

# Core Market Sub Group Meeting – Minutes & Actions

Date: 8th January 2020

Venue: GoTo Meeting Online

Attendees: FB, BF, NS, JMu, SS, RP, SJ

Apologies: NH

FB welcomed all to the meeting

Actions from the previous meeting

- VolleyZone JMu requested an update on the Governance Group initially set up for the 4 Global project – SJ to action
  - SJ commented that while the group had not been formally re-established, James Murphy would be working closely with HUB staff in the immediate future providing support and guidance.
- Annual Awards SJ and JMu agree that future years shortlisted nominees should be vetted before the award being made to avoid any conflict with codes of conduct.
  - Agreed that this will take place for this years nominees both before and after shortlisting.
- 2019/20 process Competitions JMu updated that no interest in the tender to host 2019/20 cup finals had been received and therefore the event will go ahead at NVC, Kettering. JMu to follow up with new exec in London re potential for 2020/21 season.
  - JMu to reengage with Gary Beckford
- Regional Working Group JMu requested that Leads be invited to the meeting also – SJ to action via JI
  - To be considered for future meetings
- JMu suggested that BY be approached to remain in the Regional Lead role until a replacement is found – SJ to action via JI
  - Actioned move to SS/SJ to engage with BY
- Outstanding actions from previous meeting PS outstanding action to come back with a response on how athletes will be selected for Inter Regional Beach.
  - Action moved with a view to proact in light of the 2020 event RP to liaise with GH
- PS outstanding action requested ideas to support social impact fund £5k available to action selected players in the community Action
  - Action still relevant – SJ to engage with PS
- NH/SJ to produce a proposal on the scaling of official's fees with support from the officials working group.
  - RP/SJ current engaged with NH on this further update pending.

- 1) Volleyball England Club Day (Club Conference, Annual Awards, AGM).  
Save the date has been sent for 25th July 2020

Conversation on the structure of the day to support increased attendances at the events, in particular the AGM

2019 format: Conference – lunch – Annual Awards – AGM

JMu would be happy to have the awards moved from the Cup Finals weekend so NVL awards could be moved to the Annual Awards day. All awards could be held on the 25th July.

FB could there be a compulsory NVL meeting on the same day? Agreed the day is currently quite long and this would add more hours or even an additional day.

JMu what meaningful conversations could we have with stakeholders? How can we better engage people? JMu supportive of the NVL compulsory meeting idea.

Consensus generally supportive of keeping the format the same and keeping the AGM last.

JMu advocates/proposes using VolleyZone to contact all club secs, team secretaries to promote the opportunity and draw feedback.

#### Actions

SS/SJ to provide further information on potential insurance workshops from Sports Insure.

RP to survey last years attendees and club secs to find out what they would like from this year's event.

- 2) Coaching Conference (approx. 20 attendees)

Discussion on the timing format and delivery of the Coaching Conference 2020.

FB September is too late as teams are gearing up for the season

BF We must start using technology to reduce travel – live stream etc information does not get passed wider to those who do not attend (referee point in particular)

JMu we should run it like a business and cancel if the numbers are not sufficient to break even.

SS need to take some sounding from the community on what they would like

#### Action

RP to survey coaches for ideas and to understand what coaches will value from the day

- 3) Referee Conference (approx. 40 attendees)

BF commented that the timing of the conference is good to update on rule changes just before the season.

SS the Officials working group should be involved in any changes

RP to engage the officials working group and survey officials to understand what they would value from the day.

#### 4) VolleyZone Update

RP gave an update on VolleyZone recognising the challenges but issues are reducing as time goes on. Last month has had less logging of issues though this may be due to lower volume of activity.

Next phase of build is events – courses, camps and wider competitions as well as function for clubs, counties, regions to access information as and when required (live) rather than on a set monthly basis.

RP highlighted that many other sports are going through the same problems with other providers.

#### Action

RP to maintain updates for the sub group via scheduled meetings

JMu now engaged to support and guide the developments

#### 5) Competitions Update – Possible restructure in NVL

JMu noted that there have been a number of requests to look at restructuring the NVL for 2021/22 season – teams have been invited to make proposals and will be shared with all other proposers. A final proposal will be agreed and one pager made available to the membership to consult upon

Dropping 10 to 8 teams in each league

North/South divisions right through to Super League

Bringing playoff event back to Super League

More or less triangular events/single header events

JMu recognises that any decision will not please all but the idea of the process is to explain the rationale for options and seek feedback from stakeholders.

Competitions working group to make final decision

VolleyZone will be used to get the information out to the membership

#### Actions

JMu to update on progress

#### 6) Children and Young People Update

Significant work on Primary resources from catch and throw through to traditional volleyball game. NS is pleased with progress and the resources are due to go to design this month. NS has delivered courses already to PL4S and a university. Focussing on schools, teachers, coaching companies etc with a wide reach to young people. Feedback has been great in all cases and NS recognises that there is an opportunity and demand for volleyball in this arena.

In the region of 22 football clubs participated in the PL4S session and were really keen to take on the opportunity. Expanding work with YST to promote the course and opportunity via the YST conference in Feb.

Tutor training is required once the resources are complete. NS commented that we must get better and following up after training is delivered.

NS commented that communications junior wise is difficult due to lack of consistency of roles across regions and this is an areas to be addressed.

Need more advice on how equipment is used – how to set up nets safely with Volleyball England sanction/official guidance.

RP the facilities strategy needs to be updated to support changes in the game and what is deemed safe.

Actions – related to facilities guidance

HUB staff SS/SJ/RP/JM to look at Facilities Strategy and seek to add guidance on entry level equipment set up to activate volleyball at a basic level with the primary school audience in mind initially. Seeking advice via the pool of experts as a start point.

BF to support with guidance on 'pull test' minimums and safety standards for wall mounted hooks.

7) Direction of the regions

Discussion on the inconsistent structures around the country and the recognition that in most places this works and that trying to apply a harmonized structure might not be the right thing.

8) Unappointed roles: coaching lead, sitting volleyball lead, regional lead

Action

SS to take on the recruitment of the vacant roles with ST

9) AOB

Discussion and recognition of the positive social media profile carried out by the National team managers.