



## London Volleyball Association Executive Meeting

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present: Alex Pavkov, Gary Beckford, Nicolas Vecchione, Stuart Fullerton, Sandra Simoes, Lorraine Hames, Fiona Cotterill, Rúben Duarte

Apologies: Jeanne Riot

*Absentees: Cormac Byrne*

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### Agenda

1. Chairman's report
2. IT Update
3. Referee update
4. Finance update
5. League update
6. Junior season
7. Courses
8. LNYDP
9. AOB

The chairman welcomes all.

### 1. Chairman's update

Lead by GB

- GB mentioned that there has been a lot of internal alignment within the LVA and there's a lot of driving to get things done. GB also shared with the exec that they can connect directly if they have any questions about next steps on any project.
- GB updated that there was supposed to have a meeting in Greenwich Leisure Centre about London events. This meeting with VE was postpone due to train issues.
- Discussions with NYD parade are ongoing, GB will organise the first drafts and inform the exec.

### Actions:

- *No actions*

### 2. IT update

Lead by AP



- AP raised that the requirements raised by SS, initiated an assessment of a potential new website that will include other areas of the LVA. It was mentioned that if we want a one root for all the data and we should provide a blue sky list of requirements (e.g. Secure area for clubs, Referee admin, League admin).
- It was agreed that whoever is involved in this project, will have to sign a good will contract that guarantees that the knowledge and intellectual property will continue to stay in the LVA.
- RD raised that we would need to understand how would it look side by side with sportslomo. SS answered that joining sportslomo is not compulsory. The main advantages, however, are having a single point of contact for data and a free of charge maintenance.
- SS asked for the exec to send her all the requests they have, so we can create a Trello project. After that we'd be looking at the systems we have, how many requirements are already covered with what we have, and audit the IT systems that we current use.

#### Actions:

- **SS** to send an email requesting requirements for a digital project
- **SS** to create a requirements project on Trello

### 3. Finance Update

Lead by NV

- NV has shared the status of debt payment highlighting what has been paid and the two debtors that are still pending.
- NV raised that there are 2 high debtors and proposed that they should receive an alignment of interests considering the debt, both debtors said that they would prefer not to receive any interests.
- NV also raised that the LVA was offered a donation by the LBVC committee as the club has closed. This donation has the stipulation in assisting the development of junior players, especially in the Hackney area. Several ideas were discussed before voting on accepting the donation.
  - Vote on receiving the donation:
    - 8 in favour
    - 0 against
    - 0 abstention
- NV also raised that at the moment, the home banking is forcing payments with 3 signatures and that it delays most of the payments.
  - Vote on reduce the payment for home banking to £1000
    - 7 in favour
    - 0 against
    - 1 abstention
- Regarding the old bank account with TSB, the process is still ongoing but feedback has been received from their side.



#### Actions:

- **SS** to communicate to the LBVC the acceptance of donation.
- **NV** to send the invoice to Jake from the LBVC committee.
- **NV** to talk to the bank about the reducing the payment of home banking and reducing the number of signatures.

#### 4. Referee update

Lead by RD

- Positive feedback overall (from teams and referees) regarding the new process
- Negative feedback from teams that want to keep the process as is, so should they choose their own referees.
- Some teams also raised concerns regarding the new scorer format. The process says that scorers need to be volleyref, and they need to assign themselves to the game.
  - FC raised a concern about not knowing who's going to be the scorer and that some clubs have their own scorers and want to continue to use them. RD mentioned that those clubs can create the correspondent account and reach-out to the ref admin group.
- It was also mentioned that the rules are clear on what should the clubs do if the the referees don't sign-up to a game.
- RD raised the review of the scorers is something that needs be done soon.
  - GB answered that we need to see the needs – how many referees are we short, how could we improve, what is the issue with the scorers
  - NV what we are saying is that we need help to articulate a issue
  - RD raised that the ref admin group need help to have a person assessment on the league.

#### Actions:

- **RD** to book a meeting with ref admin and SS to assess the issue with personal assessment.

#### 5. League Update

Lead by FC

- Matches have started, with several teams moving the matches forward to the season, and with some fixtures still coming out
- Regarding affiliation, FC clarified that the lack of team affiliation implies -10pts in the season score. Warnings have been issues already.
  - FC to send one last warning before removing the points to teams that aren't affiliated.



- One div admin stepped down which created some impact on 2 games on that division. This division will be covered by an existing div admin.
- FC raised that some referees don't seem to be aware of the rules changes this season.
  - RD I will send the rules, but raised that some referees are not reading them.
- SS raised that some admins are also not following the current rules, allowing teams to skip the team invitation, and delaying the requests to change the games. SS raised concerns regarding the admins consistency across the divisions. FC said that a meeting regarding the rules is to happen during the following week, exactly to cover the rules.
- FC mentioned, since the number of teams have increased, the League Republic fees were raised to £500, double of the previous years.
- Regarding the medals, FC will look for the quote done by the previous League Secretary.

#### Actions:

- **FC** send one last warning on affiliation
- **RD** to send a reminder to the referees regarding the rules.

## 6. Junior season

Lead by SF

- SF introduce that the Junior Camps will start in October, with the girls getting their sessions in December.
- Talent pathway is going, there wasn't a proper communication from Volleyball England (VE). This brings a downside for the juniors as they will not be able to play for England.
- SS asked if there would be any possibility to do something like a LVA Junior Cup. SS will have a meeting with SF and LH regarding this topic.

#### Actions:

- **SS** to book a meeting with SF and LH regarding LVA Junior Cup.

## 7. Courses and Workshops

Lead by GB

- GB raised that, until we find a volunteer to manage the Training Officer roles, he will look into setting up courses covering referees and coaches.

#### Actions:

- *No actions*



## 8. LNYDP

- GB informed the Executive that the LVA has been giving the opportunity to add Volleyball to the London New Year Day Parade. GB mentioned that this event is televised all over the world and is a great opportunity to increase volleyball engagement in London.
- Several ideas were raised about what the LVA could do.

### Actions:

- **GB** to keep the executive informed on the next steps

## 9. AOB

- Nothing to raised

### Actions:

- *No actions*