

## **Minutes of Regional Commission Meeting, 21 October 2011 SportPark, Loughborough**

**Reg/11-12/12 Present:** Charlie Orton (Regional Commission President & London), Janet Inman (East Midlands & Development Director), Brendan Osborne (East), Ron Richards (South West), Bryan Youlden (West Midlands), Mike Turner (Yorkshire), Brian Kendall (Competitions Commission), Stuart Johnson (Volleyball England)

Apologies for absence: Phil Dodd (North East), Alan Bell (North West), Freda Bussey (South East), John Biddiscombe (South East).

### **Reg/11-12/13 Minutes of Last Meeting (30 July 2011) & Matters Arising**

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

Reg/11-12/1 Present – Typo. It was Dave Gardner, not Gardiner, who represented East Midlands.

Reg/11-12/6 Inter Regional Championships – The dates of 2-3 June 2012 have been agreed.

Reg/11-12/3.3 New National Child Protection Guideline Framework

Because of this meeting's emphasis on Legacy, it was agreed to postpone this item.

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

### **Reg/11-12/14 Regional Reports** - 8 reports received in advance

**14.1 Common Themes** - Regional AGMs were generally well attended. Many were run alongside a regional event, such as an awards presentation.

C.f. The recent poorly attended national AGM this year, which was a one-off event rather than being linked with another event, such as the Whitefield Tournament, as in recent years.

**14.2 Talent Development** – Charlie reported that Jefferson Williams, Performance Commission, has stated that the Regional Talent Development Program is considered part of the national talent pathway. Most of the regions have managed to start their regional talent development program. There was confusion and a lack of information over School Games Divisional training, some not taking place or no or last minute information about divisional squad activities.

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

**Action** – **Stuart Johnson** to follow up with Craig Handford

**Action** – **Janet Inman** to follow up with Richard Callicott

### **14.3 Community Development Coaches**

PE is now part of the core curriculum, so teaching of sport is coming under more scrutiny.

Schools are now more likely to pay for external coaches. Future CDC positions are likely to be self funding, so we need to look for funding sources for them. Janet Inman spoke of experiences in Lincolnshire Sports Partnership where the schools often employ external coaches for curriculum lessons and after school sessions.

Discussion around coaching qualifications, the need for a level 2 qualified coach to run sessions and ways to encourage new coaches.

Coaches and referees courses are being organised centrally (depending on local demand) by Rich Stacy-Chapman or Holly Fairclough.

Referee development/mentoring - encouraging refs to discipline player/coaches who step out of line. It was suggested that even basic awards should include a compulsory practical element.

#### **14.4 Governance/Role of Regional Commission**

Brendan Osborne - The recent email from Alan Bell (North West) in which he resigned from the Regional Commission raises important issues. Brendan announced he would be resigning as the East's Regional Commission representative in the future, due mainly to the lack of communication and consultation within Volleyball England.

#### **14.5 Head Office Update**

Stuart Johnson submitted a written update on staffing changes, Go Spike, development activity and other relevant information. Stuart's report and the recently release Board minutes were much appreciated and the flow of information, in both directions, should be encouraged.

**Action** - Stuart Johnson proposed that if the regional reports were submitted before the commission meeting, he would have a telephone call with each commission member to discuss any important regional/national issues.

#### **Reg/11-12/15.1 Inter Regional Championships**

Date set for 2-3 June 2012 at National Volleyball Centre, Kettering (budget constrains it to only 2 days). The event will be organised by the Competitions Commission.

Age groups - Under 14 and Under 16 Girls, Under 15 & Under 17 Boys.

Eligibility - Meet age group criteria and live in the appropriate Sport England region with no exceptions (a vote was taken on this point). There will be no veto accepted from Performance Commission on who can participate. The requirement to have a British passport or 2 years of residence was dropped.

It is possible that the Accommodation at the NVC would be available on the weekend.

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

**Action – All.** Communicate to regional talent development coaches and managers.

#### **Reg/11-12/15.2 Under 15s National Cup** (Commissioner, Brian Kendall)

Regional Round by end of Feb 2012.

Divisional Round, March 2012

Final 6 - 2 pools of 3, semis and final, May 2012

**Action – All.** Contact Brian Kendall with details of the regional organiser, dates, etc. Divisional Rounds, offers to host, contact Brian Kendall.

#### **Reg/11-12/16 NVL**

Competitions Commission have recently accepted new teams into the NVL without Regulation A.5 - *Conditions for a New Entrant into the NVL* - being fulfilled, particularly the rule that new entrants have to have support from their area/regional association. It was noted that Regulation A.5.x allows the Competitions Commission discretion in approving new entries, but that the other regulations in this section should be observed as well.

**Action – Charlie Orton** to contact Competitions Commission.

#### **Reg/11-12/17 Strategic Plan 2013-17 – Regional Commission Involvement (SJ)**

Sport England in flux (see below). The Volleyball England plan is still expected to be submitted in May 2012, for an October 2012 approval. Further details expected after next Volleyball England board meeting.

Sport England Strategy 2011-15 [Strategy Summary \(2 pp PDF\)](#):

[Video](#) presentation by Jennie Price, CEO of Sport England:

#### **Reg/11-12/18 Regional Commission Budget**

Improved financial management in the national office has resulted in improved reporting, but the amount in the Regional Commission pot is now less than previously stated.

A discussion followed over budgets, budget holders and links to appropriate commissions. A number of programs that might be associated with Regional Commission appear to have no

linked commission.

**Action – Charlie Orton** to pursue additional budget to cover operational expenses.

**Action – All.** Expense forms to be returned to office with receipts.

### **Reg/11-12/19 2012 Legacy**

Charlie Orton included a full page report on legacy in additional to the usual London report. London has seen a direct effect from the 2 test events in terms of media coverage and interest from several local authorities. Other regions had less to report and expressed concern that most of the legacy activity is going to be centred around London.

We need to plan ahead. Are clubs ready to take advantage of increased interest and opportunities?

It was emphasized that the Sport England programs Sportivate, Get Set, Sport Makers, Gold Challenge, School Games, Inspired Facilities are all London 2012 legacy programs and are not location-specific.

Threat - Post 2012, there may well be problems getting technical officials for Super8 matches.

**Action – Janet Inman & Stuart Johnson** to circulate details of Legacy programs.

**Action – All.** Regions to report experiences and highlight best practice including engaging with external partners (local authorities, business leaders).

### **Reg/11-12/20 AOB**

#### **20.1 School Games**

**Action – Janet Inman & Stuart Johnson** to produce briefing document on new School Games, School Games Organisers and competitions

**20.2 Board Meeting**, on 19 November 2011, followed by Joint Strategy Implementation Committee.

Date of Next Meeting – 14th January 2012

Meeting closed at 15.08  
Minutes taken by Mike Turner