



Captains Meeting – Monday 2 Feb 2026
6.30pm via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Meeting Open

- **Apologies** - nil
 - **Proxies**
 - Screammers - Dylan for Iain
 - Kaos – Tony for Phil
 - Steady Eddies – Fred for Max

 - Minutes from December 2025 Meeting tabled, seconded by Paul Chapelli
 - For - 22
 - Against - 0
 - Abstain - 4
- Minutes accepted

2. President's Report (Matt Harmon)

Matt attended 2 meetings at the AEBF level in the last week.

The first was a public meeting regarding the AEBF Constitution. There was a representative from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) there who explained the compliance requirements, where the AEBF was falling short at the moment and what was required to meet that compliance. They also ran through several concerns that people had.

The second meeting included the AEBF Committee, all the State Delegates and included Life Members of the AEBF. They met in Melbourne on Saturday night (31 Jan 2026), the meeting was called by the Delegates (QLD particularly). As was raised in the last Captains meeting there is a lot of confusion around what is going on at the AEBF level, this meeting was to hopefully clear some of this up.

High Level Outcomes:

- Currently there is a lot of confusion around who is actually on the AEBF.
- Re the 2025 AGM, it was agreed that it didn't meet the constitutional requirements re the notification period, so the meeting was declared null and void, also the Executive Committee that was in place prior to that meeting stands.
- A number of people including the President, Treasurer and most of the AEBF Executive resigned at that AGM, this was not formalised in writing so technically (Matt expressed his issues with some of this) those people remain in their positions. They have had legal advice on this. The Delegates accept the current committee.
- Currently there are 2 AEBF entities, there is the Incorporated Federation of the AEBF and then there is the "Limited by Guarantee", the company which was created by the AEBF. Both of these entities have different constitutions. So, there is a lot of overlap between the two, so the main purpose of this meeting was to agree on a transition process from the Incorporated Federation to the Limited by Guarantee company.
- To confuse things even more there is a constitution that was rushed through by the AEBF at the end of last year, this constitution is not right, it gives the AEBF all the power over the States and Territories associations.
- New proposed draft constitution that has been issued out to the States and Territories presented by the interim Vice President Penny from ACTEBA, she has done a fantastic job in preparing the old with new.

Highlights of the proposed new constitution include:

- The AEBF doesn't have the complete power that was being suggested in the initial constitution.

- Executive not getting paid as was rumoured.
 - There are a lot of amendments required, on 21 Feb all delegates will meet and provide all proposed amendments to the draft constitution.
 - Before this the AEBF will call a special general meeting to schedule the SGM to ratify the new single constitution.
 - Then the Board (not the Executive) will call the AGM in 45 days to form the Board and wind down the existing Incorporated Federation. Leaving only 1 entity.
 - So effectively 90 days from now there will be an AGM under the new company structure, following the new constitution that the delegates will agree on (in 45 days' time), at this AGM they will vote on the Board and a nomination
 - There will be Approx. 5-9 board members (elected and nominated Board positions) The elected positions are elected by the Board and the nominated positions are elected through an independent nominations committee excluded from the Board, also 60% of the Board positions must be elected by the Nominations Committee.
 - The Board cannot control who comes and goes, there is a maximum period that people can be on the Board.
 - Re voting, the Board (5-9 people) have 1 vote collectively... and members (States/Territories) have 1 vote each. So the States and Territories will have more say.
 - Matt Harmon and Paul Chapelli have been added to a chat group to work through the proposed amendments – MH also invited Joseph M and Doug Percy for their input, being previous ACTEBA Presidents.
 - This is a massive process, Matt believes it is a step in the right direction, the issues were how it was happening and the lack of transparency and involvement and the issues around the last AGM and who is on the committee and who is not. We are collectively in a harmonious place now to go forward.
 - The main reason to become a company is to get NSO recognition through the ASC, which is the pathway through to the Olympics, currently the only cue sport that has an NSO in Australia is the AEBF.
 - This also opens up huge opportunities for grants and support from the Government.
- Pool Australia formation – not the priority at the moment not much happening till later, the Gold Coast extravaganza should be still going ahead in November this year.
 - Matt is feeling better about the whole process and praised Penny for her work with the above process.

3. Vice President's Report (Paul Chapelli)

- Mentioned we have presentation night Mar 14 – details to come out shortly.

4. Secretary's Report (Matt Wilson)

- December Captains meeting Minutes were sent out in December, no amendments received.

