

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
National Volleyball Centre, Kettering commencing at 12.30 pm**

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**Members Present:**

<b>Mr R Callicott</b>	<b>President/Birmingham University VC</b>
Mr B Stalker	Vice-President
<b>Mr J Boughton</b>	<b>Finance Director/Coventry &amp; Warwick Riga</b>
<b>Mr K Nicholls</b>	<b>Technical Director/UEA Norwich</b>
<b>Mrs M Bogdanowicz</b>	<b>Marketing Director/Malory Eagles</b>
<b>Mrs J Inman</b>	<b>Development Director/Lincs Sitting VC (by proxy)</b>
Mr C Orton	London VA
<b>Mr R Harrison</b>	<b>President of Coaches Commission/Leeds VC</b>
<b>Mr C Handford</b>	<b>Head of Technical Development/Excel/Newcastle Staffs</b>
<b>Mr R Richards</b>	<b>City of Bristol</b>
<b>Mr L Barry</b>	<b>BUCS</b>
<b>Mr R Stacey-Chapman</b>	<b>Loughborough Lions</b>
<b>Mr A Bialokoz</b>	<b>Performance Commission/Malory VC</b>
Mr B Kilkenny	Referee Commission President

In **bold** – voting members

**EVA Staff:**

Ms L Wainwright	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Lindsey	Head of Operations
Mr C Handford	Head of Technical Development/Excel
Mr R Harding	Head of Marketing
Mr S Johnson	Head of Development
Mrs M Stephens	PA to CEO & Board
Mr J Moore	Business Support Officer

**The meeting commenced at 12.30**

**AGM/11/01 Welcome by the President, Richard Callicott**

The meeting began at 12.30 pm with a welcome to the representatives from the President, Mr R Callicott. The President then informed the AGM that Dr D Anthony had been honoured with an MBE for his contribution to sport for many years and that Don was the epitome of the philosophy of sport. The President remarked that the lead up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games were going to be very challenging and great expectations will be placed upon us.

**AGM/11/02 Appointment of Tellers**

Messrs M. Lindsey and J Moore were appointed as tellers for the meeting.

**AGM/11/03 Apologies for Absence**

Dr D Anthony	Honorary Life President
Mr R Dobell	Playing Director – Malory Eagles
Mr G Neale	Disability
Mr P Dodd	North East Region
Mrs F Bussey	Ashcombe VC
Mrs D Austin	Coach/Academy of Beach Sports VC
Mr P Bohannan	Eastern Region/President Competitions Commission
Mr B Osborne	Essex Chair
Mr M Turner	Yorkshire Region
Mr W Roberts	President, Schools & Youth Commission
RAF Harriers	
RAF Hawks	

**AGM/11/04 Confirmation of Eligibility to Vote**

The President reminded the audience of the requirements according to the Constitution for eligibility to vote. It was confirmed that at the commencement of the meeting 10 persons in total were eligible to vote.

**AGM/11/05 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 July 2010**  
(To approve the Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting held in Bath)

The acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Mr Brian Stalker and seconded by Mr John Boughton.

**AGM/11/06 To receive the Annual Report 2009/2010**

The Annual Report was placed on the Volleyball England website on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in accordance with the regulations. The President went through the list of contents of the Annual Report with the following comments recorded from the audience:

Mr Ron Richards remarked the Annual Report was of excellent quality and gave Volleyball England a heightened corporate image however; he was disappointed that there was little or no comment with regard to the Regional Development Talent Programme. Although the Regional Development Talent Programme was featured in other areas of the report the Board accepted that there were areas within the Annual Report that were not covered sufficiently and this would be noted and rectified in future reports.

Mr Charlie Orton remarked that there was a failing to communicate the value of the AGM despite being advertised on the Volleyball England website for a number of weeks and directly mailed to all voting members as required in the Articles of Association. The Board responded that the reason for choosing to hold the AGM at Kettering was to showcase the National Volleyball Centre and hoped that would be an attraction alongside the ECVD Continental Cup set up. Unfortunately attendance was low which was disappointing. Mr Orton also felt the format of the Annual Report was very corporate and an excellent document to send out to our stakeholders but it did not contain information that members would be interested in reading. It was agreed by the Board that more information regarding the membership should be included in future reports.

