



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Saturday 16-Sep-2019

Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

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1. Members present and apologies for absence	
Geoff Hollows	Results Processing
Sarah Hill	Division 3 Women's Lead
Sam Yip (SY)	Division 2 Women's Lead
Simon Cowie	Division 2 Men lead
Bill Boagey	Division 1 Lead
Diane Hollows (DH)	Junior Competitions Lead
Herman Prada	Sitting Volleyball Lead
Ade McGraa (AM)	Student Cup Lead (via skype)
James Murphy (JMu)	Competitions Lead National Cup Lead
Martin Shakespeare (MS)	Referee Liaison
Jonathan Moore (JMo)	Competitions and Events Coordinator
Apologies	

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **18:30 via Microsoft Teams meeting app**

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declaration of conflicts of interest
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Competitions updates
5. VolleyZone
6. Date of next two meetings
7. 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</p> <p>MS: Referee DH: Referee BB: Staff 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)</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. Outstanding actions have been completed, other than creating the google form for the referee checklist (SH)</p>	
4 Competitions Update	<p><u>National Cup</u>: Some cancellations, but otherwise seems ok. Had to have the first round without online checks, manual checks only - team are responsible to ensure they aren't playing ineligible players.</p> <p><u>Super League</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>Division 1</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>Division 2</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>Division W3</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>Division M3</u>: No issues</p> <p>We have been advised by NVC that the weekend of the play-offs is not available due to elections. Could book venue(s) in advance and treat it exactly as if it were the NVC. This will stay central.</p> <p><u>Junior Comps</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>Student Cup</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>Sitting Volleyball</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>NEVZA</u>: N/A - no NEVZA held in English venues this year – post meeting note Polonia Sideout London will be hosting the NEVZA Club Championship Finals on 15-17 November 2019 in Egham, Surrey</p>	
5 Volleyzone	<p>Volleyzone has gone live and as with any new system there are teething issues and it takes some time for people to get used to the new ways of operating. There are numerous how to videos on how to use the system.</p> <p>The most common issues appear to be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) People not watching the videos 2) Selecting the incorrect federations of origin – meaning FIVB international transfer incorrectly needed 3) Selecting the wrong team 4) Not “adopting” their profile <p>There are also issues with the system itself including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No feed into the VE Website 2) No ability to detach players <p>The API for the website should be fixed very soon so that the Referees can check player details online. Instructions will be sent out this weekend if for any reason it is not completed by the weekend of 21st/ 22nd September.</p>	

6 Date of next two meetings	Monday 28 th Oct 2019 Saturday 11th January (Loughborough)	
Any other business	<p><i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i></p> <p>Steve Smith has joined as a volunteer to check scoresheets to ensure that minimum operating standards are followed (scoresheet checks).</p> <p>Ade requested that VE sent out a message to make clear that all participants in VE competitions would need to register so that student didn't feel they were being singled out. Jonathan to ask if this would be possible.</p> <p>Ade asked a number of questions on fees as follows with the answers</p> <p>Q - If a player is playing NVL and Student Cup do they have to pay and register twice A – They only have to register once and then enter both competitions and pay for each competition</p> <p>Q – if a player plays in more than one age group do they have to pay for each age group A – No one fee covers U15, U16, U18 and inter-regional competitions</p> <p>Q – If a junior plays in the NVL and the age group competitions how many fees do they pay? A – 2 -The NVL junior fee and the age group fee.</p> <p>There was a question on referee appointments</p> <p>The officials working group try to appoint referees up to 3 weeks before the fixture, if none are appointed it becomes the team's responsibility to find referees during the next week so they can send out completed match confirmations on time.</p> <p>Martin raised that there were a number of Cup Matches where teams were not following the regulations and notifying himself the hub and the cup lead of match arrangements so referees can attempt to be appointed.</p> <p>Thanks, were given to Jonathan and his team for the hard work and long hours they had been putting in to test and try and get VolleyZone working.</p>	J Mo

The meeting closed at 19:50.