



**HAMPSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

Present	Bev Cooper Ashley Cullen Richard Osborne Andy Edwards Dave Gunter Pete Beadell Paul Andrews	Junior Development/Adult Participation Chair/Finance Officer Secretary/Sitting Volleyball Website Administration/Indoor Coaching Adviser Bay House School Bay House School
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<b>Item 1 - Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>1. Ashley thanked everyone for attending the meeting and extended a warm welcome to Pete and Paul who were attending on behalf of Bay House School which had played host to the HVA's Grand Prix for the 2016/17 season.</p> <p>2. Following introductions, Ashley explained that the HVA had lost an important member, Mark Simmons (VRM for Hants and Dorset), and that there was a need to assess how the Association will move forward. While the focus of the meeting was principally to review the Grand Prix season it was also important that members considered the current Development Plan, which is due to expire in Jul 17, and the priorities that lie ahead.</p>	
<p><b>Item 2 – Review of previous minutes and actions arising</b></p> <p>1. All actions arising from the previous meeting are complete with the exception of an e-flyer that Dave had agreed to prepare to promote the junior sessions. The action is now time-expired as the sessions have ended. Dave had also agreed to develop a short bullet point paper to crystallise his proposal for a winter school games but the pressure of other commitments had precluded him from doing so. A short discussion ensued concerning volleyball activity currently taking place in schools in the Portchester/Gosport area and Dave and Bev undertook to meet with Pete and Paul to scope the potential to run some sessions/competition. Ashley pointed to the nucleus of activity taking place in Gosport, South Hants and New Forest and suggested there may be mileage in delivering something to bring them together.</p>	<b>Dave and Bev</b>
<p><b>Item 3 – HVA Grand Prix</b></p> <p>1. Ashley produced an article from The Portsmouth News, which had covered the final women's GP of the season and informed attendees that the event had gained local television coverage <i>via</i> the Freeview channel, That's Solent. Ashley had promoted the Bay Hub facility which the committee agreed had been a superb venue for the competition. Bev advised that the photographs taken at the GP had reached some 609 people on Facebook, while the You Tube link to the That's Solent news piece had reached 494 people.</p> <p>2. Ashley expressed his eagerness to continue use of the Bay Hub, not only for next season's GP but also as a training facility for Volleyball England although, having discussed the matter with a VE representative, the location on the South Coast was identified as a potential problem given the geographical spread of England players.</p> <p>3. Pete updated the committee on two issues that are currently being addressed.</p>	

