



**HAMPSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2015**

Present	Bev Cooper Ashley Cullen Mark Simmons Richard Osborne Andy Edwards	Junior Development/Adult Participation Chair/Finance Officer VRM Hampshire and Dorset Investment Zone Secretary/Sitting Volleyball Roke Volleyball Club
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Item 1 - Welcome and Opening Remarks	Action
<p>1. Ashley opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to everyone but to Andy Edwards in particular who was attending for the first time.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Committee Membership</p>	
<p>1. Following the AGM in July the position of Chair had become vacant. The committee was quorate and therefore able to elect a new Chair, with Ashley being duly appointed. In accepting the role, Ashley outlined his vision for the Association going forward through a culture of openness and information sharing.</p>	
<p>2. Mark sought clarification on the geographical focus of the HVA, asking who it represents. Ashley acknowledged that the HVA may be perceived as South Hampshire centric but assured members that is not the case. The committee is continually reaching out across the county in an attempt to improve representation. Recognising the extensive contacts that Mark has accrued as VRM, he agreed to furnish details to the Secretary who in turn would add them to the HVA email distribution list. It is hoped that this will extend the committee’s reach into more clubs and engender support through active participation on the committee.</p>	Mark
<p>Post meeting note: Mark has supplied the email contacts and Richard has added them to the HVA email distribution list. The minutes of this meeting will be cascaded to all contacts on the list.</p>	
<p>3. Ashley described how the committee had delivered an impressive array of objectives with limited resource but that there was a burgeoning need to identify a volunteer to oversee the indoor league. One person was identified who Ashley agreed to approach to assess whether they would be willing to take on the role.</p>	Ashley
<p>Item 3 – Indoor League</p>	
<p>1. When the indoor league was established three years ago, the HVA identified it as the main focus of effort. This year, a discrepancy has arisen over the cost of hall hire and, not unreasonably, has led to complaints from some clubs which Ashley has acknowledged but feels to a large extent to be held hostage by Crestwood College. Ashley reinforced the need for someone to grip the management of this important area and to act as a conduit between the HVA and Crestwood College.</p>	
<p>2. A general discussion followed on the options available, for example, moving away from Crestwood College, abandoning the current fixture list and creating a new league in which teams take ownership for arranging of fixtures, officiating and reporting results. The view was expressed that following the VE model would result in the loss of teams from the indoor league with the attendant risk that it would then become unsustainable. The consensus was that it would prove too disruptive to</p>	

vary the arrangements currently in place and that the league would remain at Crestwood College this year.

Item 4 – Junior Development

1. Bev indicated that there has been a tangible increase in awareness and participation in schools, with more volleyball offered as part of curricula activity, as well as after school and external clubs. She cited New Forest VC as an example of a club making very good progress.

2. The core of Bev's update is summarised in Mark's report (attached to these minutes). In addition, Bev highlighted South Hants Satellite Club, which has won the prestigious award of 'Satellite Club of the Year' for the South East of England. The award was presented to the club on 14 Nov, by Alan Mak MP, with a number of special guests also in attendance, including Chris Gregory from Team GB's Beach Volleyball team. Several juniors from South Hants and the New Forest are attending the SEVA training sessions that are held at Ashcombe Volleyball Centre.

Item 5 – Sitting Volleyball

1. Richard updated the committee on progress against objectives identified in the Development Plan. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

Item 6 – Finance Update

1. Ashley reported that, as at 13 Nov 15, the balance on the bank account stands at £2660.64 although the absence of invoices from Crestwood College for the 2014/15 indoor league season needs to be taken into account. Without a regular income stream it is imperative that the Association covers its costs.

2. Fees for the indoor league have risen to £320 per team, which is attributable to a rise in charges by Crestwood College to £52.20 per hour. This compares unfavourably with other schools and colleges in the area who charge between £30-£40 per hour and Ashley reaffirmed the need to attract a member directly to the committee who can liaise with local establishments to provide a more affordable and sustainable long-term solution.

3. A short discussion followed about the utility of using the HVA cup to generate income and Andy signalled willingness to get involved in next year's event as he has accrued a large number of contacts at clubs that may wish to participate.

Item 7 – Website Administration

1. The web author has asked for a volunteer to update the 'latest news' section of the HVA website and also to update the online indoor league tables. Andy volunteered to make contact with Roy to scope the requirement and Richard undertook to pass on Roy's contact details.

Post meeting note: Richard has contacted Roy and passed on Andy's details. Roy has indicated that he will contact Andy.

Item 8 – Development Plan/VRM Report

1. Ashley set the context for the Development Plan, explaining how committee members each have responsibility for specific sections of the plan and how they work with Mark to deliver them. Mark introduced his report, which is attached to these minutes, highlighting a number of achievements. He meets every 3 months

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Richard**

<p>with partners such as SHIOW, Active Dorset and club representatives to demonstrate progress against the targets set by VE.</p> <p>2. Mark then took the committee through Year 2 of the Development Plan, again highlighting areas of success as well as items that required focused effort. A copy of the Development Plan is available on the HVA website under the tab marked 'About'. Key points arising include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Development – the establishment of 4 new satellite clubs and the continuation of 10 clubs established in Year 1. The creation of 6 new FE sessions with more on the horizon was regarded as a chief success. The Association of Colleges have identified a number of colleges delivering disability sports, including sitting volleyball. • Adult Participation – Last year's Go Spike 'Big Weekends' were successful, although thought needs to be given to venues to attract 'passing trade'; Basingstoke's Car Fest was considered an ideal venue. VE will supply a variety of freebies, including banners, t-shirts, balls etc in return for taster sessions being delivered for a day, or proportion thereof. For clubs seeking to increase participation SHIOW can promote, at no cost, sessions in the business community. • Volleyball Workforce – A Level 1 course was delivered in Apr 15 and there is an aspiration to arrange a Level 2 course before Apr 16. Dates currently being considered are 6/7 Feb and 9/10 Apr. 12 people have expressed an interest and the course is likely to take place in Gosport, at Bay House School. The intent remains to identify an experienced coach to work as a mentor in the county and in discussion a name was mentioned that all agreed would be ideally suited to the role. Mark agreed to approach the individual to scope their interest. <p>Post meeting note: Mark has contacted the individual and the committee awaits a response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Development – The RAG assessment against the objective to audit available sports hall space in the county requires review and amendment as appropriate. <p>Item 9 – Round table discussion on future operation</p> <p>1. Ashley stated that face-to-face committee meetings would take place on a quarterly basis, with email correspondence occurring as necessary. He would conduct regular one-to-one meetings with Mark to ensure delivery of items marked in the Development Plan stay on track.</p> <p>Item 10 – Any other business</p> <p>1. Mark shared with the committee a postcard developed by Surrey Volleyball Club that provides links to websites and clubs, with training venues and times. The committee agreed that the postcard was an excellent mechanism for publicising clubs and sessions but felt the limited financial resource available to the HVA precluded it from designing something similar.</p> <p>Item 11 - Date of next meeting</p> <p>1. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 February 2016 at Richard Taunton Sixth Form College, Southampton from 1800-1930.</p>	<p>Mark</p> <p>Mark</p>
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