly off as it requires more people to ref, set up, etc. Nicola says that for 12 teams you could make it work, but with 10 teams it doesn't work as well due to the number of people. She also suggests that we could extend time slots but that draws everything out. We could consider it in the future if there are more teams, however it presents problems with filming, but at this point something has got to give and filming is not super essential.

Claire asks with the division in the league, if splitting them up would mean that you would have more rounded divisions, would you have games against teams from the other division? Nathan says that you would play every team in your division 3 times and every team from the other division 1 time (3 games in division, 1 game outside). Nathan says this would be beneficial and we should aspire to play against every team in a division situation as it would get a bit boring playing 4 teams multiple times in a season.

Ed Vienet says regarding spreading of players from the Dropbears across all teams, if we had 2 divisions of Vic Cup we could have more spread within that division, second division might have more opportunity playing development. Nathan says that teams that want weeks off can take weeks off or have a bye, and that having a division 2 would help in rescheduling games.

Mark Kelly asks regarding players from division 1 teams playing on representative teams, how does it work with taking byes? Nathan says for an 11 team 2 division fixture with 5 teams in division 1 and 6 teams in division 2, division 1 would have byes as it has one less team than division 2, so division 2 would take 1 bye per season, division 1 would take 2 byes. Nicola adds that rescheduling would be easier, and more leeway with having weekends off for public holidays, representative quidditch, quidditch in other states, etc.

Merryn asks if teams would cross referee divisions or only referee in your division? Nathan says that cross reffing would be ideal as this would grow the amount of referees and quality of referees in the state. Following that, in the current Vic Cup structure where 2 teams referee each game currently, in a proposed 2 division structure it would probably stay as the 2 teams that play the game before would referee the following game, and that the onus is on 2 teams, which spreads the responsibility and helps with impartiality.

Cassia asks about teams attending midwinter or other interstate events and whether concessions can be made. Nathan says it would be good to make concessions to teams going interstate, but he would prefer for an entire team to petition rather than a select few players, as it encourages competition of teams playing interstate. This rule as it stands is for representative players only but there is scope to broaden to allow teams to have one Vic Cup game rescheduled to play 6 interstate at a tournament.

Tim queries about the current set up of Vic Cup playing weekly games through the season - Nathan says that because of the distribution of teams in metropolitan Melbourne, we don't have regional teams like in NSW. He further notes that if we scheduled Vic Cup like Tri-Wiz and had one day with 4 games per team per month, everyone would probably end up playing games together every week anyway.

Matthew Ingram asks about the scheduling weekly games, and how does this work for regional teams? Nathan says that as it stands the VQA has always run on this schedule, and the person that wants to play quidditch who comes from metropolitan areas is the type of player that wants to come once a week. Further, Ingram asks if we should move to fortnightly games? Nathan says he is unsure of how to make this work, but you would schedule a regional team to have a "separate" type of fixture to incorporate them into their league. He would also look at scheduling more tournaments like spring carnival, Mudbash, etc to include teams that have to travel a large distance so they are able to play more games in a shorter space of time. We could also have a metro league and a regional league if there was significant interest in regional areas. Ed Vienet adds, Victoria at a state level does well because we play so frequently, weekly games would be best for the players, but if we had regional teams we could have monthly games with them, or look at the possibility of home and away games for regional teams to spread the travel around. Merryn also adds talking about regional teams, should the VQA be promoting the development of regional teams? Nathan says that we would need to be able to work with people building those teams and working out what they need. But, we shouldn't sacrifice the currently league structure of weekly games because ultimately it will drive players away.

Manny asks if it would it be worth having the VQA approach some universities to develop teams in these regional centres, like Bendigo or Shepparton, or if we should send out an exhibition games? Nathan says, ultimately someone out there already needs to build a team with players, rather than us trying to recruit because it's a lot of effort for the VQA to try and recruit players outside of Melbourne. Claire says Federation University has a small group of quidditch players. Nathan says that the main disparity is the number of people prepared to do things.

4. 2017 Financial Statement

Attachment 2

Nicola Gertler (on behalf of Treasurer Regina Atkinson) presents the Financial Statements for 2017 for the members to review.

As discussed, the financial year runs from 1st of January 2017 to 31st of December 2017. The financial report is grouped by event for clarity, miscellaneous are things not linked to events (ie. previous event merch, etc). In 2017, we took in \$35,751.72, and broke the \$10,000 mark for Mudbash player fees.

