



**HAMPSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Present	Bev Cooper Ashley Cullen Mark Simmons Richard Osborne Andy Edwards Dave Gunter	Junior Development/Adult Participation Chair/Finance Officer VRM Hampshire and Dorset Investment Zone Secretary/Sitting Volleyball Website Administration Coaching Adviser
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<b>Item 1 - Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>1. In welcoming committee members, Ashley stated that an announcement was expected shortly from Sport England about future funding and added that it may be necessary to refocus the Hants and Dorset Investment Zone. Mark updated members on an Investment Zone review that he had been commissioned to undertake and for which he has engaged a number of regional associations and the Investment Zone Steering Group to canvass views on a range of issues. For example, how would they envisage the future for the Investment Zone if there were no resources available, or if the VRM role was abolished, or what the Investment Zone would look like with reduced capacity.</p> <p>2. Ashley outlined the agenda for the meeting which was to focus on the Development Plan, which is coming to the end of its 3-year cycle. He advised members that the bank balance stood at £4.1K which included receipt of a credit note totalling £626 from Crestwood College. With the exception of one team, all entry fees for both the men's and ladies Grand Prix competition had been paid. The outstanding debtor is expected to pay imminently.</p>	
<p><b>Item 2 – Review of previous minutes and actions arising</b></p>	
<p>1. As the actions flowing from the previous minutes were to be covered under other agenda items, the committee agreed that it was sensible to broach them at the appropriate time during the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Item 3 – Future projects and funding</b></p>	
<p>1. At the previous meeting the committee had prioritised funding for future projects and Mark updated members on progress. The Level 1 coaching course has not been booked as yet as Mark is scoping suitable venues and advised that May/June was probably the optimum time to host a course. Dave is delivering a Level 1 course on 25 Feb, although this was aimed mainly at Solent University students.</p> <p>2. The Level 4 referee course is arranged to take place on 18 Mar, at Bournemouth University, and 10 people are registered to attend already. A discussion followed about the merits of the HVA fully funding any juniors who wished to attend and the committee agreed that it would. It further transpired that some attendees would receive full funding by dint of a 50% subsidy by the HVA and further 50% subsidy by SADVA, but they would have to fund their own transport to the venue.</p> <p>3. A sitting volleyball workshop has also been arranged to take place on 4 Mar, at The Hub in Eastleigh. There are currently 7 people registered to attend and every likelihood that at least 6 more will sign up shortly. Dave asked that Richard send him the course details so that he could promote it locally.</p>	<p><b>Richard</b></p>

<p><b>Post Meeting Note:</b> Details sent to Dave on 1 Feb 17.</p> <p>4. Bev updated members on the first junior volleyball session that took place on 28 Jan at the Bay Hub in Gosport. Despite cascading details of the event across a wide distribution list, and having received positive indications from clubs that juniors would attend, it was disappointing that only 7 took up the opportunity. Nevertheless, they had an excellent time and enjoyed 4 hours of coaching. Bev resolved to continue with the remaining sessions, which are scheduled to take place on 25 Feb and 25 March, from 1500-1900, at Bay House. She further undertook to write to schools, coaches and clubs to invite greater participation and to include within her messaging the benefits of attendance.</p>	<p><b>Bev</b></p>
<p><b>Post Meeting Note:</b> Bev wrote to schools, coaches and clubs via email dated 1 Feb 17.</p> <p>5. Dave spoke about inter-school competitions that have been taking place in the Fareham and Gosport area. He wondered how the junior sessions described above tied in with other activity for juniors. He mused on the possibility of engaging schools and satellite clubs which could then be fed into formal clubs and asked if there was any literature available, i.e., an e-flyer that could be used for advertising purposes. Having discovered that there isn't currently any literature, Dave agreed to prepare one and Bev agreed that once it was finalised she will distribute it.</p>	<p><b>Dave and Bev</b></p>
<p>6. Despite the low attendance at the junior session, it was universally acknowledged that there is significantly more volleyball taking place in schools and the HVA should be pleased that it has made a small contribution to the increase.</p> <p>7. Dave asked whether the HVA could host a school games, in the winter so as not to conflict with the Hampshire School Games. He suggested that Years 6-8 be targeted as in his experience there was more flexibility for them to take part in sessions during school time and that it was essential to attract children at a young age to increase the chances of them staying with the sport. As a pre-cursor, he suggested sessions take place in schools to 'teach the teacher', with focus on catch and throw. The schools would then spend time practicing in preparation for the games where competition would be 4 v 4. Dave had delivered something similar at LeAF, Bournemouth, where 14 schools and 150 children took part in a highly successful event. Ashley asked that Dave produce a short bullet point paper for out of committee consideration in advance of in committee discussion at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Dave</b></p>
<p><b>Item 4 – Grand Prix</b></p> <p>1. Ashley invited comments and feedback on the Grand Prix series which was coming to a close for the season. Andy sought clarification on the position concerning forfeited games where teams were unable to field a full team, or had played a mixed team as happened in the men's league on one occasion. After a lengthy discussion, it was confirmed that if a team was incomplete it would receive one point for playing the match but the opposition would win 3-0 and receive four points (one point for playing and one point for each set won). Andy will revisit the matches across the three Grand Prix meetings to date and will apply the points accordingly. It was noted that no such problems had occurred with the ladies' league. Ashley agreed to write to clubs to notify them of the committee's position.</p> <p>2. The final Grand Prix for ladies and men are scheduled for 19 Mar and 2 Apr respectively. Ashley will approach That's Solent, a Freeview television channel, to scope the potential for them to cover one or both events.</p> <p>3. Discussion turned to the Most Valuable Player awards. Each team will put forward nominations for their MVP (male and female) and Ashley will select a winner</p>	<p><b>Ashley</b></p> <p><b>Ashley</b></p>

