



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Thursday 28-Jan-2020

Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

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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	Division 2 Men lead
Diane Hollows (DH)	Division 3 Men's lead
Herman Prada	Sitting Volleyball Lead
Ade McGraa (AM)	Student Cup Lead
James Murphy (JMu)	Competitions Lead National Cup Lead
Steve Smith	Guest
Martin Shakespeare (MS)	Referee Liaison
Jonathan Moore (JMo)	Competitions and Events Coordinator
Apologies	
Geoff Hollows	Results Processing
Howard Ainsworth	Junior Competitions Lead
Ashley Cullen	Division 3 Women's lead

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:00**

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Declaration of conflicts of interest
4. What can we do when lockdown ends?
5. Contingency Planning
6. Officials Group
7. Topics for further discussion (9 items)
8. Calendar 2020-21
9. Date of next two meetings
10. Any Other Business

Agenda item	Notes	Action/Owner
1 Apologies for Absence:	Ashley Cullen – prior commitment, Howard Ainsworth work. NB as this was a catch-up meeting and no decisions were taken attendance was optional.	
2 Conflicts of interest	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)	
3 Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The minutes were accepted as be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.	
4 What can we do when lockdown ends	We explored potential options for volleyball activity for Post Lockdown for input into the Big Ideas activity. The following were suggested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Summer Super League 2) Outdoor competitions 3) Using dates at Kettering – indoor/outdoor/beach/sitting club tournament 4) Supporting existing outdoor events – run juniors alongside 5) Encourage local organisations to organise local tournaments 6) student cup type format regional weekends if logistically possible or using NVC Kettering if we have dates using a 4-court venue at best or 2 courts at a push <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Costs covered by team entry fees. 7) Adult County Cup competition played at Kettering (adult inter-regionals) 8) Beach Volleyball 9) 3 vs 3 or 4vs 4 – so only one car 	
5 Contingency Planning	We reviewed the contingency planning that we created for last season and determined that they were fit for purpose for this season	
6 Officials Group	Martin Shakespeare provided an update on the work of the officials group including the launch of the Updated Volleyball England Officials Academy and the Let's talk Rules – webinar led by Nick Heckford. The competitions working group thanked Nick for this and encourage all teams to review the webinars available on the VE YouTube channel. DH noted that we should review the questions related to competition regulations to ensure they are up to date	J Mu
7 Sitting Volleyball	Herman and Steve provided an update including on the work that has been done with regards to return to play and the activities that Richard Osbourne has been leading in the priorities for taking sitting volleyball forward.	
10 Any other business	<i>i.e., Not included in published draft Agenda:</i> None.	

The meeting closed at 20:33.