

## London Volleyball Association Meeting - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

19.30

**Present:** Gary Beckford, Fabienne Goalen, Charlie Orton, Cormac Byrne, Alex Pavkov, Val Grisenkov, Bartek Luszcz, Joanne Carne-Howell

**Apologies:** Allan Mungroo,

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### 1) MATTERS ARISING - Approval of last minutes – outstanding actions

**ACTION Referee coordinator duties:** GB and ChO ongoing discussions regarding splitting of duties

**ACTION Website:** GB to go through to see what would need updating - ongoing

**ACTION Membership:** GB to take on board the comments and preferences and come up with two options – will be done for next meeting, if not earlier

**ACTION VE meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July:** GB to discuss LVA comments

This was the first VE meeting in quite a while and first one attended by GB as chair. Main points were around protocols; terms of references; why is a group set up; looking for chairs for these groups.

Four areas of discussion came up:

- **Junior** development, centered around finishing the 19-20 inter-regionals (IR): but the majority were against trying to play them with all that is going on. GB decided to take it back to our region to decide. Do we want to continue with this year's IR? What we need to consider: the situation with juniors and parents now with exams and lockdown situation; VE said it would be with a different format and it would not happen over a three-day weekend; more volunteers needed, more time, more expense maybe; as BUCS are not starting until January 2021, more halls would be available until December.

#### 7 votes to cancel this season.

**ACTION GB** to take exec decision back to VE

- **Volleyzone** – VE working with developers to enhance it and make it more bespoke; VE acknowledged GDPR rules are making it difficult for regions to access information. VE to have training within 4-6 weeks and afterwards look at what data can be made available to who in what regions.
- **New coaching guidelines** and requirements, for coaches with young people/in schools. VE have rewritten a lot of the courses, more suited to the way we work, split into modules with different pathways for beach/ sitting/ indoor with ad-ons for community/league/developmental. Probably for 2021/2022
- **Earls Court:** Sue Storey is aware of its importance and has a meeting with the developers this Friday. BL has assisted her with the background knowledge. VE is committed and other regions are aware of the issue.

**ACTION Club leaders meeting:** GB can set them up.

Document prepared with dates and discussion topics – shared with all during the meeting. Two dates are of interest to BL (28 July) and EM (22 July)– check that they are available then – BL confirmed his availability.

**ACTION GB** to go out to clubs registered with us

**ACTION** Passwords held by Cisel: GB has liaised with ChO and AP, but no response from Cisel in reply to emails or phone calls. AP says it is a matter of minutes to change admin from Facebook. AP can still post on FB but we have no control which leaves us exposed. What measures can we take? None towards her club, would not be right.

Options:

- write one last time to her giving her a deadline to comply - till the end of the month to change the admin.
- Meet her on Clapham Common as she is running the social sessions there
- Contact a member of her club to see if they can help in this matter.

**ACTION AP** to write to Cisel saying the deadline to comply is the end of July.

**ACTION AH** to write down protocols about how large amounts of money are to be paid - ongoing

**ACTION** criteria for publications: GB to see with AP/BL- ongoing

## **Agenda item carried over from the last meeting: LITTLE GIANTS APPEALING THE PROCESS OF THE HEARING**

Sharing extracts of the decisions at the original appeal with a panel of 6 Div Admins. This reading shows a majority 4-2 with responses from divisional admins in favour of Onyx. It was reported as 3-3. These are extracts of the original documents and GB is quite happy to show the entirety of the emails to all.

**ACTION FG** to email these extracts to all

**ACTION ALL** to reply within 7 days of this email being sent.

ChO noted that this new appeal is against the latest hearing process. But the hearing should not have happened. The appeal against the process should be investigated, looked at independently but it doesn't affect the result. 7 days from sent out.

### **1) LEAGUE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

All the changes from the meeting with the Div Admins have been incorporated.

**ACTION GB** awaiting feedback from the Div Admins before giving to **AP** to publish as draft on the website

### **2) END OF SEASON REPORTS**

**ACTION ALL** to produce end of season report for officers with highlights of this year – it needn't be long, summing up for our members; the deadline is the end of this month of July. ChO did it already

### **3) MEDALS/TROPHIES**

To get in touch with winners from last season and see if they can return the trophies to GB, who will then provide his physical address. Deadline was originally May or June. VG has handed over his trophy personally to Cisel.