<p>of winners for both groups. Ashley described the trophies that he intended to purchase, which received full support from committee members. The winner's shields will also need to be retrieved from their current owners. Andy stated that he had contacted South Coast Journalism, a web-based sports site, to enquire whether they would cover the GP and undertook to contact them again.</p>	<p><b>Andy</b></p>
<p><b>Post Meeting Note:</b> South Coast Journalism has indicated its availability to attend the remaining GPs.</p>	
<p><b>Item 5 – Sitting Volleyball</b></p>	
<p>1. Richard updated members on sitting volleyball activity, a summary of which is available in the progress report attached to these minutes.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 – Meeting with Pete Beadell at Bay Hub, Gosport</b></p>	
<p>1. Bev apprised the group on a meeting she had with Pete Beadell from the Bay Hub on 24 Jan 17. It had been a very constructive meeting, the highlights of which included: a plan to develop a holiday scheme, covering multiple sports including volleyball; an aspiration for Bay Hub to become a centre of excellence; the preparation of a funding application for a referee stand(s); the purchase of more aerials, flags, scoreboards and a curtain that goes all the way to the floor (to separate courts); a review of car parking, and a manned reception with café.</p>	
<p>2. Bev had asked Pete how far ahead the HVA would need to book the sports hall for next season's Grand Prix. Pete replied that there has been a great deal of demand for the facility and advised that we should identify the dates by the end of Apr. The complicating factor, Bev asserted, was that account needs to be taken of Volleyball England competition dates and these are not yet known.</p>	
<p>3. Dave asked if a contact number was held for the site manager, which it wasn't and Bev agreed to follow this up.</p>	<p><b>Bev</b></p>
<p><b>Post Meeting Note:</b> Bev has written to Pete via email dated 1 Feb 17.</p>	
<p>4. Pete had indicated his willingness to attend an HVA committee meeting to set out his proposals for the future and to answer any questions and Ashley agreed to write to him with a formal invitation to the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Ashley</b></p>
<p><b>Item 7 – Development Plan</b></p>	
<p>1. Mark updated members on progress against Junior Development and Adult Participation. A summary of his report is attached to these minutes.</p>	
<p><b>Item 8 – Any other business</b></p>	
<p>1. There were no substantive items of other business, but Ashley remarked how impressed he was to hear the breadth of activity taking place and how members were now bouncing ideas off one another which was in stark contrast to a few years ago, signalling the significant progress made by the HVA in a relatively short period of time.</p>	
<p><b>Item 9 – Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	
<p>1. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 25 Apr 17 at Tesco Community Room, Fareham, from 1830 to 2100.</p>	<p><b>Richard</b></p>