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## Competitions Working Group Meeting

Tuesday 23-Feb-2021

Video Conference

### MEETING MINUTES

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

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:00**

The meeting closed at 20:17.

#### 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 |
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| 1 Apologies for Absence:                        | Ashley Cullen, Sarah Hill.<br>NB as this was a catch-up meeting and no decisions were taken attendance was optional. Howard Ainsworth – has stepped down as the Junior Competitions Lead, we would like to thank Howard for all his hard work over the last year. – if you are interested in filling this role please contact James Murphy.   |               |
| 2 Conflicts of interest                         | JMu: Coach of Reading Aces (NVL2S) Player at Maidenhead, Treasurer BVA, Referee. No other conflicts<br>MS: Referee<br>DH: Referee<br>BB: Coach tutor<br>SC: Referee<br>HP: Referee<br>SH: Involved with UKBT at volunteer level<br>AM: Referee, daughter that plays in Junior Competitions.<br>SS: Referee, Treasurer & Founder of Sitting BUCS VC, player in local league<br>SY: Referee, Coach of Maidenhead (local league)   |               |
| 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"> <li>1) We reviewed the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus-covid-19">COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a> and provided input to the Return to Play working group.</li> <li>2) We were pleased to see that Volleyball is on the way back!</li> <li>3) There are several areas that require further clarification and alignment with Sport England, Department for Culture Media and Sport, BUCS, and Department for Education before we are able to provide guidance and will provide this as soon as possible as we know you are all keen to return to play when safe and permitted.</li> <li>4) The provisional date gave us hope that we will be able to run a good programme of activity, but it is too early to confirm at this stage. Our planning assumption is that we will work to our normal timetable and will keep a close watch as the response plan is implemented</li> </ol> |               |
| 5 The Big Idea                                  | James Murphy provided feedback on The Big Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite some early technical issues, the session was actually very good particularly the second question.</li> <li>• VE has a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February to discuss next steps</li> <li>• Junior Competitions were a significant component of the conversation and quite a bit of after meeting email traffic</li> </ul>   |               |
| 6 Junior Competitions                           | Following the Big Idea – conversations around Junior National Competitions - Nick Shaffery (Children and Young Person Lead) and James Murphy have convened a group to look at the proposed changes.<br>These proposals will be written up and circulated the membership for consultation with the aim of implementing them in the 21/22 season.   |               |
| 7 Systems Update                                | Over the last year the hub team have continued to work with our supplier on improving the systems we use to run volleyball. There have been several bug fixes and changes to the systems in the competitions area including that, information on teams, players and coaches will now feed from VolleyZone into the VE website and teams now have the ability to update their club details in VolleyZone and these will appear on the VE Website Club Finder. Please make sure your club details are correct in VolleyZone to help new members find you.   |               |
| 8 Next Mtg                                      | The date of the next meeting was set as the 18 <sup>th</sup> March – any items to your Divisional Lead.   |               |
| 9 Any other business                            | <i>i.e., Not included in published draft Agenda:</i><br>None.   |               |