



## London Volleyball Association Executive Meeting

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

Present: Antonio Codrington, Alex Pavkov, Cormac Byrne, Gary Beckford, Nicolas Vecchione, Rúben Duarte, Stuart Fullerton, Sandra Simoes.

Apologies: Jeanne Riot, Lorraine Hames

*Absentees: Gloria Francalanci, Antonella Iannuccelli*

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### Agenda

1. Chair update
2. Procedures and responsibilities
3. Junior update
4. League update and recommendations
5. Finance update
6. Refunds
7. Comms
8. Complaints panel
9. Partnerships

The chairman welcomes all.

The secretary reviews action points from the previous meeting.

### 1. Chair update

Lead by GB

- GB explained there was a SportsLomo demo beginning of the month. This platform intends to help all the regions to manage their leagues.
- Feedback of the platform has been widely positive from the other regions.
  - LVA will be able to select the areas they want to use or not.
- This platform will be sponsored by Volleyball England and
- CB raised concerns with starting using the platform due to historic reasons with new platforms. GB clarified that this platform has been used platform across countries and sports.
- NV raised that it would be good to know how the system works in other leagues.
- CB raised that having VE running software is a huge risk for the LVA.
- All agree:
  - Running a test over summer
  - Get a testing group to get through the platform while interacting with different areas of the platform.

**Actions:**



- *SS to share SportsLomo webinars with the exec.*
- *SS to double-check with SportsLomo that the hosting of the platform is supported by them.*

## 2. Procedures and Responsibilities

Lead by GB

- GB went through the different areas of the exec and their focus.
- Juniors – long term plan of the where we should be in the long run.
- Referees – what is the development plan for the referees, how many referees do we need in London, where do we struggle to put referees, what qualifications of the referee
  - NV raised that to answer these questions we will need to work across different areas in the platform.
- Any format of information can be proposed by each of the areas to have a flow of information within the LVA teams.

### Actions:

- *Each team lead to structure on the data from their area and raise any gaps.*

## 3. Juniors' update

Lead by SF

- A closed Facebook group was created for the juniors with the goal of sharing information and pictures of junior activities. Members of the group will be added by SF and LH, guaranteeing that it only contains juniors and parents.
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> Apr we had the Boys camp, with a lower turnout than expected due to Easter and Exams.
  - Around 36 boys joined the training camp.
  - There is an overlap with the Beach camps, we will need to understand what they'll be committing to.
- The Girls camp will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 45 girls will be part of the camp.

### Actions:

- *No actions*

## 4. League update and recommendations

Lead by AC

- This year, the playoffs tentative date is the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May.



- Nothing else to report on the league side as we get closer to the end of the of the season.

**Actions:**

- **AC** to send SS the list of club admins.
- **AC** to check if there's a pattern on the delay reasons of the incomplete games.

## 5. Finance update

Lead by NV

- GB will go to a Bank branch to sign the final form to guarantee the bank account ownership.
- NV raised that the signees have to go to the Bank to give proof of ID.

**Actions:**

- *No actions*

## 6. Refunds

Lead by NV

- Wapping wildcats, game changed the referee should be paid in half by the LVA and half by the club.

**Actions:**

- *No actions.*

## 7. Comms

Lead by SS

- How to publish and templates for comms, this information is available on the LVA drive.
- RD raised the concern about forwarding internal exec emails to external elements of the LVA.
- SS raised that the LVA needs someone to be looking into comms as a full focus.

**Actions:**

- **GB** to try to reach out to GF.



## 8. Complaints panel

Lead by GB

- The number of complains increased during this season, leaving the LVA with less time to deal with operational actions.
- GB proposed to have a panel of 5 elements, with 3 independents, that will look at the complains in a way to support the LVA.
- This panel would work as an independent layer supporting the exec dealing with the number of complaints, improving the time to support the LVA members.
- GB clarify that the one of the differences between complaints and appeals is the fee associated with it.
- This exec should be voted next year, as for this year the nominated elements were agreed to start working.

### Actions:

- **SS** to introduce and inform the panel.

## 9. Partnerships

Lead by JR

- JR needs data to build the LVA pitch and request sponsorship with potential partners, this data has been requested and will be shared until the end of April.
- It was agreed that potential projects should be sent to JR.

### Actions:

- **GB and SS** to gather the required information.