



Regional Commission Meeting Minutes

17/4/11 National Volleyball Centre, Kettering

Present: Charlie Orton (L), Janet Inman (EM), Brendan Osborne (E), Ron Richards (SW), Freda Bussey (SE), Bryan Youlden (WM), Phil Dodd (NE), Mike Turner (Y), Lisa Wainwright (VE CEO), Zoe Matusiak (VE)

Minuted by: Mike Turner

1. Welcome / Apologies

Apologies received from Alan Bell (NW) and Stuart Johnson (VE Head of Development).

2. Review of Minutes of last Meeting (19 Feb 2011)

These were accepted by the meeting as correct.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Go Spike - Launch End May. Details expected mid May. Amy Seaman has been seconded to b-focused, the PR agency handling the Go Spike campaign for 3 days a week. Rachel Laybourne has been appointed to cover Amy's role for 2 days a week, for a 5 month period.

3.2 RTDP - Concern over the late appointment of divisional coaches (April 2011) and the effect this will have on players (who may find themselves excluded from the Inter Regionals, their expected competitive outlet from taking part in the RTDP.)

Action: – Charlie Orton to discuss with Performance Commission. (CO)

4. HEVO (Zoe Matusiak)

Zoe had circulated a paper prior to the meeting. 30 HEVOs have been appointed at 28 universities. The first tranche attended a training day at end of March where they were given expectations of what is expected - Come & Try it sessions, Festivals within their university. HEVO were set individual targets. They should run a mass participation festival, most planned for Fresher's week. The target is 55 HEVOs. Plan to appoint senior HEVOs in each region who can help advise and mentor new appointments.

The communication path is directly from the HEVOs to Zoe at the National Office. We need to ensure that local communication is established as the HEVOs are likely to be key people in terms of contact for university teams in local leagues, in finding candidates or even providing facilities for courses.

Action: All Regions to provide Zoe with contact(s) in the Region. (All)

Active Universities Grants - 19 Sport England funded applications have specified volleyball.. There are 4 or 5 likely to drop volleyball as their plans may be too ambitious. The other bids will likely result in paid positions in various universities to co-ordinate the programmes.

5. Regional Reports - All 9 regional reports received

5.1 Change 4 Life School Sports Clubs

Concern was expressed by several regions that a good opportunity to engage with schools was slipping away, due to the change in the government, the ending of the PDM roles and non-ring fencing of the Change 4 Life monies.

Circulate list of schools, contacts, including who attended training courses, etc.

Action: (LW)

Change 4 Life is a big Department of Health programme and a second phase will be rolled out into primary schools. Funding of an equipment package is still to be agreed with an application to Sport England's Small Grants Scheme. (Keith Nicholls is working on an equipment package)

Janet Inman suggested everyone to check out the Change 4 Life web site and search for the volleyball opportunities in their region.

<http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/local-change-for-life-activities.aspx>

5.2 Grant Applications

Action: Circulate information on various grant applications. (JI)

Janet Inman informed the meeting that Sport England has updated their market segmentation data, available through their web site <<http://segments.sportengland.org>>. It is essential that any grant applications submitted through Sport England reflect the market's needs.

5.3 London 2012 Legacy – Concern was expressed by regions further away from London on the paucity of information about volleyball legacy.

Request the attendance of someone from LOCOG (Gemma Nunnerley) or London Legacy Manager (Gary Beckford) to cover volleyball legacy at future Regional Commission meeting.

Action: (CO)

5.4 Regional Development Plans

Roadshow date set for the North West region. Yorkshire are still trying to finalise a date. Other regions should contact Stuart Johnson directly.

Action – Requested that the SW plan is circulated to all regions, when complete. (RR)

6. Discussion on the involvement of Regional Commission in the development of VE Initiatives

It was suggested that we needed to improve education, of both paid staff and volunteers, on how both groups works. It is important for all staff, but especially new, less experienced staff to be aware of the regional structure and this should be part of new staff induction. Lisa offered the commission members the opportunity to attend a national office team meeting.

Action - Circulate staff induction pack to educate the volunteers and elicit feedback (LW).

7. Regional Constitutions

Lisa gave brief background with respect to the 2010 Volleyball England Articles of Association and the need to change regional constitutions to comply with the Companies Act. This is not an attempt to enforce a common regional constitution, but to ensure that regions comply legally. All regions were asked to consider the supplied template and if necessary submit changes to their own AGMs. Any questions to Lisa, copying Charlie & Janet.

Action - Regions to consider the supplied template. (All)

8. VE Youth Forum

Paper has been circulated to all clubs seeking applications. 13 applications received so far. Deadline 17 April 2011.

9. Volleyball England Foundation

Brendan Osborne outlined the key objectives of the Foundation and circulated the Grant Guidelines document (available online). The Volleyball England Foundation is a charitable foundation, whereas Volleyball England is a company limited by guarantee, which allows certain financial advantages, such as being able to claim Gift Aid on donations. The Foundation has received £5000 from Volleyball England and is currently seeking other donations.

See <<http://www.volleyballengland.org/Foundation>>

10. AOB

10.1. Volunteer Leadership Programme – Brief update from Lisa.

10.2. A Strategic Plan 2 Year review Update document was circulated to all present. Will be included with the next 3Touch magazine.

10.3 Volunteer Travel Expenses – A debate is ongoing on whether to increase mileage allowance, currently 20p/mile, whereas 40 or even 45p/mile is now common given increased fuel prices. Decision to be made by the Board, although feedback welcomed on this.

10.4 Volleyball England Branding – The current Volleyball England branding, colour schemes and document templates could be available to interested groups or clubs. Contact Rob Harding for more information.

10.5 New National Child Protection Guideline Framework issued.

Action - Janet Inman will present new framework at next meeting. (JI)

11. Dates of Next Meetings

30 July 2011 - Loughborough

22 Oct 2011 - Loughborough

14 Jan 2012 - Loughborough.

Meeting closed at 12.59.