Questions about income from the floor:

Tim asks regarding income on Leadbeaters accommodation, Nicola explains that the VQA paid for accommodation in full as it was booked in advance, and then players paid the VQA back which is why it is income.

Regarding presentation night tickets, the first presentation night was cancelled and any tickets purchased were refunded, then the second presentation night was marked as income.

Tim asked about why most of the expenses are in whole dollar amounts, but then totals have non-whole dollar amounts. Nicola explains that this is due to paypal fees, which is why you get things with \$0.14 (for example, you pay \$25 to the VQA, PayPal takes \$0.14 so we receive \$24.76).

Nicola clarified a few things on the financial report: she says that bounced payments from commbank is noted as an income, and that we received a \$500 grant from QA for state shield.

Mark asks how the booked accommodation for the Leadbeaters was done, Nicola says that the Leadbeaters players paid the accommodation to the VQA, as a group booking was made for all players, we told them to pay the balance (\$2826.08) from what the VQA was able to contribute.

Nicola further clarifies that the VQA spent \$215.38 on prizes for the trivia night, however some prizes were donated, and we paid \$150 for the venue hire for trivia night. Again for the Leadbeaters, the VQA paid \$200 for the logo design. The outflow for the accommodation for the Leadbeaters was \$4016.70, and the Leadbeaters players paid the VQA \$2826.08. Regarding the transportation for State Shield, the VQA opted to have players take maxi taxis around Brisbane rather than public transport, this was charged to the VQA card and then to be reimbursed by the players, however, most of the reimbursements were not paid back to the VQA until January 2018, which is why it is currently a loss on the financial statement.

Following, Nicola mentions that the VQA paid for media equipment and this was a fairly straightforward expense. Further, the VQA paid for Facebook advertising for some events, such as Mudbash, as well as paying for QA merchandise, where we bought t shirts from QA for our snitches to wear.

Nicola notes that the VQA has had to pay both fees to CommBank and to PayPal. She notes that the PayPal fees look like a lot, but considering we had an inflow of over \$35,000, the amount paid in fees is a very small percentage. Merryn asks if we have accounted for the paypal fees twice in the financial report, Nicola says that its not accounted twice for because of refunding, as PayPal takes the money we get from paypal, moves the paypal fee back into our account and then makes the refunded payment.

Matthew Ingram asks based on the percentage of total income the VQA makes, how significant are the PayPal fees? Nicola says that it is around 2% of each payment, however, it is worth the fees that paypal takes to save the time on administration, so it is worth paying the fees. She says that it is also worth having the piece of mind for the players that their payments have gone through immediately.

Brooks asks why was Luke Pahl involved in the financial report? Nicola explains that Luke has been involved due to Regina stepping back due to taking some personal time and that Luke has significant treasury experience through Monash Clubs and Societies.

Nicola talks through the Mudbash expenditure: Cassia asks about what the expenditure for the radio was, Nicola explains that these were walkie talkies we hired so we could talk to separate fields. Gavin asks what the geofilter expense was, Nicola explains that the VQA purchased a snapchat geofilter for Mudbash weekend.

Nicola then talks through the report for Victorian Fantasy: the VQA made a loss due to the change of venue last minute and providing lunch for players so this was an extra expense. She says that this was a shame, but it was not a huge issue as the event was really successful otherwise, heaps of interstate players so it was just unforeseen circumstances.

Regarding Mudbash, we had \$10955.00 in income, and spent \$8326.93, with an operating balance of \$2628.07, the majority of which went to back into Leadbeaters uniforms.

Regarding Spring Carnival, we had an income of \$1275.00 in player fees, and an operating balance of \$660.65, however this figure will need adjustment in the 2018 report due to referee payments that were not made until January this year. Overall, the VQA in a good financial position.

Merryn asks whether the VQA would consider a change in the financial reporting formatting so it shows expenses from the right year rather than when things have been paid in actual fact. Nicola says that we are looking at changing the way we do the monthly reports to be more accurate. Ed Vienet has helped to make a system for us to use that's better, we have tried to be as detailed and accurate as possible but previous financial reports haven't been super helpful to look at for inspiration as to how to make a detailed report.

Resolution #2

"That this General Meeting of the Victorian Quidditch Association approves the presented financial statements."