We need to order medals – even if CO has ordered medals before; we cannot approve a budget without prior authorisation. (unless they are already engraved?) Ask teams who have won how many medals they would need to make sure all players get one. Doesn't take long to order medals.

**ACTION AP** to show what was engraved on his medal from last year.

**ACTION GB** to get in touch with the clubs (liaise with **FG**), then order medals.

**ACTION JCH** to collect the medals

### **4) CONSTITUTION AIMS OF THE LVA/COMPOSITION OF THE EXEC.**

Constitution aims of the LVA: Very wordy – too many objectives, needs to be more direct, more succinct.

**ACTION FG** to email all a copy of the Constitution Objectives for all to comment on.

#### Composition of the LVA exec:

Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior, League Secretary: these five roles have been deemed essential on the exec.

JCH: We can see at the AGM which other roles can be filled and put on the exec knowing that we are limited to 10 exec members (to chose from Marketing, Technology, Data Protection, Communication, Partnership, Ref coordinator, Welfare officer, Training and Development) Not President as this is a non-exec role.

### **5) SEASON 20/21 OPTIONS**

Other sports are introducing different starting times at different levels (Rugby/Basketball) in October, November and/or January. BL: VE did a good job – no need to push for an as early start. We are recreational so we don't need to plan a long time in advance. We can start 2 weeks after the government/VE gives us the go-ahead.

GB: Should we give clubs options as some other sports? ie, if we start in October – we can have a full season / November – a shorter season / January – half-season, playing each other once? Clubs want to know and we will let them know as soon as we know ourselves

BL: We can ask players to register for next season (not pay) – this gives us an idea of commitment and numbers and allow us to organise and prepare better – how many matches and when are they played for example.

JCH: Even if guidelines say it's safe, we may still not have a venue. Maybe liaise with clubs as well who may have an idea of their venue availability. Clubs may also want some time to train beforehand. One more thing to consider – public transport is essential to travel to venues for many and some players may be reluctant to use it.

GB will get an idea of what the clubs want and can do from the Club Leaders Meetings. It is hard to compare with other sports with different set-ups (number of players on court, etc...)

**ACTION GB** to research what other recreational/amateur sports are doing

## 6) AGM OPTIONS

The LVA AGM will have more than 15 or 20 people attending but AP doesn't believe MiVoice details fits our association as it is bespoke and more useful to bigger corporations so we need to do it ourselves.

When? End of August/September? FG will need a lead time of at least 28 days to get the documents out to all.

**ACTION GB** to bring it up with the clubs and see what they think at the Club Leaders meetings

JCH: League meeting can be done differently with a pre-recorded report and presentation, giving out trophies and medals, with our logo showing, as done in some schools, providing a link maybe to access this recording

**ACTION GB/AP/FG** to discuss modalities of the presentation and details

## 7) REGIONAL CHAIRS REPORT – SEE GB FEEDBACK FROM VE MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY ABOVE

## 8) LVA HISTORY

ChO has a lot to contribute but wants to tidy up his files so this might happen in January. What is of interest: How long have we been going/major events/how we grew/ major players, etc... with photos if possible. This can be an ongoing process with clubs creating a history page themselves and we have an LVA member getting extracts to put on our website.

**ACTION CB** to write to the clubs asking them about creating a history page.

## AOB:

Ivan email contesting the League termination. GB has drafted a response, based on CB's email – all agreed it's good to send to Ivan

Osemka – Div 2 – has also contested the league termination procedure, emailing to ask to count sets and not head-to-head as they would be 2<sup>nd</sup> instead of 3<sup>rd</sup>, based on the fact that the exec have decided to award joint winners to the WP top two teams. This is different as we can only promote one team in Div 2.

The decision has been made previously as we have already voted on this. ChO is still saying we should have stuck to League Rules.

**ACTION GB** to write to Osemka informing them of our decision.

Meeting closed at 21:10 – Next exec meeting will be held in 2 or 3 weeks