



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Thursday 18-Mar-2021

Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes prepared by	:	James Murphy
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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 (SC)	Division 2 Men lead
Diane Hollows (DH)	Division 3 Men's lead
Herman Prada (HP)	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
Rob Payne (RP)	Competitions and Events Coordinator
Ashley Cullen (AC)	Division 3 Women's lead
Sarah Hill (SH)	Beach Liaison
John Worrall (JW)	Project Lead - Competitions
Apologies	
Geoff Hollows	Results Processing

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:00**

The meeting closed at 20:02.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Declaration of conflicts of interest
4. COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021
5. The Big Idea
6. Junior Competitions
7. Systems Update
8. Date of Next Meeting
9. Any Other Business

Agenda item	Notes	Action/ Owner
1 Apologies for Absence:		
2 Conflicts of interest	<p>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)</p>	
3 Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The minutes were accepted as be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.	
4 COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The return to play working group will meet on Wednesday 24th Mar 2021 to consider the finalised guidance for step 1B 2) The Spring response plan remains on track and the vaccination programme plan is progressing well. This reinforces our belief that we can carry out a near normal season 3) We ask teams to start thinking about what their intentions for the upcoming season are 4) If there are any barriers that might prevent teams from playing, please let your divisional lead know so we can work to find solutions 	
5 Junior Competitions	<p>Following the Big Idea – conversations around Junior National Competitions - Nick Shaffery (Children and Young Person Lead) and James Murphy held a meeting with the group to look at the proposed changes. These proposals will be written up and circulated the membership for consultation with the aim of implementing them in the 21/22 season. We are looking for a new Junior Competitions Lead and anybody interested (or any nominations) should contact James Murphy.</p>	
7 Sitting Update	<p>Herman Prada – gave an update on Sitting volleyball. The Sitting Volleyball Working Group (SVWG) had a virtual meeting on 25 February to discuss, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New nets including a transparent barrier to help prevent the spread of COVID have been ordered with support from VE Foundation and Sport England and will be delivered to clubs in the next few weeks. • The return to play document has been approved and will be issued as part of the wider return to play guidance when play is allowed. • VE Foundation approved funding of 3 clubs to develop a sitting volleyball team: Hull Thunder, Leeds Gorse and Manchester Marvels. <p>The next SVWG virtual meeting will take place towards the end of April.</p>	
8 Beach Update	VE are working with UKBT to renew the contract for delivery of the upcoming Beach Season VE have met with BUCS to discuss option and issues around the BUCS beach competition – no decision has yet been made.	Action RP
9 IBB Polonia London	IBB Polonia London have requested that VE nominate them for entry into CEV CLM qualification. The CWG reviewed this request and agreed to endorse the request and forward to VE for approval.	Action RP
10 VEOA	Volleyball England Officials Academy (VEOA). The questions related to the regulations were reviewed and updated in line with the updated regulations. Additional questions were also added. These to be sent to Nick Heckford so the system can be updated.	Action JMu

12 Any other business	<i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i> This was Jonathon's last meeting, he was thanked for his work and wished good luck and a speedy return.	
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