

AWF MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors / State Members
CC: Australian Sports Commission
From: Matthew Curtain
Date: 1 June 2007
Re: Summary of Decisions, AWF Board Meeting – 15 April 2007

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, 15 April 2007 – Mermet Victorian Weightlifting Stadium, Melbourne at 1000hrs

Attendance

Sam Coffa (President), Ian Moir, Lyn Jones, Bob Pavone, George Hardiman, Boris Kayser, Michael Keelan, Ralph Cashman, Simon Heffernan (Athletes' Committee) & Matthew Curtain (Chief Executive Officer)

Summary of Decisions

Proposed National U15 Championships

Michael Keelan tabled the proposal of behalf of the HPMC outlining the advantages of introducing the event.

While the Board agreed in principle, the Board also requested the input and commentary of its State Members, before endorsing the proposal.

ACGA – Delhi 2010 Team Preparation Program Funding

The CEO tabled correspondence from the ACGA confirming its financial commitment of \$255,000 in preparation for the Australian team at the XIX Commonwealth Games

2007 Australian Olympic Committee – Annual General Meeting

The CEO tabled the AOC Annual General Meeting is to be held in Sydney on Saturday, 12 May 2007.

Deborah Lovely selected for International Olympic Academy

Matthew Curtain tabled correspondence received from the QWA highlighting Deborah's achievement in being selected to attend the International Olympic Academy.

Australian Sports Commission – FLSA Funding 2005-06

Pursuant to the informal discussion held with Brent Espeland (ASC Acting CEO) on 14 April 2007, the President officially tabled ASC correspondence relating to the forfeiture of its outstanding 2005-06 High Performance funding.

Finance

Given the significant deficit as a result of the ASC's resolution to cancel the balance of the 2005-06 HP funding, the Board resolved that the ASC be requested to assist the AWF with its financial recovery plan.

Report – Chief Executive Officer

Matthew Curtain tabled his activities report since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. Activities of the secretariat included, but were not limited to the following:

Meetings Attended

- IWF Symposium, Italy
- ASC, Canberra
- ASADA, Canberra
- Anti Doping, Brisbane
- Our Sporting Future, Brisbane

Events Preparation

- 2007 Australian U16 & U18 Championships, Sydney
- 2007 World Junior Championships, Czech Republic
- 2007 Arafura Games (Commonwealth & Oceania Junior Championships)
- 2007 Australian Masters Championships, Perth

Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority

- Athlete Compliance Information (Whereabouts Forms)
- Anti Doping Policy
- Athlete reinstatement process – Caroline Pileggi
- Sanction – Mitchil Mann
- Sanction – Sergo Chakhoyan
- CAS Hearing – Sergo Chakhoyan
- Eight Point Action Plan
- Motion – International Training Location
- Disciplinary Committee
- Athlete Support Personnel Criteria

Australian Sports Commission

- Compliance plan measures
- AWF Governance Manual
- Finance
- High Performance Audit 2005-06

High Performance

- High Performance Program Review
- Selection of Arafura Games team
- Olympic Team Nomination Criteria (AOC)
- Formalisation of relevant policies

Capitations

- 31 March 2007 – Membership

Communication

- AWF website update

Australian Sports Commission

The CEO tabled the schedule of activities required by the AWF to complete in order to satisfy the requirements of the interim funding level agreement.

Anti Doping Policy

The AWF anti doping policy had been amended, in accordance with ASADA's requirements by Boris Kayser. The policy was approved by ASADA on 30 March 2007 and therefore, once endorsed by the AWF; the policy would come into effect on 01 May 2007.

[http://www.awf.com.au/resources/docs/AWF%20ADP%20-%20approved%2015Apr07%20\(effective%2001May07\).pdf](http://www.awf.com.au/resources/docs/AWF%20ADP%20-%20approved%2015Apr07%20(effective%2001May07).pdf)

Anti Doping Action Plan

The Anti Doping Committee and the CEO continues to work through the eight point action plan and specifically tabled the following, for the consideration of the Board:

AWF Athlete Participation in International Competition or Training

The Board approved the by-law relating to Athlete Participation in International Competition or Training:

<http://www.awf.com.au/iinc.php?page=asada>

Additional Selection Criteria for Athlete Support Personnel

The Board approved the following amendment to the team official selection criteria relating to athlete support personnel:

