



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Saturday 12th January 2019

Loughborough

MEETING MINUTES

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1. Members present and apologies for absence	
Bill Boagey	Division 1 Lead
Sarah Hill	Division 3 Women's Lead
Simon Cowie	Division 2 Men lead
Diane Hollows (DH)	Junior Competitions Lead
Herman Prada	Sitting Volleyball Lead
Ade McGraa (AM)	Student Cup Lead (via phone)
James Murphy (JMu)	Competitions Lead National Cup Lead
Martin Shakespeare (MS)	Referee Liaison
Jonathan Moore (JMo)	Competitions and Events Coordinator
Steve Matthews (SM)	Board Member
Apologies	
Geoff Hollows	Results Processing
Sam Yip	Division 2 Women's Lead

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **10:30am**.

Announcements:

Keith McAdam has resigned from the Competition Working Group (as Super League lead)

Thanks were given to his hard work over many years which greatly enriched the National Volleyball League.

Agenda item	Notes	Action/ Owner
1 Apologies for Absence:	Sam Yip , Geoff Hollows	
2 Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The minutes were accepted as be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.	

3 Conflicts of interest	<p>JMu: Coach of Reading Aces (NVL2S) Player at Maidenhead, Treasurer BVA, Referee. No other conflicts</p> <p>MS: Referee DH: Referee BB: Staff tutor SC: Referee HP: Referee SH: Involved with UKBT at volunteer level</p>	
4 Competitions Update	<p><u>Division 1</u>: No issues</p> <p><u>Division 2</u>: York Falcons (W2N) Shield fixture same day</p> <p><u>Division W3</u>: Single triangular was moved to a Shield weekend (approval process was missed), the NVL fixture now rearranged to 30th March.</p> <p><u>Division M3</u>: Home team has forfeited a fixture, Away teams rearrange penalty to be determined</p> <p><u>Super League</u>: The anticipated teething issues with booking venues for the 2nd half of the season have arisen. Teams were advised at the beginning of November that WTR had been updated with fixture dates and venues, however it appears as though some venues have not yet been booked.</p> <p><u>National Cup</u>: See section in Working Group updates.</p> <p><u>Junior Comps</u>: There is a team who have entered an overseas competition which may clash with a Junior Competition. They were advised to follow a certain procedure however it appears as though it was not followed and now there are issues. U18 - there is an issue with 2 teams (from the same club) due to illness who were was thought to have been withdrawn from the competition, but there appears to have been a miscommunication as the expectation was to receive a Bye into the next round to make up numbers. This is an open issue but the arrangements have been made for the next round without these teams, the teams have been informed and solutions are being progressed.</p> <p><u>Student Cup</u>: Entry forms have gone out and deadline was 11/1, some still to chase (by the Hub). Accommodation is arranged. Referees are appointed (visible via WTR). 2 women's teams have withdrawn from finals so the hub have contacted the next best non-qualifiers.</p> <p><u>Sitting Volleyball</u>: 2 GP successfully run since the start of season. Some challenges due to teams dropping out on the day, which causes scheduling issues. More GP are planned, including an international team (from Denmark) who are travelling over on a wildcard to take part. Some matches have been shortened due to busy schedules: Set scores are to 25, 25, 15 down to 21, 21, 11 to shorten matches. 4 teams are yet to register their players on the website.</p> <p><u>NEVZA</u>: We have hosted all the NEVZA matches currently contracted. The board are deciding whether to submit a bid to host further matches. There are clear benefits to our running the event however this must be balanced about the costs.</p> <p><u>VEBT</u>: VE have met again with UKBT to see if an agreement can be made for this upcoming season. A new draft contract is being prepared by Stewart Dunne which will be shared with UKBT.</p>	<p>JMo</p> <p>DH</p>
5 Working Group Updates	<p>Cup Finals: Cup finals request for venues: 8 initial responses, narrowed down to 4 venues in the running. Finalised the RFQ (Request for Quotation) for the potential hosts. The deadline for submissions has now passed and the announcement will be made the Volleyball England website.</p> <p>Volleyball Culture: Initial meeting has taken place to review Codes of Conduct for referees, players, coaches & spectators. Other sports were also consulted. The board have been discussing 'Visions & Values' at great length at the last board meeting to ensure these are aligned.</p>	
6 Topics for further discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Operating Standards per Division <p>Tiered MOS will be applied per Division, rather than just increased MOS for Super League. These standards will be brainstormed by the Working Group and voted upon in May. Deadline for input is 31st March. Anyone can suggest a Minimum Operating Standard - this is not limited to Competition Working Group members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Match Refreshments <p>Post-match refreshments have always been optional, the only requirement has been for teams to confirm if they will be provided. Should Away teams bring their own food? Questions arising: How to</p>	

