



Management Committee (WSAMC) Meeting #48

Date: 8 September 2016

Venue: email & skype

Time: 8:30am

1. Present: Richard Unsworth (RU)(skype)President
 Mike Van Keulen (MVK) Vice President
 Jessie Jarvis (JJ)(email) Treasurer
 Len McKenzie (LM)Secretary

2. Welcome & Apologies: LM (Chair) opened the meeting at 8:30am and recorded the minutes (from emails received)
 Apologies: nil

3. Update from the Secretary & Treasurer

3.1. Update from Secretary (Len)

Since the last meeting (*WSAMCM#47*), activities relating to the business included:

- 09Aug16 - Proposed the following applicants for WSA membership:
 - Mr Reda El Kamcha - (Université Mohammed V Agdal, Morocco) - PhD candidate
 - Mrs Catherine Bryant - ordinary member (James Cook University)
- Seconded by MvK (09Aug16). Motion passed

3.2. Update from Treasurer (Jessie)

Since the last meeting (*WSAMCM#47*), activities relating to the business included:

- PayPal account balance 28Aug16= USD197.10
- NAB account balance 28Aug16= AUD571.64
- Petty Cash 28Aug16 = AUD31.55, USD20.00
- Expenditure since 29Jun16:
 - USD2,500 for ISBW12 student travel awards
- Expenditure forecast for quarter:
 - nil

4. Tasks and Discussion

4.1 WSA Steering Committee

On 23Jun15, all Steering Committee members were emailed the following list of tasks and asked to nominate which task they would like to contribute:

- a. Communications and website (see 4.2)
- b. Social media (see 4.2)
- c. Notes from the field (see 4.2)
- d. Webinar programme (see 4.7)
- e. Student liaison (need a Student Rep) (see 4.6)
- f. Seagrass education (see 4.6)
- g. Fund raising (see 5.1)
- h. Conservation
- i. Awards (see 4.3)
- j. Journal publications (e.g. another special issue) (see 4.8)
- k. Major initiatives (e.g. new books, an Atlas update, a methods update) (see 4.9)

4.2 Communication and social media tools

Objective: *to increase the line of communication with members and non-members; to improve the visibility of the Association within the seagrass community; to raise the profile of seagrasses through stories, blogs, news, etc.*

Responsible officer/s: Giuseppe, Siti, Rich, Adriana

Status: ongoing

Activity since last meeting & Discussion:

<http://wsa.seagrassonline.org/blog/>

www.facebook.com - World Seagrass Association, 253 members [29Jun16]

twitter - World Seagrass Assoc @WSA_tweets. 69 followers, 36 tweets [29Jun16]

SeagrassForum, 688 members

4.3 WSA Life Membership Award

Objective: Award to WSA members who have made significant or outstanding contributions to the Association and scientific representation

Responsible officer: Anitra Thorhaug

Due date: TBA

Status: ongoing

Activity since last meeting & Discussion:

LM (13Jul16): document titled "*The Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Seagrass Scientific Research and Service to Enhance Seagrass Sustainability*" was forwarded to the WSA Steering Committee for feedback.

LM: I have received comments from 2 steering committee members to date.

4.4 Monitoring review

Objective: review of seagrass monitoring efforts: last 10 years of monitoring

Responsible officer/s: Giuseppe, Rob

Due date: TBA

Status: ongoing

Activity since last meeting & Discussion:

4.5 ISBW12, Nant Gwrtheyrn, Gwynedd, North Wales, 16-21 October 2016:

Objective: facilitate the biennial International Seagrass Biology Workshop (ISBW), an official WSA Inc. event.

Responsible officer/s: Rich, Leanne & Len

Due date: 2016

Status: ongoing

Activity since last meeting:

RU: 140 participants registered. Currently finalising workshops.

4.6 WSA student network

Objective

Responsible officer/s: ??

Due date:

Status:

Activity since last meeting:

Nil

4.7 WSA Webinars & Online events

Objective:

Responsible officer/s: ?

Due date: ???

Status: ongoing

Activity since last meeting:

Nil

4.8 WSA seagrass special issue Ocean & Coastal Management

Objective:

Responsible officer/s: Mike vK, Leanne Cullen-Unsworth, and Lina Norland

Due date: ???

Status: ongoing

Activity since last meeting & Discussion:

MVK: Still being discussed, as may reconsider approaching Oceans & Coastal Management due to ethical codes.

RU: Maybe look at Marine Pollution Bulletin again as Charles expressed they were happy with last special issue. Will send introductory email to MvK & Charles.

4.9 Major initiatives

Objective: e.g. new books, an Atlas update, a methods update

Responsible officer/s: Rob

Due date: ???

Status: ongoing

Activity since last meeting & Discussion:

Nil

4.10 Consensus Statement

Objective: WSA endorsed Consensus statement about the future of seagrass; much like the *Consensus Statement on Climate Change and Coral Reefs*.

Responsible officer/s: WSA Management Committee

Due date: week prior to ISBW12

Status: final draft

Activity since last meeting & Discussion:

RU: Text being finalised with editor

5. Other

5.1 Other business

nil

5.1 Wrap up and Close of Meeting

LM thanked the members for their participation and contributions to the meeting. Meeting Closed 9:45am

I confirm these are the true minutes of the World Seagrass Association Management Committee Meeting #48.

Dated the 8th day of September 2016

Len McKenzie
Chair/Secretary
World Seagrass Association Inc.



Actions carried forward from previous WSA Inc. meetings

Meeting #	Actions Arising from Discussion	Status
40	Giuseppe to provide details on status of funds from Eva's family	ongoing