<p>The first is access to Bay Hub and the proximity of the parking area to the venue. He is in discussion with Gosport Borough Council, which owns a small but important section of land, with a view to negotiating a reduced rental fee. A pre-application plan for improved car parking is undergoing refinement prior to submission. Secondly, plans are to be put forward to remodel the front of the Hub and to install a café. Pete would like to have this catering facility in place for a percentage of the week by Christmas 2017.</p> <p>4. Ashley stated that all teams paid the entry fee for the GP; however, the need to purchase a number of items such as scoreboards, antennae and whistles, resulted in a small loss overall. He considered Bay Hub to be an ideal venue for NL matches but anticipated the absence of referee stands to be a barrier. Pete was sympathetic and said that he will make a funding application, but reminded committee members that a large number of groups use the facility and have a similar need to store their equipment, which impacts on capacity. Expenditure on referee stands may be more viable if it draws in more teams to the venue and, coupled with the hope of a new café, will attract further revenue. Bev has tried to find spare stands by making a plea <i>via</i> social media, but to no avail. Paul offered to contact the Royal Navy, with whom he has links, to ask whether it has any unused stands. He also suggested the committee approach Portsmouth in the Community to see whether it would provide a contribution towards funding.</p> <p>5. Ashley invited feedback from Pete and Paul on the season's GP and Paul stated that Bay Hub is beginning to attract interest from other groups and urged the committee to book early. Bev reaffirmed that she had contacted VE to obtain dates for NL matches but did not receive a reply. There is potential, therefore, that any dates arranged for the GP will clash with NL commitments. Following discussion, it was agreed that Bev would identify provisional dates for next season's GP and to consult the committee accordingly and, once confirmed, these will be passed to Pete to book.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note:</b> Bev, having circulated provisional dates to committee members and gained their agreement, has notified Pete <i>via</i> email dated 27 Apr 17.</p> <p>6. Pete also indicated that the new site manager was optimistic he could set up the centre barrier to separate the volleyball courts and that this could be achieved relatively quickly before matches commence. He further confirmed that it is the responsibility of participating teams to bring their own first aid kits and Ashley noted the need to notify teams at the start of next season.</p> <p>7. Before Pete and Paul departed, Ashley thanked them for their useful contribution to the meeting and for their helpful co-operation throughout the season.</p> <p><b>Item 4 – Junior Development</b></p> <p>1. Bev had provided members with an out of committee report which is attached to these minutes. In relation to the junior session that had taken place at the Bay Hub, Ashley enquired whether the committee needed to decide whether to continue them next season. Dave suggested that the meeting he and Bev are due to have with Pete and Paul may generate more interest but that thought ought to be given to the provisions currently in existence and whether the HVA can link to them or support them. He further suggested the committee considers whether it could play a role in linking clubs that have junior sections, for competitions etc.</p> <p>2. Dave apprised members of a competition that is to be held on 30 Apr 17 between Wessex and New Forest and Ashley asked that he sends a note to members on completion with his thoughts on the competition and whether it could be repeated with the involvement of other clubs.</p>	<p>Bev</p> <p>Dave</p>
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<p><b>Item 5 – Sitting Volleyball</b></p> <p>1. Richard had provided an out of committee report, which is attached to these minutes, but added that he had subsequently established contact with Energise Me and will be attending the Hampshire School Games in Aldershot on 30 Jun 17, to provide sitting volleyball taster sessions in the Challenge Zone.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 – Development Plan/Investment Zone</b></p> <p>1. Ashley informed members that as VE restructured it remained unclear where its future focus will lie, although it appeared it will be on juniors and existing clubs. He drew attention to the HVA Development Plan, which expires in 3 months, and asked what the new plan should look like. Dave suggested it should link to VE priorities with focus on juniors. Bev was of the view that more needs to be done to teach volleyball to school teachers because the future for the sport rests in growing it from that level. Discussion turned to the conference Dave had attended at the Rose Bowl last year for PE teachers, which the committee considered to be the ideal platform to ‘teach the teachers’, and Dave took an action to find out who is running the conference this year with a view to assessing whether a volleyball session could be delivered. If the HVA is invited to attend, Bev encouraged the committee to produce a leaflet or tri-fold with details of all the junior clubs in Hampshire that could be disseminated by teachers across their schools.</p> <p>2. Ashley reinforced the need to join up the pockets of junior activity across the county. More broadly, he stated the need to think carefully about what the HVA can realistically achieve following the demise of the VRM role and asked each committee member to identify 3 priority items for deliver over the next 12 months. While VE’s ambition is to deliver family-oriented projects, Ashley urged the committee to consider things the HVA should seek to deliver for the betterment of volleyball across the county.</p>	<p><b>Dave</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>Item 7 – Any other business</b></p> <p>1. Dave mentioned the Sandbanks Beach Volleyball Festival that takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul 17 and that he is in the process of becoming a beach tutor.</p> <p>2. Andy reminded everyone that the Roke tournament is scheduled for 3 Sep 17 and that juniors could take part in the recreational league if they wished. He agreed to send details to Dave.</p> <p>3. Andy advised that Mark Simmons had been trying to arrange a coaching course and had 8 signed up before he left the VRM role. After a short discussion, it was agreed the HVA should take this matter forward.</p>	<p><b>Andy</b></p> <p><b>Andy and Dave</b></p>
<p><b>Item 8 – Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>1. The next meeting will be the AGM on 25 Jul 17 between 1830 and 2030. Richard will promulgate details of the venue in due course. Ashley asked that Roy Pankhurst be invited, which Richard agreed to do.</p>	<p><b>Richard</b></p>