

Metropolitan Area Recreation Advisory Group

Minutes

Online

Tuesday 8 March 2022 – 1pm-4pm

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 Welcome from the Chair

Meeting opened by Chair, D.Bruce, at 1.07pm. D.Bruce Delivers an acknowledgement to country and welcomes everyone to the meeting.

Apologies made for the Vice Chair, J.Hess, who was unable to attend at late notice.

D.Bruce acknowledges he is now working at the City of Gosnells and his new contact details can be found on the WALGA website under the MARAG group.

1.3 Confirmation of previous Minutes 28 September 2021

Mover - C. Whittingham (City of Armadale)

Seconder – S. Stephens (City of Gosnells)

General update:

Overview of the groups current situation provided by D.Bruce:

- Working group have drafted a strategic plan. All members to review and provide feedback.
- Work has been done on the summer/winter season crossover. No official agreement document required.
- Large focus for members is the current covid situation with a number of enquiries being received from different avenues. WALGA to continue to provide updates to the group.

2.0 COVID response

Grant Trew (from the COVID-19 response unit at DLGSC) provided an update regarding restrictions currently in place specific to sport and recreation. Key points to note included;

- The team do not provide legal advice.
- W.A are currently in level 2 restrictions and the team a receiving a number of enquiries regarding venue management and what clubs need to put in place
- Clarification on 'Community Sport' was made late last week noting that regardless of the location that a community sport event is being held at it is still be deemed as community sport. This will enable outdoor community sporting events to proceed as community sport and therefore will not be subject to the 500 person capacity limit.
 - It is important to note that events needs to be competition based.

- Under the current restrictions indoor community sport participants are not required to show proof of vaccine. However, the venue it is hosted at can impose these requirements.

Questions: Clubs are wanting to host their club trophy presentation outside in the park oval, are they subject to capacity limits?

- Response: This is up to individual LG's to determine but given it is not competition base it is likely there should be. But this is also dependant on whether it is on private grounds given some clubs have exclusive use of certain areas of grounds.

3.0 Draft MARAG Strategic Plan

D.Bruce provided an overview of the strategic plan in J.Hess's absence. The following key points were made:

- Question to be raised whether the group should encompass regional LG's. Discussion to have in future meetings.
- To further support the groups objectives there is a need for representatives to be involved in discussion /engagement with Infrastructure W.A.
- MARAG have previously been involved in engagement of key infrastructure developments/upgrades such as the WACCA and a priority is that this continues.

No feedback was received from members during the meeting.

4.0 'How WALGA Works'

Vikki Barlow and Alina Hobson provided a presentation on how WALGA works. The presentation is attached and can be found on the WALGA website.

3.0 UPDATES

Update from DLGSC:

- CSRFF small grants are currently open
- Club Lights program currently open
- Re-classification of State Sporting associations is commencing soon. This will occur through a series of workshops with 90 State Sporting Associations.

Update from PLAWA

- A presentation current projects was provided, please see attachment. Key items to note include;
 - Fees and Charges project - commenced in January.
 - Planners course - due to be completed in May. However with enough interest another course can be offered.
 - Facility Definition workshops are being facilitated with the aim to develop a guide of commonly used terms.
 - LG's are encouraged to submit an application for the awards of Excellence.
 - State conference being held in November 2022
 - Data collection project benchmarking opens in July

- Currently running regional training opportunities.
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Update from WALGA

No further update provided by WALGA.

Update from SportsWest

No update provided by SportsWest.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- LG's are encouraged to send through presentation ideas for meetings.
- Questions: How many staff members to other LG's have in the Club Development role.
 - Responses provided offline.
- Questions: Basketball Noise Concerns– where is this currently at?
 - Response – No further advice provided. No guidelines have yet been developed.
- Discussion occurred around Football West's recent requests for clubs to provide lighting audits, with clubs then approaching their Local Government with this request.
 - Feedback received was that LG's are not conducting these audits with clubs to cover the cost.

6.0 Next Meeting

Thursday 9 June 2022, 1-4pm.