



London Volleyball Association AGM

Sunday 30th July 2023

Present: Members of the Executive Committee (Cormac Byrne (CB), Gary Beckford (GB), Nicolas Vecchione (NV), Stuart Fullerton (SF), Sandra Simoes (SS)).

Clubs represented: Lion Rock Volleyball Club (Sam Chan), Brazukas Universe Sport Club (Welton Vinicius), Flaming Six Volleyball Club (Vanessa Ruiz Linares), Wimbledon Volleyball Club (Ludovica Harley), Waltham Forest Whipps VC (Joanne Carne-Howell), QKX London (Ana Guzman), R1vals (Mherwin Guerrero), London Lynx (Gary Beckford), Squad (Fiona Cotteril), Willesden VC (Stuart Fullerton), Inter Volleyball Club (Erika Liaci), London Phoenix (Radoslav Rudnianin), London Lionhearts (Allan Mungroo), London BAKS (Sigitas Kaziliunas)

The chairman (GB) welcomes all.

1. Annual Reports

- Treasury report
 - NV raised that during the last year there were issues accessing the account, it's being worked on is just pending on one assignee.
 - The LVA is on the process to open a bank account with Metro Bank. It's being a long process, but the account should be ready before the season starts.
 - The LVA cash inflow/outflow is positive, however this year the LVA didn't have the grant of Sports England, so the treasury needs to forecast for the new season
 - It was raised pending payments from the LVA, NV said as soon as the MetroBank account is working the payments will start being done.

- Marketing
 - SS gave a quick update on the marketing part.
 - There was an increase of followers on Instagram, especially after the Juniors inter-regionals.
 - The LinkedIn page has been non-active due to volunteer bandwidth, the idea is for the next year this page to be more active.
 - SS raised that there is a big need of having someone on the marketing role, now is done ad-hoc by elements of the exec.
 - Welton shared his appreciation on the efforts of the LVA to share posts by the teams during this year, improving their reach.



- Junior Development
 - SF shared that this year was focused on creating more structure regarding Juniors safeguarding, including creating a code of conduct for players and coaches. The LVA still needs more members to sign-up for these codes of conduct to prevent negative impact on junior teams and players.
 - The number of juniors players in London is increasing, GB and SF asked the clubs to consider creating junior teams and that the LVA would guide during the process. GB also raised that having juniors in the club can help the club reaching to other venues, grants and support from boroughs.
 - During this year the LVA also created an on-going plan for the London Juniors. The girls were already practicing once a month together, the boys started this year, leading to very positive outcomes on the inter-regionals.
 - It was raised that comms regarding the junior activities need to be improved, SF agreed and mentioned that a comms manager would help this area to flow more easily.
 - It was raised that there is a need of venues across London, the LVA will aim to get a working group together to work on a venue library for the community.
 - It was raised that groups such as Sportas are impacting the number of venues available for the clubs. The LVA is aware of this issue and will be working on it with the venues working group.
- Chairman
 - On the chair report, GB mentioned as previously the impact of the bank account on the LVA.
 - This year the LVA worked to improve better relationships with the clubs, bringing more people to work together with the executive. It was also a year where the stability of the executive was visible, and it helped creating more structure on internal processes.
 - For next year, we're planning on helping improving quality of referees and coaches and create a feedback program for referees. To be a success, all these activities will need an active community keen on improving overall interactions and processes.
 - GB reiterate that the Junior activity is increasing in London and there is a clear need to increase the number of clubs that train u18.

2. Elections

- The following officers have been re-elected:
 - Gary Beckford – Chairman
 - Sandra Simoes – Association Secretary
 - Nicolas Vecchione – Treasurer
 - Alex Pavkov – Technology Lead
 - Ruben Duarte – Referee Administrator
 - Stuart Fullerton – Junior Development
 - Lorraine Hames – Inter-Regional Juniors
 - Cormac Byrne – Workforce Manager and Recruiter



Jeanne Riot – Partnerships Manager

- A special congratulations to the following newly elected officers:
Fiona Cotteril – League Secretary

3. General discussions

During the meeting some points were made

- There is a need of more consistency across the division admins regarding rules and it was requested to have a more “present” LVA when members or elements of the community don’t follow those rules.
- The referee process was raised as “not working” and that “something has to change” regarding the process and comms.
- The medals from previous years topic was raised. The present exec reminded the participants that they’re still working on set up the bank account with Metro Bank, after that step is done payments and purchases will be done by order of priority.
- The exec mentioned that this year will be looking into the transgender policy published by the VE. This assessment will be done considering community feedback and as for this year everything will stay the same.
- It was also raised that the LVA should help and guide u18 players that can no longer play with juniors. This guidance could be as simple as explaining the pathway for these members to continue to grow within the sport.

The chair thanked all again and the meeting ended.

Signed by

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Sandra Simoes, LVA Secretary

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Nicolas Vecchione, Treasury