



APPA Chairman's Report 2021

Friday, December 3, 2021, 19:00

Dear Members,

I wish to firstly thank and acknowledge the APPA Executive team for all their hard work off the "field" in preparation of 2022 and the development of the APPA Five Year Strategic Plan. The team have had a total of sixteen meetings over the course of 18 months, discussing all things pertaining to governance, strategic planning and WPA related matters.

It has been a very tough year for APPA, its members, sponsors and industry partners facing a global pandemic, lockdowns, vaccination targets, event cancellations, job losses, economic downturn and QR codes everywhere you go. Since APPA's incorporation on June 30, 2020, our Executive Board would never have foreseen this time other than a growth period along with a renewed players confidence in our fledgling organization and APPA delivering some great WPA discipline events in Australia.

Alas it was not meant to be for 2021 and with ever shifting sands, the APPA team had to refocus our efforts elsewhere in preparation of 2022. We did manage to host the APPA Welcome event in 2021 in conjunction with City Heroes Burwood. With many interstate and local players in attendance, APPA considered the event moderately successful. The APPA board sought player feedback after the event with an easy-to-use e-form and the overwhelming results were positive for our organization. In all the event was a great way for APPA to generate interest in cue sports and the members had a chance to get to know the APPA Executive. This event was not about trips away, large sums of money, it was an introduction and welcome to the players.

You may be asking what APPA actually did over the last 18 months? So here is a general list of things APPA Executive have been working on, while not all are complete, most are:

1. Governance Documentation – Constitution, By Laws, Member Protection Policy and Anti-Doping Policy which all conform to International Federation guidelines and Sports Australia guidelines.
2. Membership Application to OPBA, which was accepted 8th April 2021



3. Appointment of two APPA Board Members to join the OPBA Board, which is the WPA Member. Our nominations were accepted 6th November 2021
4. Five Year Strategic Plan for APPA 80% complete
5. Development APPA Juniors Program to be rolled out in 2022
6. Initial consultation with CSI (Cue Sports International) about developing a virtual APPA Accredited Referee Program for Australia and New Zealand.
7. Become Executive Board members of Australia's 1st Cue Sports Confederation (20 years in the making) – Cue Sports Australia which brings together the main codes of cue sports with an aim to work more closely with strategic alignment for all disciplines with a view to Olympic Sport Inclusion for 2032 in Brisbane.
8. Provide a Calendar of Events or 2022 in consultation with Cue Sports Australia Federation members to minimize event clashes and create agreed protocols around event priority.
9. New APPA Website and member APP for all your information on the go.
10. Appointment of Player Delegates for QLD, VIC and SA to ensure that communication between the national body and the state bodies.
11. Ongoing Development and recruitment of Sub Committees to focus on Disability, Juniors, Ladies, Referees and Funding.
12. Provide a clear pathway for the upper echelon players to earn World Championship spots to represent Australia and Oceania.
13. Work with other local organizations like CueSoc, Uni Games and Pockets – who will be eventually delving into 9 Ball.
14. Continue our relationship with global leaders like Matchroom Pool, CSI and Predator for APPA representation and future events, some which one day maybe hosted here on home soil!

In closing I will hand over to our Treasurer and Secretary to cover off anything they need to. We look forward to seeing you all at our 1st event 29-30 January the National 9 Ball in Sydney. Don't forget that the more members we have the greater opportunities will materialize for all the players, industry partners, only with your ongoing support of APPA will the sport flourish and enter a new era.

Chairman APPA

Stuart Rogers