The general view of the audience was disappointment that negative comments submitted in their individual reports were not included in the final Annual Report. The President responded that the Annual Report was not the appropriate forum to air regional differences and was to be seen as a corporate document.

The contents of the Annual Report were proposed by Miss Marzena Bogdanowicz and seconded by Mr Keith Nicholls.

From the voting audience there were 8 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

**AGM/11/07 To receive the Financial Report 2010/11**

Mr John Boughton was pleased to confirm that, for the second year running we made a profit. We had budgeted for a loss during the year, on the basis that activities started but not completed the previous year would flow through in terms of expenditure this year. However that has not happened to the degree that we anticipated and in fact a similar situation has arisen this year and hence the profit. Overall the Association continues in good health, helped considerably by our accumulated Reserves. By our Finance Policy, this has to increase in line with the RPI and has done so again this year. To ensure healthy reserves are maintained next year, Volleyball England will need to consider increasing the Reserves by 2.8% to 3% or even 3.5%. This will test our ability to self-generate funds but is a challenge that the Association must rise to in the coming years.

Mr John Boughton remarked that the dependence on grant funding was still significant and this needs to be addressed going forward. Unfortunately if the funding is not fully utilised at the end of grant period funds have to be returned – and this happened with some of the Capital grants this year. With the nature of our business, the opportunities for making a commercial profit are restricted although every effort is made to explore all avenues with potential sponsors and preferred partners.

Mr Bernard Kilkenny asked if there was a list of sponsors. Mr John Boughton responded that we do not receive any monetary sponsorship which is a concern, however we do receive a number of in kind sponsorships, saving considerable budget. Mr Bernard Kilkenny also enquired if Volleyball England's assets were on the Stock Exchange. Mr John Boughton responded that there were no assets held as stocks and shares tradable or non-tradable on the Stock Exchange.

**AGM/11/08 To confirm the re-appointment of auditors and confirm the ability for the Board to fix their remuneration**

The Board proposed that PKF (UK) LLP be retained as auditors. This proposal was accepted at the meeting.

**AGM/11/09      The following resolutions be passed as special resolutions:**

- i. That a new article 4.30 be inserted into the Articles of Association of the company as follows:  
  
To publish Codes of Conduct detailing the behavioural and ethical standards to be observed by the membership and establish procedures to adjudicate and where necessary sanction member's breaches of such Codes.
- ii. That article 11.1.2 and 11.2 of the Articles of Association of the company be modified so that the word "five (5)" is replaced with "six (6)".
- iii. That Article 11.2 of the Articles of Association of the company be modified to include:  
  
11.2.6 an international events and competitions portfolio.
- iv. The Article 29.6 of the Articles of Association of the company be modified to include:  
  
29.6.4 Judicial Panel.
- v. That Article 31.2 of the Articles of Association of the company be modified so that the word "five (5)" is replaced with "ten (10)".

The Board thanked Mr Bernard Kilkenny for his work in putting forward the proposed special amendments in relation to the judicial panel.

The proposed amendments were accepted by a vote of 9 with 1 abstention. The motion was carried.

**AGM/11/10      Election of Officers**

The Vice President referred to the nominations which had been received for posts up for election.

The following posts were elected and uncontested:

President	Mr Richard Callicott
Finance Director	Mr John Boughton
Playing Director	Mr Richard Dobell
Coaches Commission President	Mr Richard Harrison
Performance Commission President	Mr Alex Bialokoz
Schools and Youth President	Mr Will Roberts

9 Votes for and 1 abstention were received. All nominations are elected.

**AGM/11/11      Concluding Remarks**

The President thanked everyone who had attended the meeting and contributed to the debate. The President also concluded that the next 12 months were going to be the biggest challenge the sport would experience and that there would be immense pressures put on volunteers, elected officers and the professional staff and every effort should be made to work harmoniously together.

The President announced that Beach Volleyball will be reviewed by Marzena Bogdanowicz and the Governance of Regions will be reviewed by Janet Inman. On completion of these reviews a full report will be presented to the Board for consideration.

The President thanked the elected officers for their continued support, drive and passion for the sport and for their time freely given.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.35 pm**