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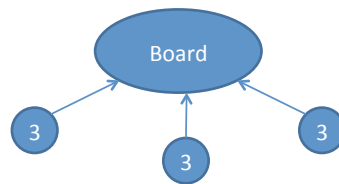
A New Constitution for NSW Polo Association

Creating the New Constitution

- The Constitution was drafted in March by an external legal firm, Lander and Rogers.
 - *They have considerable expertise with sporting organisations*
 - *They were recommended by NSW Department of Sport & Recreation and by the Australian Sports Commission*
- The draft was reviewed by the Board and sent to Club Delegates in June for comment
 - *All comments were considered in detail by the Board*
 - *Most were incorporated and feedback given to clubs*

The New NSWPA Constitution and How It Affects NSW Polo Players

- Each zone can vote for 3 board representatives
- Equal representation from each zone: North, South and Hawkesbury basin



- This means each zone is able to have their say.

The Relationship between NSWPA and the APF

- Our position with APF remains the same. It doesn't increase our commitment to them in any way.
 - *All members are obliged to follow APF rules and policies as they have always been through the annual membership renewal process when you sign up on clubs online*
- The Constitution simply sets out the rules for how the NSW Board and Association operates. It does not deal with how the APF sets fees, makes decisions or spends money.

Reducing the number of Board Representatives

- Streamline the number of board representatives for a more efficient and effective governance
- A more feasible and structured board
 - *“Achieving what our Polo community are expecting”* -
 - *“Positioning our sport for the long term”*
 - *“Govern for the future”*
- 17 board members down to 9 from the 3 zones plus 2 independent board members & President.
- Independent members will be assigned to specific initiatives, people with specific skills.

Roles of APF and NSWPA

- APF’s roles within Polo Australia consists of creating and enforcing guidelines for:
 - Handicapping
 - Rules
 - National Insurance Scheme
 - Risk Management
 - Umpire training
 - OH&S Guidelines
 - International Competition
 - Horse and player welfare
- NSWPA
 - Role is to enforce, implement and manage the guidelines set by the APF
 - Set Calendar
 - Club Sponsorship and Funding
 - Strategic Plan
 - State Tournaments (organised)

Critical Path

1	2011 - Our Constitution was 20 years old
2	We were given legal advice to update the NSWPA constitution. Advice came from Government Sports Body and the ambiguity in the current Constitution about accepting a motion at a general meeting
3	Two board members with relative expertise in law and governance headed the initiative.
4	Draft Constitution circulated among Polo community for feedback
5	Feedback and recommendations included in final draft
6	AGM discussion, final vote on Constitution to take place

Questions ?

- If you have any comments or questions please email or contact any board member.
- All our contact details can be found at <http://www.nswpolo.com.au/about/directors.asp>
- If you're interested you can find more information on governance for sporting organisations and best practice at: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/sportsclubs/ryc_corporate.asp