



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Thursday 6-May-2021

Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

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

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:30**

The meeting closed at 20:42.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Declaration of conflicts of interest
4. COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021
5. The Big Idea
6. Junior Competitions
7. Systems Update
8. Date of Next Meeting
9. Any Other Business

Agenda item	Notes	Action/ Owner
1 Apologies for Absence:		
2 Conflicts of interest	<p>JMu: Coach of Reading Aces (NVL2S) Player at Maidenhead, Treasurer BVA, Referee. No other conflicts MS: Referee DH: Referee BB: Coach tutor SC: Referee HP: Referee SH: Involved with UKBT at volunteer level AM: Referee, daughter that plays in Junior Competitions. SS: Referee, Treasurer & Founder of Sitting BUCS VC, player in local league SY: Referee, Coach of Maidenhead (local league) LW: None – Netball England employee</p>	
3 Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The minutes were accepted as be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.	
4 COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The return to play working group will meet on Wednesday 12th May 2021 to consider the finalised guidance for step 3 2) The Spring response plan remains on track and the vaccination programme plan is progressing well. 3) Teams have provided information on their interest and readiness to play and there is a very high level of interest. This reinforces our belief that we can carry out a near normal season with the structure as was laid out last year. Out of a total of 137 teams we have had responses from 119 teams and of those 119 teams 103 have said they intend to enter with 13 unsure no teams have indicated a desire to drop out. 4) We are also looking at options to modify the league e.g. N/S split for Div 1 to reduce travel, altered scoring format, more triangulars – if any of these are taken forward they will be sent to the membership for consultation before any decisions are taken. 	
5 Potential New NVL teams	We have received expressions of interest from 4 teams; we are now following the normal process for vetting these teams to ensure they meet the requirements for NVL entry.	
6 Junior Competitions	<p>The proposals for the new competition has been circulated for comment. We are running a competition for the available U15s teams that missed out on the last 8s competition on the 29th May at the NVC We are looking for people to support for our new Junior Competitions Lead and anybody interested (or any nominations) should contact James Murphy.</p>	
7 Sitting Update	<p>Herman Prada – gave an update on Sitting volleyball.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New nets including a transparent barrier to help prevent the spread of COVID have been ordered with support from VE Foundation and Sport England and will be delivered to clubs in the next few days. • Some teams have been able to return to play outdoors • The GB team are returning to training this weekend • THE VE foundation have opened a second round of funding for teams wishing to start a new sitting team • The SVWG will meet again on Thursday 20 May 	
8 Beach Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE and UKBT have renewed the contract for delivery of the upcoming Beach Season • BUCS have decided not to run BUCS Beach competitions this season • The Commonwealth Games are currently recruiting for a person to support the running of the beach volleyball competition 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UKBT are running a junior beach competition – the first round has already been completed 	
9 Nolan Principles for Volleyball	<p>The competitions working group are considering adopting an adapted set of the Nolan Principles this will be decided at the next meeting. These are aligned with the VE values and guiding principles.</p> <p>1.1 Selflessness We should act solely in terms of the best interest of volleyball.</p> <p>1.2 Integrity We must avoid placing ourselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence us in our work. We should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for ourselves, our family, or our friends. We must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.</p> <p>1.3 Objectivity We must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.</p> <p>1.4 Accountability We are accountable to volleyballers for our decisions and actions and must submit ourselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.</p> <p>1.5 Openness We should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.</p> <p>1.6 Honesty We should be truthful.</p> <p>1.7 Leadership We should exhibit these principles in our own behaviour. We should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.</p> <p>Link to original here</p>	
10 Any other business	<p><i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i></p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	