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## Competitions Working Group Meeting

Wednesday 12-Jan-2022

Video Conference

### MEETING MINUTES

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

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:00**

The meeting closed at 21:00.

#### Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Declaration of conflicts of interest
4. Game Plan
5. Volleyball for Life
6. Rule Changes
7. Regulation Changes
8. Any Other Business

Agenda item	Notes	Action/ Owner
1 Apologies for Absence:	SY DH JMo MS	
2 Conflicts of interest	JMu: Coach of Reading Aces (NVL2S) Player at Maidenhead, Treasurer BVA, Referee. No other conflicts MS: Referee DH: Referee BB: none SC: Referee HP: Referee 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 HP noted an error in the minutes whereby section 7 had a title of Sitting update when in fact item 7 was a calendar agenda item, this had been rectified. There were no matters arising.	
4 Game Plan (context)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The group were given a reminder of <a href="#">the game plan</a></li> <li>2. A <a href="#">review of the year 1 results</a> of the game plan</li> <li>3. A view of the <a href="#">current implementation plan</a></li> </ol>	
5 Volleyball for Life	We review a request from the chair of the volleyball for life subgroup and brainstormed response to. Under the areas of projects, we felt might be required, pathways we might be responsible for and barriers.	
6 Rule Changes	<p>We reviewed the current rules changes that are <a href="#">being piloted by the FIVB</a> and considered our responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Camera position – not relevant</li> <li>○ Time between rallies – not possible in our leagues (we would continue to encourage speedy play)</li> <li>○ Changes to time outs we would adopt once approved by FIVB</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <a href="#">other rules changes</a> already approved by the FIVB – are likely to be implemented as is.</li> </ul> <p>The final decision on all of this will be made at our May 2022 meeting for implementation in the next season.</p>	
7 Regulation Changes	<p>The regulations are there to ensure the fair, efficient and effective running of the competitions whilst promoting the sport, we keep these continually under review and aim to update them annually to reflect required changes. We typically announce the planned changes in January to give teams plenty of time to provide any feedback before we meet in May to finalise any changes for the following season. This year we are planning to have some formal consultations around several the proposed changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will be looking at how to ensure that regulations are followed and looking specifically at how we encourage team to do so and what the penalties are for failing to follow them.</li> <li>● We will be looking to update the regulations to bring greater clarity about uniform. E.g. shorts, shirts and sock lengths will be clarified that is it is the colour that needs to match not the length.</li> <li>● Team availability during fixture process - The current process is unworkable with too many teams unavailable on too many weekends making the scheduling of matches impossible and leading to disappoint for teams and extra work for all involved. – Teams will be requested to give a maximum of only 3 weekends that they are unable to play fixtures (home or away).</li> <li>● We have a few requests for larger match day squad sizes – we will amend the regulations to allow up 12 players plus up 2 Liberos.</li> <li>● Player are photographs on Volleyzone – These are vital to enable officials to show that the correct people are playing in competitions so we will be looking to work with clubs on how</li> </ul>	

	<p>to get a more consistent and easier to identify individuals – this is likely by requiring all photos to be of <a href="#">UK passport standard</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will be looking at the allowable window for matches to ensure teams don't have to start too early or get home to late, whilst balancing this against hall availability. Note there are some matches that are so far apart that it is likely that an overnight may be required.</li> <li>• We will be looking into team names (Sponsor, team, location, Gender, team number) and clarifying that changes to team names require approval by CWG.</li> <li>• We will be emphasising that electronic communications are the preferred method of communication and looking at removing postal option</li> <li>• We will be looking to re-introduce a virtual "NVL compulsory meeting" to improve communications and hopefully remove some common issues.</li> <li>• We will be introducing a penalty to cover the cost of any lost trophies</li> <li>• We will be updating the process for rejecting a transfer request to bring greater clarity to the process</li> </ul>	
8 Any other business	<p><i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i> There was no AOB</p>	