	<p>deal with allergies, should vegetarian/ vegan options be available? Can teams state level, i.e. Sandwiches will be provided, hot food will be provided, snacks will be provided, etc. Team input would be appreciated.</p> <p>May introduce a Suggested Operating Standard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging spectators <p>If teams wish to charge spectators to watch games then provided that teams make this clear to the opposition then this can continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compression Sleeves <p>It is suggested that the regulation is removed, since the FIVB rules already cover this (rule 4.5.3. covers this). The regulation probably should remain, but reworded to perhaps refer to rule 4.5.3?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirt Numbers 1-99 <p>Shirt numbers are currently limited to 1-20 are to meet the MOS for paddles. Suggested that paddles removed from MOS from Div3, and that shirt numbers can be 1-99 for first season, with a preference for 1-20 from thereon in.</p> <p>Shirt numbers for Division 2 and above should be 1-20 and paddles are a MOS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing 14 players per team <p>This will be approved as an additional regulation for next season, however it is still a maximum of 12 players plus 2 Libero.</p> <p>At the other end of the spectrum, there is a suggestion that teams should not be allowed to designate a libero if a team only brings a squad of 7. This will not be made a regulation, as the actual real world occurrences of this happening is very low. Coaches will need to continue to manage this themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shield Finalists eligibility for the Shield the following year <p>There were two options that were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Finalists (with the exception of non-National League teams) will be ineligible for Shield for the following season only. 2. That the finalists from the Shield are seeded into Round 2 of the Cup, the following season and therefore ineligible for the shield. <p>Option 2 was the more popular vote, since this option rewarded successful teams.</p>	
7 Calendar	<p>Calendar for 2019/20:</p> <p>Still in draft stage as the deadline is now pushed to later in the season (end of March). We are looking to create some “competition free” weekends for the season after next (20/21) to enable those who are active in competitions take part in the development of volleyball.</p>	
Date of next two meetings	<p>Sunday 12th May (NVC, Kettering) <i>to fit with Play-off finals.</i></p> <p>September meeting will be scheduled once the Calendar has been agreed.</p>	
Any other business	<p>SC: Kit Requirements</p> <p>Shorts and socks to be brought into consideration for the tiered MOS per division, since these are considered (in the rules) as a part of the uniform.</p> <p>SC & DH: Team Presentations</p> <p>i.e. Teams shaking hands at the start of the match. This should not be considered for tiering as it is good for differentiating NVL from local league.</p> <p>SM: 'Super weekend' i.e. pulling a weekend together of fixtures (i.e. 10 games) where normal Super League fixtures are played in one weekend along with various opportunities for CPD (Continuous Professional Development) for courses etc.</p> <p>JMu: A request was received for clubs to be allowed to attend the Competitions Working Group meeting. Due to the limited time available during meetings, physical attendance would not be appropriate. Feedback should be given via the Working Group lead. An email to be sent out via WTR with a link to the https://www.volleyballengland.org/about_us/about_us_/working_groups/competitions_working_group page when the Draft Agenda is published.</p> <p>JMo: With Keith's departure, there is no longer a Working Group member to review the Calendar. This role will be fulfilled by MS.</p> <p>JMo: The CEV Beach tournament has been organised on the same weekend as the Inter-Regionals. As JMo has been committed to be present at that event, support is needed for Inter-Regionals. This is over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend in May. DH will be there and is happy to help. SC & BB have expressed that they could be available.</p>	MS