



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Monday 13-Dec-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
Jonathan Moore (JMo)	Commonwealth Games Beach Volleyball
Rob Payne (RP)	Competitions and Events Coordinator
John Worrall (JW)	Project Lead - Competitions
Martin Shakespeare (MS)	Referee Liaison
Apologies	
Geoff Hollows	Results Processing
Sarah Hill (SH)	Beach Liaison
Ade McGraa (AM)	Student Cup Lead
Diana Voynova	Junior Competitions Lead

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:00**

The meeting closed at 20:30.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Declaration of conflicts of interest
4. Any issues from divisional leads (except covid)
5. Code of conduct
6. COVID – input to Covid-19 Response Working Group
7. Calendar
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</p> <p>MS: Referee</p> <p>DH: Referee</p> <p>BB: none</p> <p>SC: Referee</p> <p>HP: Referee</p> <p>SY: Referee, Coach of Maidenhead (local league)</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 Issues form Div lead (excl COVID)	<p>In general, the league was running well with only a few “normal” issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Late match confirmations 2. Shortages of officials 3. Photos on VolleyZone not meeting the “passport standard” causing delays in identifying players 4. Participant’s behaviours not meeting rules of the game/code of conduct. 	
5 Code of Conduct	<p>To ensure consistency between divisional leads we reviewed the governance policies, in particular the, The FIVB rules of the game, NVL regulations and the VE Code of conduct and agreed that we penalise breaches of the code of conduct in line with the penalties in the rules of the game and the NVL regulations on a consistent basis.</p> <p>As a reminder the FIVB rules of the game say</p> <p>20.1 SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT</p> <p>20.1.1 Participants must know the “Official Volleyball Rules” and abide by them.</p> <p>20.1.2 Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct, without disputing them. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested only through the game captain.</p> <p>20.1.3 Participants must refrain from actions or attitudes aimed at influencing the decisions of the referees or covering up faults committed by their team</p>	
6 Covid-19 Response Working Group	<p>The group agreed that the competition had worked relatively well to date however the omicron variant had changed the situation.</p> <p>There were a few issues and teams are requested to be familiar with and follow carefully the COVID addendum in particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each team are responsible for bringing their won sanitizer (bullet point m) • Fresh air is key (even opening doors for 10 minutes can help) • Hand sanitising is required when the first team to reach 15 points in each set and after each set 	
7 Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft calendar for the following season was presented – feedback from members requested to R.Payne@volleyballengland.org 	
8 Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting was agreed to be Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 19:00 via teams. <p>One item on the agenda is to look at regulation changes for the next season. Please feed in any requested changes to your divisional leads.</p>	
9 Any other business	<p><i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i></p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	