Moved: Emily Kirsh

Seconded: Emily Merry

For: 30

Against:

Abstentions: 0

RESOLUTION PASSES

5. Constitutional Amendments

No constitutional amendments.

6. Election

An election is held for the positions of:

Carissa Dyall is now returning officer for the election:

President

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Nicola Gertler	Alex Langdon	James Brooks

Nicola Gertler is elected unopposed.

Vice President

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
James Brooks	Matt Ingram	Nick Munro
Mark Kelly (declined)		

James Brooks is elected unopposed.

Secretary

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Alex Langdon	Nicola Gertler	Ed Vienet

Alex Langdon is elected unopposed.

Treasurer

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Dean Rodhouse (declined)		
Ed Vienet (declined)		
Nick Munro	Nicola Gertler	Mark Kelly

Nick Munro is elected unopposed.

Head of Officials

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Mark Kelly	Dylan Waller	Nicola Gertler

Mark Kelly is elected unopposed

Head of Gameplay

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Nathan Morton	Manny Thompson	Cassia Menkhorst

Nathan Morton is elected unopposed.

Head of Events and Fundraising

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Ingram (declined)		

Dylan Waller	self-nominated	Cassia Menkhorst
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Dylan Waller is elected unopposed.

Head of IT

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Dean Rodhouse (declined)		
Ed Vignet (declined)		
Beth Anderson	self-nominated	Nicola Gertler

Beth Anderson is elected unopposed.

Head of Media

Candidate	Nominated	Seconded
Justine Herring	self-nominated in abstentia	Nick Munro

Justine Herring is elected unopposed.

7. Plans for 2018

Nicola says Vic Cup 2018 is going well so far, and that Mudbas will be held over the 21st and 22nd of July and we already have 2 fields booked for those days at Fawkner park so it will be unlikely to change at this stage. We are currently waiting on confirmation from QA as to where state shield will be held this year, and Nicola mentions to not panic that NSW has chosen their selectors, Victoria will move along with choosing selectors once the location is confirmed, as we want to ensure that selectors and coaches can apply for those positions knowing that they can make the commitment to travel/attend state shield. Nicola also mentions that QUAFL 2018 has been announced to be held at USC on December 8th-9th.

8. General Business

Merryn suggests a development officer, maybe looking at regional areas to develop the sport outside of the melbourne metro area.

Mark asks about Leadbeaters in terms of development and selection, Nicola says that we will wait until there is a date and location announced because we need to make sure that everyone can commit to the date so it might be difficult to do this before we know these details.

Manny asks if there are any plans to update the VQA logo? Nicola says that we might eventually change to Quidditch Victoria, but VQA is a more unique acronym and less likely to be the same as other companies or associations. A while ago we discussed changing the logo to reflect NSW and QA adopting the QA logo in different colours but we didn't like that it would be indistinguishable from the other states so we scrapped the idea. We would need to implement a plan to change the logo over a period of

time to account for having the current logo on most of the teams jerseys, however updating the name and logo will be put forward to the admin committee.

Beth says that Dundee would like to change the bases on the goals as they are fragile and dangerous, Nicola says that it depends on costs. Design is variable, we could go wood with a foam mount, however Nathan says that this might be more dangerous than the current design as with cleats the foam will come off. Nathan says that a rubber base might be better option and be more solid, but if you step on it it could also result in some injury as it is a different material to grass. He says that the current bases we have might be the best option. Otherwise, we could look at Bluehawk Quidditch Supplies in the UK for new bases.

Furthermore, Beth asks on behalf of Jandels regarding the cost for getting to QUAFL for victorian players whether the VQA could help at all? Nicola says that this needs to be brought up with QA. From the bid package the Queensland bid looks very good and professional, however we are unsure of what we can do from a state perspective in terms of helping with funding. Also , Dylan mentions that the Sunshine Coast quidditch community is big so there is potentially an option for billeting.

Beth also asks about social media outreach, Nicola says that the VQA can now be as active as possible in sharing things on facebook/instagram/etc. She mentions that the website is really tricky on the backend so it is more difficult to manage and there is a lot of difficulty for people to get access. We don't have a mailing list so there isn't much we can do in terms of emailing people.

Nicola finishing by saying thank you to everyone for attending and running for a position and that without these meetings the VQA cannot exist so attendance is much appreciated.

Meeting closes at 12:44pm

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