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## Competitions Working Group Meeting

Monday 23-Aug-2021

Video Conference

### MEETING MINUTES

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<b>1. Members present and apologies for absence</b>	
<b>Bill Boagey (BB)</b>	Super League & Division 1 Lead
<b>Sam Yip (SY)</b>	Division 2 Women Lead
<b>Diane Hollows (DH)</b>	Division 3 Men's lead
<b>Herman Prada (HP)</b>	Sitting Volleyball Competitions Lead
<b>James Murphy (JMu)</b>	Competitions Lead National Cup Lead
<b>Simon Cowie (SC)</b>	Division 2 Men lead
Rob Payne (RP)	Strategic Manager (An Ace Service)
John Worrall (JW)	Project Lead - Competitions
<b>Ade McGraa (AM)</b>	Student Cup Lead
<b>Martin Shakespeare (MS)</b>	Referee Liaison
<b>Apologies</b>	
Geoff Hollows	Results Processing
<b>Sarah Hill (SH)</b>	Beach Liaison
Steve Smith	Guest
Jonathan Moore (JMo)	Commonwealth Games Beach Volleyball
<b>Ashley Cullen (AC)</b>	Division 3 Women's lead

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:30** The meeting closed at 21:22.

#### Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Fixtures this season
5. Divisional Lead – expectations for this fixture confirmation
6. Do we run the National Cup?
7. What should we have in the COVID Addendum?
8. Secretary Handbook
9. VolleyZone and GDPR
10. Player uniforms
11. Squad sizes
12. Team names
13. Junior Competitions Update
14. Sitting Update
15. Beach Update

Agenda item	Notes	Action/ Owner
1 Apologies for Absence:	<p>Ashley Cullen, Sarah Hill, Geoff Hollows, Laura Woodruff.</p> <p>Ashley has decided to step down as Division 3 Women's Lead – Di Hollows has volunteered to cover this division until a replacement has been appointed. We would like to thank Ashley for his valuable contribution to the CWG and wish him the best in his other endeavours.</p> <p>Laura has stepped down as the junior competitions lead as she has taken on a permanent role working for Volleyball England – congratulations to Laura on her new role.</p>	
2 Conflicts of interest	<p>JMu: Coach of Reading Aces (NVL2S) Player at Maidenhead, Treasurer BVA, Referee. No other conflicts</p> <p>MS: Referee</p> <p>DH: Referee</p> <p>BB: None</p> <p>SC: Referee</p> <p>HP: Referee</p> <p>SH: Involved with UKBT at volunteer level</p> <p>AM: Referee, daughter that plays in Junior Competitions.</p> <p>SS: Referee, Treasurer &amp; Founder of Bucks Sitting VC, player in local league</p> <p>SY: Referee, Coach of Maidenhead (local league)</p>	
3 Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	<p>The minutes were accepted as be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.</p>	
4 Fixtures This Season	<p>88 Fixtures confirmed 1019 still to be confirmed by Friday</p>	
5 Divisional Lead – expectations for fixture confirmation	<p>Divisional Leads will work with teams to ensure fixtures are confirmed and resolving any disputes. This is critical step so that referees can be appointed so the season can start on time.</p>	
6 National Cup	<p>The decision on if the Cup should be run was discussed and unanimously agreed that it should go ahead.</p>	
7 COVID Addendum	<p>We discussed the additions to the regulations to enable us to run the league safely under the current COVID conditions. These regulations are in addition to the NVL regulations and supersede the regulations. These will remain in place until otherwise notified, they will be reviewed at least monthly and updated as required. The following were discussed and the COVID addendum will be issued shortly but in summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Whistles - preferred</li> <li>• No change of end – unless referee determines there is a need for it - yes</li> <li>• Benches allowed - yes</li> <li>• No paddles – Paddles required</li> <li>• Bring your own food &amp; drink for post-match hospitality? yes</li> <li>• Line judges – as per the regulations</li> <li>• Covid Officer – not required to be present but risk assessment required</li> <li>• Covid Passports – not required</li> <li>• Line up sheets – as normal</li> <li>• Own pens for signing scoresheets - yes</li> <li>• Spectators – venue decision</li> <li>• Sanitise balls at 15 points and no technical timeouts - yes</li> </ul>	
8 Team Secretary Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has been updated and will be issued this week.</li> </ul>	

9 VolleyZone and GDPR	The CWG will be using VolleyZone to get contact information for the teams they are responsible for. They will be signing a GDPR form to confirm they will access and use the data in line with the VE GDPR policy. Teams must keep their team secretary details up to date in VolleyZone as this is what will be used by all to contact them!	
10 Player Uniforms	There have been several questions and requests about player uniforms and some degree of confusion. This is complex matter but in brief whilst we expect teams to be uniform in appearance the following are not required 1) Identical shorts – if a team wears black shorts they can be of different style and length 2) Identical tops – if a team wears a top of the same design e.g. red top with white trim the sleeve lengths can be different as can be the fit.	
11 Squad Sizes	How big can a squad be? – unlimited; however the maximum number of players for a match is up to 14 consisting of up to 12 players and up 2 Liberos.	
12 Team Names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was confirmed that if a team wishes to change its name it must seek the approval of the CWG.</li> <li>• It was also confirmed that teams name must contain a geographic reference. This is to ensure that is easy to distinguish between teams e.g. two teams may wish to be called “Aces” by insisting on a geographic reference there is no confusion about where to play 😊.</li> </ul>	
13 Junior Competitions Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have identified a potential junior competitions lead and are in progress filling this key position. If anybody feels able to support this position further volunteers are required.</li> <li>• We are working with the regions to identify a date for this years Inter-regional junior competition. This is being hampered by the lack of a Regional Working Group Lead if anybody feels they could fill this role please contact Sue Storey</li> </ul>	
14 Sitting Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herman provided an update from the Sitting Working group – please see the <a href="#">sitting working group minutes</a> for details</li> </ul>	
15 Beach Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth Games Funding Tournament – 4 teams winning £18,000 (Bello/Bello, Bialokoz/Batrane, Mumby/Grimson, Tucker/Keefe)</li> <li>• Inter- Regional Beach – Cardiff was held on the same weekend as the above tournament</li> <li>• UKBT- Junior section introduced, events growing</li> <li>• Commonwealth Games Selection event next May - TBC</li> </ul>	
16 Any other business	<i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i> Super League Development Group – the inaugural meeting of this group has been set for the 13 <sup>th</sup> September.	