5. Treasurer's Report (Terry McClymont)

- Our Everyday Cheque account has \$85877.33
- Term deposit 35k
- Nationals account \$12786.35
- Expecting 15k bill for nationals and also presentation night to come out, these are our 2 biggest upcoming expenses.

6. Tournament Director's Report (Graham O'Connell)

- Is anyone here from the
- Bogans - no
- Hustlers – yes
- Knucklers – yes
- Neal and Bob - no
- Page rage – Yes (confirmed later in the meeting)
- Team Lish – yes (confirmed later in the meeting)

- A lot of movement with teams this season, there were questions around promotions/demotions etc, we had the proposal back at the end of 2024 to change the way that we do this, but the by-laws on the website

aren't updated to reflect it – Graham doesn't have access to the editable version of By-laws – does the Secretary or anyone else have access?, can we get it published before next season, so it is clear.

- **Fees** – Graham put the wrong fees up on PlayHQ \$70 not \$90 for this season, we need to collect this from registered players by mid season, this was agreed to come into effect for this season in May last year.
 - In addition, the annual \$15 AEBF affiliation fee for 2026 wasn't setup before we started taking entries. Graham will send out a link to PayHQ – for \$15 plus \$20 plus a link for state players that have not paid for their affiliation.

PC – can you send out a link for the additional \$20?

GH – yes he will contact everyone that has registered and provide a link to PlayHQ, this will have the \$15 AEBF registration fee and the \$20 season fee also the option when you checkout for State players for the additional AEBF affiliation. If a player has already paid their affiliation then they won't have to pay that part again.

MH – anyone have any questions? re stated the fees had been already agreed and voted on, so we are financially stable to host the Nationals in 2030 – **Please let your team members know there will be the extra fees coming.** He apologised for the oversight, the decision was made a long time ago.

Tony says he can add the new fee details to website, **GH will type an email with the details.**

- Upcoming Events:
 - SOO coming up sun 22Feb, messages going out by end of this week. This year 2 SOOs will be on Sunday and 1 on a Saturday to accommodate people with conflicts on Saturday's.
 - Masters and Women's rankings to be done – info to come out by next captains meeting.
 - Preparation for a 5- or 6-week comp in between seasons – info to come out by next captains meeting.

MH - Why are we not playing this week? – basically HGC isn't available this Wednesday, it was too disruptive to try and reschedule a heap of matches.

7. Assistant Tournament Director's Report

- Anthony – nil.

8. Webmaster's Report

- Tony – did updates on Captains mailing list, thanks Graham for posting all the current comp information up on the website.

9. Fundraising Coordinator's Report

- Lissie – jackpot joker covered for the next 2 weeks – thanks to Anthony Lees and Chad, please reach out if you are able to help out after that.

10. Junior Development Officer's Report (Lissie)

- Junior nationals run in Rockhampton a couple of weeks ago.
- We had Frank in the under 15s, Nevea in the under 18 girls and Charles in the under 18's, which he won, under 18 Australian Champion, congratulations to Charles, he did really well, a pleasure to watch him play.
- Overall, the event was run really well, we managed to fill the entire team, 3 players made it to the top 8, there was lots to watch on the final day.
- A WA player who played for us last year, took out the under 12 title.

MH – received feedback around concerns about kids had not much to do at the venue and they couldn't go anywhere in the venue without an adult?

Lissie – they were quite lenient, there was a lounge area that was outside, as far as she was aware no kids were kicked out. The venue was pretty good, not sure what the complaints were about – everyday was full to the max. The kids were playing from 7.30am to 7pm.

Re scheduling there was an hour break in the middle of the day, this would have been better being at the end of the day so they could go home and have dinner. Pres night was a bit of a mess around, 20 seats missing.

MH – congratulations to Charles massive feat winning the title. The first time anyone from the ACT has won that event.

11. Assistant Junior Development Officer's Report (Paul Chapelli)

- There was only 2 AEBF reps at the Juniors, Jay Windross and Chris, not impressive from the Jnrs perspective
- **MH** to pass on that feedback to the AEBF, the issues discussed above may explain it partially.

12. Head Umpire's Report (Ron Farmer)

Ron – nothing much to report, he will be away (in Scotland) for 3 months so call via fb messenger

MH – call him or Graham instead – Ron away 27 Feb to end of May.

13. ~~Publicity Officer~~ - Vacant

14. ~~State Head Coach Report~~ - Vacant

15. General Business

- None!
- **MH** – see you in March
- Meeting concluded at 7.08pm