

## **HVA Committee Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### **Junior Development Feedback – Andy Mackay**

Since the last meeting the Hampshire youth teams concluded their Volleyball England tournaments in Under 14/15/16 and 18 with the Finals weekend happening 20/21<sup>st</sup> April.

The main development has been to obtain and build a relationship with Hampshire schools and their sports leaders with an aim to growing Volleyball in schools, specifically secondary via a continuous development program.

The outstanding action for HVA Youth is to survey the local volleyball clubs to see how best HVA can support them. Also, understanding SEVA youth's program is needed to ensure we are aligning.

### **Competitions (Grand Prix) Feedback – Andy Edwards**

The men's and ladies' GP series have both now completed. For the ladies' league, it went down to the last event with any of 4 teams capable of taking top spot. In the end, new entrants Jersey took the title, with Winchester Eagles taking second (just one point ahead of 3rd and 4th). The men's competition this year was split into 2 parallel groups, with Jersey winning one and Guernsey winning the other. The plan for the men's side next season is to have a 1st and 2nd division, with promotion/demotion at the end of each season. I've also had a couple of enquiries about entering the ladies' league so it'd be good to get that growing as well. The last event of the season is a mixed tournament on Sunday 12th May

One of the successes of this season has been assigning a group of about 6 people across the groups to act as "deputies", each having a key to the storage cupboard and a minimal set of responsibilities. Not only has it helped with events that I've been unable to make, but it's also becoming an environment for new ideas: one of the suggestions was for each of the 6 teams that are there for the first match should volunteer one member to help put up the nets. That spread or responsibility ("all of the teams should help") has proved useful.

### **Sitting Volleyball Feedback - (Mike Stoneman)**

South Hants Sitting Volleyball Club continues to perform well with good numbers attending training on Monday evenings, supported by four coaches who share the coaching across the calendar year (Mike Stoneman, Richard Osborne, Paige & Bobby Clarke).

South Hants has participated in the national Grand Prix series 2023/24 finishing second and runners up in a very competitive final on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

The club is keen to support other clubs across the county to develop sitting sections.

### **Finance Status – Caroline Hancock**

Due to the confidential nature of the information, I am sending this as a separate document. Please do not share further.

### **Matters Arising / Actions**

I just want to record my thanks to Clarisa Choe for her support as secretary to the HVA. Unfortunately, she has had to step down due to work, family and travel commitments. **INFO.**

Once we can identify a successor, it will be prudent to review our Constitution, particularly with a view to include Safeguarding / Welfare. **INFO.**

At the same time, I share a Governance checklist, provided by Volleyball England some months ago, which is designed for each club / organisation to assess how they are operating (hence my reference to our Constitution and the need for a Safeguarding / Welfare Officer. For information, I believe we score 38 points out of a possible 46. I propose to submit our assessment to VE for their comments. **ACTION – AIC.**

Since it has been some time (post Covid) that we have met F2F, I propose the next meeting is held on 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> July at a venue to be decided. **ACTION - AIC**