

Core Market Sub Group Minutes

Date: 24-02-2019

Time: 10am -12pm

Venue: GoTo Meeting online

Attendees

Janet Inman, Bryan Youlden, James Murphy, Nick Shaffery, Nick Heckford, Phil Smith, Samantha Jamieson.

Apologies

Seyram Atubra, Simon Griffiths, Rob Payne, Jonathan Moore, Freda Bussey.

Agenda

Welcome

Jl and SJ welcomed the group to the meeting and thanked them for their time on a Sunday morning on what is a busy weekend in the Volleyball England calendar.

Strategy Day update – Janet Inman

Jl provided an update on the strategy day that took place on January 26th 2019. The next strategy day will take place on March 23rd 2019 at SportPark with the aim of evaluating our business services on a full cost recovery basis. A particular focus on the costs of staff time in addition to delivery costs. Sport England funding currently supports/subsidises all activities that Volleyball England undertake. The day will give us the opportunity to rationalise the things we do and why we do them. Following that we will look at the structure of the organisation, the nominations committee will take this forwards.

Discussion around the time commitment of people in roles and the need for all role holders to contribute.

Jl confirmed this is a discussion topic for the board to address.

Suggestion that the time and effort of volunteers should be quantified in the full cost recovery exercise.

Recognition that volunteers are happy to support the things they are passionate about e.g. CYP sessions and the cup finals tender process.

Membership Portal – Sam Jamieson

SJ provided an update as to the progress being made with the membership portal in terms of the system development and product development. **SJ request that any members of the group who have ideas for potential products/services that could be provided via the system, come forwards with them asap.**

Children Young People – Nick Shaffery

NS provided an update as to the progress made in the last Children and Young People session on Feb 16th 2019. The next steps for the project are to take forwards

a model similar to Swiss Kids Volley – a game for beginners 1,2,3 touch variations in game format. March 7th meet with GH and BO to align everything so that a version can be complete and promoted to all stakeholders.

Resources and communications ideas were also discussed in less detail. Suggestions around Whatsapp etc to support this. 1-3 hour session to attend to support upskilling these game formats. Nothing yet firmed up for this.

NS to include BY on notes from CYP sessions

NS appreciated support of GH and BO tying in the athlete development pathway and the great contributions of those who attended.

Beach Volleyball – Phil Smith

PS gave an overview of the CEV Continental Cup as a qualification route for Tokyo 2020. CEV continental cup and UK Sport funding is moving forwards, teams have been selected and funding is planned to be distributed.

PS requested ideas to support social impact fund £5k available to action selected players in the community. A great opportunity to increase visibility on the beach PS updated on the UKBT and VE conversation. It is progressing well for UKBT to be the provider of the beach tour in 2019. **JI to set deadline with SD for contract signing with UKBT**

PS provided information on the Inter Regional Beach Volleyball Champs in July for u17s to support the Home Nations competition. Aim is to also increase the number of coaches and officials on the beach.

PS to come back with a response on how athletes will be selected for Inter Regional Beach.

BY was not aware of the competition taking place.

Regional WG Update – Bryan Youlden

BY gave an overview of the regional meeting which took place on Monday 18th Feb. The next meeting will be face to face at a major event. Disparity in how regions operate is a challenge, BY is seeking some consistency in how the regions operate.

BY proposes to take the regional constitutions to be standardised and make available to each region ahead of AGMs.

BY reviewed regional websites showing a range from no website to very comprehensive websites.

BY expressed some frustration at gaining the buy in of regions to support the discussion around the role of the regions.

BY Volleyball Futures is being generally well received by regions.

JM/NS highlighted that communication channels could be more aligned e.g. going to the regional working group re inter regional beach competition first and to the competitions working group. Can HUB distribute information when ideas come in.

JI highlighted that we can pass information between leads without needing support from the HUB.

BY communication is improving but can improve further.

**JI to facilitate a GoTo meeting to support intra-communication between leads
BY we need more communication and training on things like Asana to help
facilitate co-working.**

2019 AGM and Club Conference/Annual Awards – Sam Jamieson

SJ gave an overview of the plans for a club conference to take place at the 2019 AGM.

General consensus/advice is to start small with up to three sessions available based on club secretary survey feedback – Funding, Venues, Promotion.

JM gave an overview of the Annual Awards historically. We now have more finals to do than ever before over the Cup Finals weekend and therefore we may not be able to deliver the annual awards at the event. JM does not see it fitting into the cup finals as it is.

SJ requested ideas from the group as to how/when the annual awards could be delivered/awarded.

JI other information about the AGM – confirmed date July 27th

JI adverts for board positions will go out next week.

Sport England Open University – Sam Jamieson

SJ gave an overview of the information on the Open University course. More information to follow when available.

AOB – please send in advance

None

Actions:

- **SJ request that any members of the group who have ideas for potential products/services that could be provided via the system, come forwards with them asap.**
- **NS to include BY on notes from CYP sessions**
- **PS to come back with a response on how athletes will be selected for Inter Regional Beach.**
- **PS requested ideas to support social impact fund £5k available to action selected players in the community**
- **JI to facilitate a GoTo meeting to support intra-communication between leads**
- **JI to circulate links to the Asana training**
- **SJ requested ideas from the group as to how/when the annual awards could be delivered/awarded. See email with minutes.**
- **SJ/JI to add level of consultation to the decision making document**
- **SJ to consider mid week date for the next sub group meeting**