In deciding whether a person is suitable for appointment as an athlete support person with the AWF, the AWF must take the following into consideration:

1. *Whether the person has been convicted of a criminal offence in the last 10 years. Serious criminal offences, such as those involving trafficking of drugs, acts occasioning physical bodily harm, offences against children, and offences involving periods of incarceration, must automatically disqualify an applicant.*
2. *Whether any other issues are identified in a police national name check which cast doubt on the suitability of the person for appointment to the AWF. The applicant must consent to the AWF conducting the police national name check.*

3. *Whether the person has had an anti-doping rule violation within the past eight years. Serious violations, including those where the sanction applied was at least two years, must automatically disqualify an applicant.*
4. *Whether the applicant is currently under investigation by ASADA for an anti-doping rule violation. The fact that an applicant is under investigation shall not automatically disqualify the applicant.*

AWF Disciplinary Committee

The Board approved the following by-law relating to the Anti Doping Disciplinary Committee.

<http://www.awf.com.au/iinc.php?page=asada>

Anti Doping Education Seminars

Two ASADA funded anti doping sessions were confirmed for members of the Registered Testing Pool (RTP); Brisbane – 20 May 07 & Melbourne – 27 May 07.

Register of Findings

On 07 February 2007, ASADA released its Register of Findings (RoF) for the period; 01 July 2006 – 01 February 2007. The RoF attributed five (5) entries to Weightlifting.

Anti Doping Rule Violations

Ian Moir reported; Mitchil Mann (NSW) had been suspended for a period of two (2) years, as a result of a positive test for the presence Clenbuterol from samples collected by ASADA on 30 October 2006 & 03 November 2006.

Sergo Chakhoyan (VIC), who had previously been sanctioned in 2001 for an anti doping rule violation, received a life-time period of ineligibility as a result of a sample on 08 October 2005 that revealed the presence of the prohibited substance, BZP.

WADA Code Forum

Lyn Jones & Ian Moir attended the WADA code forum convened by the Australian Government on 02 March 2007.

Whereabouts Forms

It was reported that of the 39 members on the RTP, 6 had yet to complete their whereabouts forms.

Coach Development

Lyn Jones and Michael Keelan tabled that of the 294 accredited coaches in Australia, 190 would expire on 15 December 2007 highlighting, that currently, there were no accredited coaches in Tasmania.

Capitations

The CEO tabled the national membership database, current as at 10 April 2007

State Member	Over 17	Under 16	Other	Sub Total
Tasmania	6	7	7	20
Queensland	57	24	14	95
Victoria	46	20	29	95
New South Wales	54	4	25	83
South Australia	20	3	13	36
Western Australia				0
Northern Territory				0
Australian Capital Territory				0

Total	329
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High Performance Review – Melbourne, 13 & 14 April 2007

The President tabled the success of the review highlighting the AWF's requirement of employing a High Performance Program Manager once the outcome of the program review is complete.

Olympic Team Nomination Criteria

Matthew Curtain reported no further commentary had been received from the AOC on the matter.

Policy Development

The Board endorsed, in principle, the coach and junior elite incentive programs.

AWF Governance Manual

The Board endorsed the AWF Governance Manual, as previously circulated by the CEO.

Terms of Reference – AWF Committees

In accordance with the AWF's compliance measures, the Board instructed the CEO to action, as required the terms of references relating to the various AWF committees

Strategic Plan Workshop

The Board agreed to defer the item until its next meeting.

2007 Arafura Games (Commonwealth & Oceania Junior Championships)

Two applications were received by the AWF for the team management vacancies and therefore, the Board confirmed the appointment of Greg Hobl (Manager / Coach) and Miles Wydall (Head Coach) as team officials for the Arafura Games delegation

2007 Australian U16 & U18 Championships

The CEO tabled the final entries listing highlighting that of the 74 participants entered; only 4 athletes had qualified for the event.

2007 Annual General Meeting – 25 November 2007

The Board confirmed Melbourne as the location for the 2007 AGM.

2007 University World Championships – Date Change

The Board tabled the date change of the 2007 University World Championships from 28 June – 01 July to 09 – 12 August 2007.

2008 National Events

In accordance with its ASADA requirements, the CEO was instructed to begin drafting the 2008 National Calendar of Events.

