

Date: Monday 15th April 2019

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: GoTo Meeting online

Attendees: JW, CG, AB, PS, JI, SJ, GH, VC, FB

Apologies: RH, SL.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies – JW
2. Actions from previous meeting – on going actions
 - a. Terms of reference for a working group to report to T&T – on going **GH and PS to complete and circulate.**
 - b. GH to convene the athlete selection panel - Done
 - c. NEVZA u19 decision complete at March board meeting.
 - d. Inter-regional Beach – to be included in the calendar - completed
 - e. SL and CG to set up a group for coaching and education and learning – Need to gather some insight into what is needed, looking at insight and data at the next meeting of the working group. **CG to take forwards with RH**
 - f. Camps for 2019/20 calendar – Completed
 - g. England V Scotland women, Scotland declined the invitation to play and host the 50th anniversary match.
3. Birmingham 2022 Update
 - a. Waiting to hear in May from the CWG Committee.
4. Pathway Athlete Update
 - a. GH requested T&T determine what they would like in the twice-yearly report from head coaches. **Action GH to produce template and coordinate reports to T&T based on feedback.**
 - b. T&T to add a point on players leaving the pathway to the Athlete Update element of the agenda for each sub group meeting. **SJ to action**
5. Athlete Support – for information – Vicky Carr
 - a. VC presented the progress being made with the athlete support programme developed around the age grade squads Information on the tracking of athlete funding support and a RAG rating of athletes at risk of leaving the programme (various reasons) is held and monitored with the aim of retaining identified athletes.
 - b. Thanks to VC for her work on the athlete support programme and for joining the meeting. **VC to promote the messaging around the athlete support programme.**
6. Volleyball Futures
 - a. GH expressed concerns at working through the regions for talent development following recent struggles to get regions to engage with the Volleyball Futures Easter camp. A discussion around whether working with hub clubs would be better took place. It was agreed that we should persevere with the regional route for the time being and reassess later. **GH to progress.**
 - b. A separate discussion took place around beach volleyball hubs and it was agreed that this would be a preferable model for talent development in this discipline due to the reduced number of beach clubs in the country. **GH to progress.**
 - c. Qualification for coaches are set against UKCC with will stop in 2 years, UKCC will disappear and CIMSPA will take over helping to develop coaches linked to professional standards. A working group to be established to lead this work. CG and

RH/CG to identify individuals who might be part of the group and drive the project forward.

7. Competitions Update –
 - a. Junior & Cadet forthcoming competitions - GH
 - i. Calendar of dates, camps and competitions was circulated.
 - ii. Futures money can be used to support coaches CPD at events.
 - iii. U19 NEVZA 2019 will take place in Finland.
 - b. CEV Continental Cup - PS
 - i. Athletes selected and competing and in camps in prep for Continental Cup.
 - ii. Will get access to the training at Leyton.
 - iii. Need to select the coaches for the competition, need to do this in April/May. Athletes usually select the coach they would like to be trained by. Need to have a mechanism to identify coaches who can help to identify the athletes that will take part in the Cup. **PS to consult with athletes and take their nominations**
 - iv. SJ to revisit the selection policy of the coaches, the T&T group will need to ratify the final decision. Athletes to be asked who they want to nominate as their coach. **SJ to circulate policy**
 - v. **GH to look at what qualification coaches need to have.**
 - vi. SJ Are we allowed to have on court coaches. **SJ to ask JMoo**
 - vii. JI to meet with the CEO of Waltham Forest about potential other beach events (8th May) – **JI to update at next meeting**
 - c. EPV European Champs
 - i. GB women came 5th out of 6 teams in the competition.
 - ii. Quarter final of the cup competition at Kettering
 - iii. Next compete Holland in June in preparation for the European Champs.
 - iv. The team is being classified now via PVSAS to ensure we only send eligible athletes.
8. Selection Criteria - SJ
 - a. No progress as yet, SJ to do something for the next meeting. **SJ to progress in due course.**
 - b. UKBT need to do Adult Beach selection, relates to playing abroad. **SJ to progress asap.**
9. National Team Staff Recruitment - GH
 - a. Appointed Lois Bello and Matt Rhymer as Beach Coaches.
 - b. Cadet Girls manager to be recruited over summer.
 - c. Junior men assistant coach needs to be recruited.
 - d. Asst coaches for senior women Audrey Cooper and Paul Welsh.
 - e. Sitting – still looking to recruit a head coach for men's sitting.
 - f. Recruitment of the Men's programme over the summer.
GH and SJ to establish a timeline for the recruitment of the Men's programme.
10. CIMSPA
 - a. Coach Licensing – out to consultation with sport generally until they have completed the piece of work. Suggested that Volleyball England wait to take action on this.
 - b. Coaching standards – the landscape has been given to CIMSPA to develop the standards for coaching. Standards relating to the environment – school, college and the population you are working with, technical content. Suggest that a proposal

should be made on how we engage with this. **GH to provide information to T&T as it develops.**

c. All to re-read the CIMSPA Professional Standards – GH to recirculate.

11. Beach Performance working group

- a. Update – PS circulated a written report to the group earlier. Working Group working well and have plenty of ideas. Planning to develop an England Beach programme, supporting athletes and coaches in the programme.
- b. Providing kit for athletes to ensure they can be identified whilst playing abroad.
- c. Looking at developing dates for competitions and events.
- d. We have a number of athletes (women) who are playing in America.
- e. Funding for the Aspiration fund will be sent to VE and a process needs to be in place for athletes to claim back from VE. The majority of the Aspiration fund will be used for training and competitions. **Action GH to establish a template and process, circulate to the T&T group for approval.**

12. AOB

- a. Denise Austin asked if she could be an FIVB tutor, Lois Lett also wants to attend and FIVB course- GH to look at what the process is to apply. The office support will be limited.
- b. Denise has asked what the report she should produce for the Inter Regional Beach Competitions. Numbers, where players come from etc.
- c. Cadet Boys want to enter the NVL – there needs to be some discussion with Competitions Working Group. **CB Staff to provide a proposal for decision factoring in the costs and logistics of entering the NVL at the relevant tier.**
- d. VolleyZone – is the data management system, been through a process to develop the system, the system will be tested in the next 2 weeks. The first thing we use VolleyZone for will be the NVL registration, it will impact T&T through camp bookings, etc.

Meeting closed: 8:10pm

Date of next meeting: TBC date in late June