

Meeting opened at 11:06 UTC by Daniel Price Croft

Minutes taken by Alistair Yap

Attendance

Trustees

Present: Daniel Price Croft (Chair), Alistair Yap (Vice-Chair, Treasurer), Cynara Wainner, Matt Blissenden, Sinan Keyder, Sylvie Řezáčová

Absent: Vitória Alves (Vice-Chair, Secretary)

Directors

Present: Ariadna L Navone Sarubbi (Interim Director of Communications), Jamie Turbet (Director of Membership and Gameplay)

Jamie introduces herself to the meeting and describes her roles within the IQA and also with her local NGB and club

Development Fund Application

Jamie apologises as this was supposed to have been sent to trustees before the meeting.

Available to anyone that is a member, preferences given to smaller NGBs and the maximum amount given out is USD\$600.

Usually 2 per year, tends to have the same people apply with previous recipients being Hong Kong, Peru and Uganda

Kenya has submitted their first application. Although they are not an official member, they have been identified as an area of interest for about 2 years.

Actionable: Trustees to review application and vote on it

Jamie talks about Kenya's application to host their nationals where their clubs will compete and where they will also select their national team to send to the 2027 IQA World Cup. They also intend to run referee and coaching workshops. The NGB is also active on social media where they have posted their workshops and their progress.

Directors have approved their application but have flagged the main focus on the national team to be an area of concern. Directors would prefer the money used towards improving their equipment overall as they would significantly benefit from that.

Sinan asks if there is a way for the IQA to use the money to directly buy the equipment from Kenyan sources. Jamie mentions the case of Uganda, where they were sent the money and Uganda sent the IQA a quote on how much the equipment would cost. Kenya has proven their commitment to using any funding appropriately, as they have done so in the past.

Daniel raises a concern that it is illegal to be homosexual in Kenya, and wants to make sure that the NGB and their members align with our values. Jamie can't give a confirmation but highlights that all IQA members must align with the IQA's values.

Alistair raises a concern that should the NGB be given funding, the funds must be used in the manner of which it was intended. Jamie outlines there are policies in place and shares the consequences that will follow should the money not be used in the manner it is intended for.

Safety at IQA Events

Jamie commences discussion about safety at IQA events and outlines the incidents that occurred at the world cup that involved spectators behaving inappropriately. Examples included inappropriate comments, culturally insensitive behaviour, and a higher level of aggression on field directed towards certain teams.

Jamie also had a meeting with the president of a particular NGB and they agreed in writing on developing a spectator code of conduct.

Jamie goes on to raise the concerns that have been presented about the UK bid after they were announced as a finalist for the 2027 IQA World Cup. Potential solutions that were discussed included outreach and education regarding these issues, and social media campaigns on the correct language to use. Jamie has reached out to parties that align with our views who have experience with running these sorts of campaigns.

Daniel comments that using anecdotal evidence with real life examples could help communicate the magnitude and severity of this. Jamie agrees, proposing using a video but also highlights that caution must be taken on the tone that the IQA decides to use to communicate the importance.

Sylvie suggests consulting with the trans community and checking how they would like to be represented but also expressed uncertainty on how the campaign will be received in general, citing how some teams do use the gender rule to gain a competitive edge in the sport. Jamie mentions how some individuals are genuine about their gender but some are abusing it to get an unfair competitive edge in the sport. There are lots of different issues in the sport and the IQA can't tackle them all at once, reinforcing focusing on the topic at hand and putting our best foot forward.

Sylvie suggests acknowledging that they are aware that this is happening and not discounting it altogether, but not combining it with the issue of trans rights.

Daniel asks Ari for her input on how we could tackle this from a social media perspective, Ari requests more time in advance when executing campaigns like this, referencing the rushed approach to the recent campaign for International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Sylvie mentions having the code of conduct is one thing but actually having volunteers or people on the ground to enforce it is another issue, Jamie agrees.

Sinan suggests having some sort of management system in place to manage this and keeping track of who has been banned. Jamie mentioned penalties against the spectators of the offending NGBs' team was discussed, but its effectiveness was questioned. Other solutions were briefly discussed

Daniel comments on the renewed cohesiveness of the trustees and directors and is optimistic of the future and highlights some of the focus areas the trustees have individually expressed interest in.

Actionable

Keep an eye on the social media campaign for the pressing issues (anti trans, appropriate language)

Membership Review

Jamie brings up conducting a review of members, releasing a survey to collate information and to update membership status of members based on the results. Jamie outlines the current criteria to be IQA members and whether we want to stick to those criteria or provide some leeway. Brings up some of the current members that don't meet these criteria. Discussion must occur about what to do with the countries that do not meet the criteria, and what process to follow. Jamie mentions the requirements that come with being a member.

Daniel highlights the importance of maintaining relationships with NGBs, regardless of membership status.

Sylvie suggests sharing this with the members and reaching out and asking them what the IQA can do to help them, earmarked for future action
Jamie will connect sylvie with negra

Global Partnership Program

A member reached out to Jamie about starting a global partnership program. Approaching companies to establish a partnership for sponsorship. The world cup sponsorship with utility

apparel was brought up as an example. Further investigation and discussion is required on this topic, along with developing a prospectus. At first glance, a broader approach seems to be more ideal.

Daniel brings up there is currently a lack of a guide for getting sponsors and partnerships so this is something that we could actually use. Also mentions that there has to be grants in Europe that we could get support from but the trick is how we can actually access those funds and meet the criteria to be eligible for them. Suggests forming a group that can focus on this

Sinan suggests shifting the focus from small startups within the quadball bubble to medium sized companies in the broader sporting world. Mentions one that made hair ties for volleyball players

Actionable

Have a discussion about spearheading a global partnership program

Directors leave meeting at 12:25 UTC

Daniel brings up some of the shortfalls that the previous group of trustees encountered and requests that among the current trustees if there is an area they are interested in and would like to help in to reach out as it would greatly benefit the overall direction and improve the image of the organisation.

Alistair expresses interest in working with the events department and keeping on top of the constant cycle of events once a new events director is appointed. Sinan also would like to work with events.

Daniel suggests having some sort of master to do or actionables list to show that we are making progress with certain things. Not letting things slip through the cracks when members come forward with suggestions to ensure that they do not fall on deaf ears.

Meeting closed at 12:35 UTC