



## London Volleyball Association Minutes

### Junior league meeting

Date: 06/06/2016

#### Attendees:

Charlie Orton (LVA) – CO  
Luis Bello (Richmond VB) – LB  
Elsa Meserlian (POA) – EM  
Claudio Florea (LVA) – CF  
Ashley Trodden (Greenhouse) – AT  
Jim Howell (Waltham Forest VC) – JH  
Sean Poole (VK Barnet) – SP  
Eric Hill (VK Barnet) – EH  
Yvett Talas (Graveney) – ET  
Ildiko Dobos (Westminster VC) – ID  
Carlos Johnson (Graveney School) - CJ

#### Agenda:

- 1) Single match fixtures or more than 2 teams or more than 1 court halls.
- 2) Ages
- 3) Net height and age bands
- 4) 4 v 4 or 6 v 6
- 5) Scoring methods
- 6) Officials
- 7) Publication of results
- 8) League entry fee - to deter teams entering who will not play.

#### Discussion:

CO: The LVA could provide support any additional costs related to starting up the junior league.

- 1) Single match fixtures or more than 2 teams or more than 1 court halls?

EM: Triangular are preferred

JH: triangular, multi-matches, on a Sunday.

EH: could get our school for 2/4 hours on a Saturday.

ID: 4v4 for U 15s

JH: don't restrict within age groups, let's keep the ages roughly.

CO: roughly U15s for 4v4, 6v6 older age groups.

EM: should we be trying to meet VE age criteria?



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SP: VE age categories are vague, and there are different ones for the school games and the VE competitions.

Discussion arose about U13s, VK Barnet don't have enough in the age category.

Westminster have 25, POA have 8.

JH: boys & girls?

AT: girls for U13s may be more popular.

EM: let us set 3 or 4 dates when certain teams are registered and there is flexibility to enter some on the day.

EH: first weekend of half term may work – this gives us 3 dates:

October half term the only one released so far: 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October- this clashes with U16s cup prelims.

AT: 29/30 Oct. are the next date.

SP: first year about participation.

CF: shall we have centralised venues?

EM: St. Benedict's is available 2-4 on Sundays.

SP: 4 Badminton courts available, but net not tensioned.

EH: courts available 9-1.

CJ: we have established teams, we would look more into coaching clinics followed by play.

EM: focus on establishing an U18s league.

CJ: do we enter as clubs (?)

AT: We don't have a need for an U18s junior league, our players are already playing at senior level.

EM & ID: there is a demand for the girls. Side.

**Action:** to setup a junior U18s league for girls, potential participating teams:

1. Westminster Academy
2. Polonia Academy
3. VK Barnet
4. Southgate College
5. Willesden
6. Tower Hamlets
7. Leyton 6<sup>th</sup> form
8. Central Foundation girls

JH: are we entering them as clubs or schools? I have a 6<sup>th</sup> form where kids will come through in September, and will prefer a Wednesday afternoon.

CO: agreed to contact Association of college Sports about U18s league for them, need for U18s girls competitions.

AT: U15 need for boys

EM: who have enough U15s for 4v4? Do it on 3 or 4 weekends?

Boys:

- Graveney
- Earnest Bevin
- Richmond
- VK Barnet



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CJ: Grand Prix style weekends, have division 1 and division 2.

SP: set minimum number of teams?

Girls:

- Westminster Academy
- Polonia Academy
- VK Barnet
- Graveney
- Willesden
- Richmond

LB: we should extend the invitations outside the current attendees to collect entries.

EM: we need to write up the competition format & sent out then collect registrations

**Action:** SP volunteered to write out competition format.

LB: introduce a deposit which becomes non-refundable at first instance of not fielding a team.

Mention of medals for each Grand Prix mentioned

Consensus that medals should be reserved till the end of the season winners.

Discussion that there should be 3 teams assigned for each court to maintain quality of matches.

Discussion that it should be timed sets.

Discussion that there should be a standard of maximum points awarded despite the number of teams entered (12?)

Discussion that for the U18s girl's league, there may be enough teams to hold 6v6 triangular.

**Action:** LB: we should collect a bank of days and venues and a bank of teams to initiate the setup.

Teams participating in the league aren't required to host a Grand Prix.

EM: we need volunteers for league administrators:

- U15s 4v4 girls: Eric Hill (VK Barnet)
- U15s 4v4 boys: Ashley Trodden (Greenhouse)
- U18s 6v6 girl's league: contact John Goalen – CO to contact and confirm.

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**Team to review and provide feedback.**
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