

**Minutes of Regional Commission Meeting, Saturday 14 January 2012.  
Podium Room, Volleyball England, SportPark, Loughborough**

**Reg/11-12/21 Present** - Charlie Orton (Regional Commission President & London), Mike Turner (Yorkshire), Bryan Youlden (West Midland), Bob Pickens (Surrey Chair, South East), Brian Kendall (North West), Stuart Johnson (Volleyball England)

Apologies – Janet Inman (East Midlands), Freda Bussey (South East), Ron Richards (South West), Brendan Osbourne (East), Richard Lee (North West), Phil Dodd (North East).

**Reg/11-12/22 Minutes of Last Meeting (22 October 2011) & Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate representation.

*A number of action points were not completed because of the late distribution of the minutes and, just before the Christmas break, some urgent work for Sport England after poor Active People Survey results.*

Reg/11-12/14.2 Talent Development – Confusion and lack of information over Divisional training

**Action – Charlie Orton to follow up with Performance Commission**

Charlie had spoken to Jefferson Williams but no further information was available.

**Action – Stuart Johnson to follow up with Craig Handford – No update**

**Action – Janet Inman to follow up with Richard Callicott – No update**

The North East have decided not to enter the IRC in 2012 but are running a local talent development program.

Reg/11-12/14.5 Telephone call with Regional Chairs

Stuart Johnson spoke to 5 out of the 9 regional chairs before this meeting

Reg/11-12/15.1 Inter Regional Championships - Possible accommodation at National Volleyball Centre

**Action - Stuart Johnson to find out the details. Pending**

Reg/11-12/15.2 Under 15s Championships

Brian Kendall reported that the regional round has taken/is taking place in all 9 regions

Reg/11-12/16 NVL entries accepted without regional/area support

Charlie Orton has met with Paul Bohannan, Bernard Kilkenny, Wayne Coyle & Brian Stalker.

Reg/11-12/19 2012 Legacy

**Action – Janet Inman & Stuart Johnson to circulate details of Legacy programs. No update.**

Reg/11-12/20.1 School Games

**Action – Janet Inman & Stuart Johnson to produce briefing document on new School Games, School Games Organisers and competitions – No update.**

Reg/11-12/20.2 Board Meeting 19/11/11

It was noted that the Board Minutes are not yet available.

**Reg/11-12/23 Regional Reports**

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6 out of 9 reports were received before the meeting and 1 after the meeting. Bryan Youlden reported verbally at the meeting that there was little to report in West Midlands. No report from South East.

**Reg/11-12/23.1 Sport England Small Grants**

It was noted that 1 region (East Midlands) had been successful and 1 region (South West) unsuccessful with Sport England Small Grant applications. Stuart Johnson reminded everyone that there was support for grant applications to member clubs and associations through the Development team.

**Action—Janet Inman to circulate details of the successful grant bid**

#### **Reg/11-12/23.2 Problems with Volleyball Posts Installs**

Keith Nicholls is collating cases where there has been problems/resistance in fitting floor sockets.

#### **Reg/11-12/24 National Child Protection Guideline Framework (JI)**

In absence of Janet Inman the presentation was postponed.

**Action - Janet Inman will present new framework at the next meeting.**

#### **Reg/11-12/25 Equity and Diversity**

Charlie reported that there was a 3 hour workshop at Joint Strategy and Implementation Group (JSIG) meeting on 19 November 2011. We need to make sure we aren't hindering access to the sport. We can expect to see a draft of an updated equity statement.

#### **Reg/11-12/26 Regional Champions Trophy**

A proposal was made to hold this event in Sept 2013 prior to the start of the NVL season. Bob Pickens suggested it might be possible to link up with equipment suppliers (display and/or sale of volleyball equipment or even event sponsorship).

#### **Reg/11-12/27 2013-17 Planning Process**

Stuart Johnson presented the previously circulated planning document, which has been approved by the Board, detailing the proposed plan for the Volleyball England 2013-17 Strategic Plan. Tight timescale, submission May 2012, offer letter from Sport England, hopefully by Oct. 2012. We need to spread the word about the consultation process and encourage input into planning process. Also important will be baseline participation numbers.

There was a slight delay due to work in December, placating Sport England over reduced Active People Survey numbers.

Advance notice from the new DCMS Sport Strategy that school-based community clubs will be a priority.

#### **Reg/11-12/28 Commission Management**

A discussion took place over the terms of reference and the way that the Regional Commission operates.

The current Membership package is under review by the Marketing team, with individual membership being considered as a possible option.

**Action - Charlie Orton/Stuart Johnson to invite Rob Harding to present ideas on updated membership package**

#### **Reg/11-12/29 Accounts**

The budget for this year shows a large overspend because of payments made just after the end of the last financial year.

#### **Reg/11-12/30 Succession Planning**

We need to take advantage of new people coming into the sport, including the current Volleyball England Leadership Program. We must actually ask people to try and spread the workload.

#### **Reg/11-12/31 AOB**

The Inter Regional Championships in 2013 will be on 12-13 May 2013. This is not the May Day weekend, which means a 2 day, rather than a 3 day event.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Sunday 29 April 2012, National Volleyball Centre, Kettering (National Finals weekend).

Meeting closed at 15.05

