

London Volleyball Association League Meeting

8th July 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

13:30 start

Greetings – CO (LVA Chairman)

Trophy Presentations

League Reports

Well done to the many new league administrators this year

Junior League Report – Elsa Meserlian

U15 Grand Prix competition started this year. This involved 4 weekends of tournament play. Players turned up and were organised into teams of 6. Turn up and play format.

U18 Girls League started this year.

The emphasis was on participation. Teams and their managers were extremely co-operative and understanding. EM has enjoyed working with them all.

EM asked the meeting for the opportunity to engage with any young people interested in playing volleyball.

U15 Girls Grand Prix: Winners – VK Barnet; Runners-up – Westminster

U15 Boys Grand Prix: Winners – Ernest Bevin College; Runners-up - ??

U18 Girls Grand Prix: Winners - ??; Runners-up – Richmond

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Departure of League Secretary

Edmond Lee gave a short farewell speech. He retired as League Secretary after being in the role for 10 years. The meeting put on record our thanks after his long period of distinguished service and Edmond was presented with a memorial.

Rule Changes for 2017-18

- Match start times must not be before 19:20 for a midweek game
- Matches that are held outside of London must be with the agreement of the away team. The arrangements for covering excess travel costs incurred by the away team are to form part of that agreement.
- Scorers of matches in the Premier division must be qualified.
- Dealing with incidences of aggression will be dealt with by the League Sub-committee.

Other Changes and clarifications

- Sending scoresheets to the League Secretary: Team Managers must check that scans are legible before sending these via email
- Please use normal first class post for sending hardcopy of scoresheets – not special or signed for delivery. This creates extra time-consuming work for League Secretaries as they will often have to collect these from their post sorting office.
- Shirts – the league will be clamping down on taped numbers on team shirts
- Shirts – Libero kit must be distinct from the other players
- Referees have been instructed to report kit discrepancies this season

Player Registrations

There was a discussion about NVL player participation in the London League, as this happens in many teams across the divisions. It ended with acknowledgement that the London League and the NVL are separate competitions so this is an issue that the LVA could and should not legislate against.

Also discussion about players being registered with more than one LL team. It was noted that individuals have done this by hiding their true identity when joining a new team; LVA rules do not require an ID check at the point of payer registration.

Charlie Orton and Elsa Meserlian agreed to look into ways that the player database might be easily interrogated by clubs to identify which club that a player may be registered with.

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Meeting started at 14:56

1. Chair's report (Charlie Orton)

Read by the meeting with the following comments:

- a. Query by DB-H – should London's Beach Volleyball be included? The Chairman accepted that links between the LVA and the Beach scene should be strengthened.
- b. Facilities – Leyton Beach is being relocated a short distance to a new site.
- c. Facilities – apparently half of the Sobell Centre sports hall is being converted to a children's trampoline park. This is only a couple of years after the LVA provided the centre with equipment to enable 2 concurrent volleyball matches; it is now doubtful that the centre will be able to facilitate more than 1.

The centre is managed by GLL on behalf of Islington Council the Council is apparently providing GLL with a loan to convert the hall space. As this is a controversial move, Haringey councillors and members of the local community are querying this. Lobbying against this change is ongoing.

2. Volleyball England Update (Hannah Winsbury)

The National governing body is in a period of change: there had been massive upheaval amongst the management of the organisation over the past seven months. The most recent Sport England funding cycle (2013-2017) has ended, and a new long-term funding package is yet to be agreed. Sport England has however provided six months of interim funding to keep VE afloat, and are demanding many changes before any further money will be released to Volleyball. These include election of an independent Chair (i.e. someone not previously employed by Volleyball England, nor can they be a current or recent board member), and 3 new independent Directors.

Elsa Meserlian offered to help Volleyball England with selection of a new CRM database.

3. Finance Report

Drafts accounts prepared by Andrew Haggard were received and reviewed by the meeting with no comments. Accounts to be signed off by the Executive.

4. Election of Officers

- Chair: Charlie Orton re-appointed unopposed
- Secretary: Role is vacant. Chair to co-opt someone onto the Committee
- Treasurer: Andrew Haggard
- League Secretary: Çisel Ormanci
- Marketing: Douglas Barr-Hamilton (Interim). Charlie Orton to approach Bartek to see if he is prepared to step in.
- Referee Administration: Charlie Orton
- Volunteer Support: Cormac Byrne
- Junior Competitions: Elsa Meserlian
- Junior Development: Claudiu Florea (TBC)

- Beach Liasion: Vacant. Charlie to approach the chair of LBVC.

5. AOB

Charlie Orton sought agreement of the meeting to convert the status of the LVA to a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) in order for the Association to benefit from his eventual legacy in the most tax-efficient way. The agreement was provided unopposed.

With there being no further business, the meeting ended at 16:45