

London Volleyball Association Meeting

Wednesday 18th September 2019

Poplar Baths, 170, East India Dock Road, E14 0ED - 19.00-21.30 (Meeting room)

Welcome and introductions

Present: Gary Beckford, Charlie Orton (ChO), Fab Goalen, Alex Pavkov, Andrew Haggard, Elsa Merserlian, Bartek Luszcz, Cormac Byrne (on skype), Joanne Carne Howell, Allan Mungroo, Val Grisenkov, Yinka Obisesan, Madonis Thomas, Lorenzo Pepponi.

Apologies from Cisel Ormanci (CO)

Meeting open at 19:10

Introductions and description of each role	ACTIONS
1) AGREEING MINUTES, SIGNING OFF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS FROM 2019 AGM.	
<p>Minutes of AGM agreed. Not all teams got their medals – London Lionheart medals missing</p> <p>Treasurer's report: Going forward: breakdown on spend on juniors needed and tweak where needed</p> <p>Gary would like to see revenue and expenditure for inter-regionals</p> <p>The LVA hold 2 bank accounts with the deposit account now attracting bank interest.</p> <p>All reports from 2019 AGM agreed</p>	<p>CO</p> <p>AH</p>
2) JOB DESCRIPTIONS/ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – EXPECTATIONS	
<p>Very important to know exact roles to avoid overlapping and to share the tasks, ie, Charlie still doing a lot that could be done by others.</p> <p>The existing job descriptions are read</p> <p>Not much change for the following: President/Chair/Web admin/Junior dev/ Non execs</p> <p>Changes to be made to some of these roles:</p> <p>Secretary: ideal to have all the info stored via the secretary, in one place. This could be on the cloud with access given to named people.</p> <p>Treasurer: It would be good to monitor budget more closely</p> <p>League Sec: This is quite a big role and it is worth recruiting more divisional admins to support all div administrators, to ease this role</p> <p>Coach coordinator: No job description at the moment. One to be written</p> <p>Marketing and Partnership to be defined (Val working on inventory)</p> <p>Gary to revise these roles in the coming month.</p> <p>Gary insists that all the people involved in the LVA should let him know if unable to do tasks. Please be honest and know what it is possible to take on. If help and support needed, please say so as help will be found. Please be transparent with everything we do.</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>FG/AP</p> <p>GB</p> <p>AH</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB/AM</p> <p>GB</p> <p>All</p>
3) LEAGUE READINESS	
<p>League secretary report to date:</p> <p>VPS have withdrawn and another team, Onyx - keen to play on Sunday 2:30 - wants to come in. Andrew will contact the teams for procedure. No objection.</p> <p>If teams drop out, do we want to shift some teams to have equal numbers in the divisions? To deal when/if happens.</p> <p>Referees cannot register yet with VE as Volleyzone is not up and running yet and we don't know which teams are affiliated. By default, until VZ is sorted, let's assume all are affiliated. Charlie has already appointed refs for the upcoming matches. Charlie is liaising with VE.</p> <p>Jo has pointed out that some div admin emails are not correct in the handbook. To check by emailing the executive members and the div admins known.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>ChO</p> <p>ChO</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Junior competitions were needed, so GrandPrix was created for youths, who are not playing in the A teams, to be able to compete, on 4-a-side courts. This will continue and expand this year. League runs itself with help from parents. Elsa will pass on fixtures and dates once clubs confirm. Now that VE is charging registration for children, it is good to look for other competitions for them. 2. Elsa is receiving more inquiries from clubs who would like to start a junior club as parents are asking. If anyone wants to help them set up junior clubs, please contact Elsa. 3. We need to get more coaches into primary schools. Good to get children interested at an early age. Schools can afford the coaching fee of £25/hour as they charge children £30/term (more than coaching fee of £20/session). Fab mentioned the possibility of using secondary school halls on days when staff meetings are taking place as usually the halls are free then. It might allow to train primary school children (ideally who feed into that secondary school) where primary schools don't have a usable hall. <p>Allan will look to put more coaching courses on offer this year.</p> <p>Gary is looking to get someone to fund the whole junior section.</p> <p>LYG are looking for advice in restructuring the format of the competition. Do we change the age group? Down to U16? To research and have input from all. This won't happen for this season, but it may be possible for the year after.</p>	<p>EM</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB/EM</p>
8) GOVERNANCE	
<p>Governance: Lorenzo to lead</p> <p>Draft document has been produced. Gary will discuss some changes with Lorenzo then that document will be sent out to all then for more input.</p> <p>There will be a Code of conduct for execs, players, coaches, referees – See VE – all to sign up to that. Maybe too late this season, but good for next season. Charlie has mentioned that all referees would have signed up to VE code of conduct, and probably coaches too, so is that enough?</p> <p>Gary would like to put it out and ask all players to sign up, by sending it to clubs and asking them to pass onto members/players. One idea is to put it on the player registration card when they sign up for example?</p> <p>Lorenzo proposed to put it on the website so that all are familiar with it already.</p> <p>We need to be sure we are not leaving ourselves exposed to anything: GDPR, compliance, policies, etc...</p>	<p>GB/LP</p>
9) VOLLEYBALL LANDSCAPE	
<p>Lead: Val</p> <p>Collecting info borough by borough: what volleyball activities are taking place?</p> <p>The info will be about active clubs in the borough, contact details, men playing, women playing, active universities, facilities available to host volleyball (centres, schools, ...) competing schools, equipment (referee stand, type of posts,...)</p> <p>This is done by contacting the clubs and sports development, councils and LVA contacts, school games organisers.</p> <p>Joanne would like to see if it's possible to do CPDs for teachers while the school children are busy playing in competitions during three-hour session and the teachers stand on the side. Sports CPD and sustainability are the most important things for schools/boroughs.</p> <p>Elsa: the problem we have is finding this information (when are these competitions taking place? Which schools are involved? So we need to find a way for the schools and organisations to come to us for info instead of chasing it.</p> <p>Jo: if we need to advertise what we can do for the schools and the teachers, it's better to send to the LYG as they distribute to all the people concerned. That would be ideal.</p> <p>LYG is looking to do Beach Vb as well but needs to know if all boroughs have access to beach courts.</p>	<p>VG</p>

<p>Elsa has started mapping beach courts and we realise that all boroughs are close enough to a beach court so we can try to incorporate beach vb.</p>	
<p>10) FUTURE MEETINGS</p>	
<p>3 to 4 weeks from today. Date to be confirmed Gary to rotate days and/or times.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	
<p>Bartek: Save Earls Court: 7th anniversary since Olympics. Hall is being demolished with a project to rebuild. Volleyball can be made one of the top sports for the use of this hall. All support is welcome and it would be great if many of us can come to a meeting at 1pm on Sunday 22 at Brompton Cemetery.</p> <p>IBB Polonia is building a product and it would be great to come and support on 30th Oct, 7pm Copper Box arena – Champions League. The event will be televised around the world – not London... Aiming for 4000 spectators. Please spread the news and raise the profile of volleyball. £30 per adult/ U12 free. LVA will benefit from that as there is more exposure for London volleyball.</p> <p>Brexit: Will the volleyball landscape/LVA be affected? Gary said that this is one of the reasons he is keen to get juniors involved.</p> <p>SCNP (Sporting Club Nord Parisien) has contacted Richmond to ask if there is a men's club willing to train intensively over three/four days with matches in the evenings, at the start of term (beginning of January 2020). They have men playing in the national 1 team as well as the division below. Please contact Fab if a club is interested.</p> <p>Meeting terminated at 21:30</p>	