



**HAMPSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION – MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018**

Attendees	Ashley Cullen (via telephone) Richard Osborne Bev Cooper Andy Edwards Caroline Hancock Luke Wiltshire Cristian Dobranszki	Chair Secretary/Sitting Volleyball Junior Development Indoor Volleyball/Website Administration Finance Officer Southampton Volleyball Club Southampton Volleyball Club
Apologies	Dave Gunter Mel Howard Tamara Gibson	Coaching Adviser Gosport Jedi Volleyball Club Salisbury Volleyball Club

Item 1 - Welcome and Opening Remarks	Action
<p>1. Richard introduced everyone. Ashley apologised for being unable to attend in person, after being called away to Warwick at the last moment, but was able to attend via telephone.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Review of previous minutes and actions arising</p> <p>1. Richard ran through the minutes of the last committee meeting and any actions outstanding.</p>	
<p>2. Dave had not produced the flyer that would be used to both promote the HVA and encourage volunteers to get involved and undertook to do so prior to the start of the new Grand Prix season.</p>	Dave
<p>3. Ash said that no action had been taken on the ‘Current Club Provision’ yet but that it was still on his radar.</p>	Ashley
<p>4. Bev said that it was still her intention to contact all teams entered into the Grand Prix series next season to ensure that they are complying with Information Rights legislation, and specifically GDPR.</p>	Bev
<p>5. Richard had been tasked with making our contact list GDPR compliant. This meant contacting everyone on our mailing list and asking them to actively opt in to remaining on the list. This has now been completed and the size of the mailing list has reduced to about 35 email addresses.</p>	
<p>6. Bev and Dave were looking to set 3 dates for some form of junior competition to be run by HVA. Initially, Horndean was being investigated as a possible venue, but they had recently changed their stance and turned us down. Dave had previously indicated that there is a Volleyball England owned net system suitable for a single net covering the full length of a sports hall, and that it had been at Eastleigh college but that it was no longer there. Dave is continuing to try and track this down. Luke suggested that Itchen may be a suitable venue.</p>	
<p>7. Richard said that the draft and consultation period for the changes to the HVA constitution were now complete. This will be covered in a specific meeting topic.</p>	

<p>8. Bev has completed setting the dates for the Grand Prix series and has arranged them around any currently known dates revealed by Volleyball England. These have now been booked at The Bay House School.</p> <p>9. Ashley was going to investigate whether we could have a storage locker of some kind at Bay House. An email was sent to Laura Hodges on 6th July and chased on 20th July but no response had been received. Ashley will escalate to the head teacher (Mr Potter) at the school to try and kick start the conversation and ask for a face-to-face meeting in order to strengthen our relationship.</p> <p>10. "Total Volleyball" were planning on making a presentation at the AGM, but as not all of the committee were going to be present, it was decided that this would happen at a later date.</p> <p>11. Caroline said that she still plans on presenting the rest of the committee with a financial breakdown at each of our meetings. For this meeting it will be the annual accounts. Caroline also said that the issue with Bay House sending repeated invoices had now been resolved and that all payments had been acknowledged.</p>	<p>Ashley</p>
<p>Item 3 – Chair’s Report</p> <p>1. Ashley presented the Chair’s report (included). Points of note from the last year have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An increase in participation in the HVA Grand Prix series, although there is some concern that only one of the four teams qualifying for SEVA is from Hampshire. - Junior volleyball development is increasing which is spearheaded by three of the big clubs in Hampshire (New Forest, South Hants and Southampton VC). These junior teams are starting to compete in the Grand Prix series, which bodes well for the future, but is there a desire for junior-targeted competitions? - The association is continuing to develop a network with the surrounding counties and clubs. <p>Item 4 – Finance Report</p> <p>1. Caroline presented the Finance report (included). The association generated a small profit with the income from the Grand Prix series, but this was expected, the plan being to invest the money in referee stands for the Grand Prix series. The balance currently stands at £4573.43</p> <p>2. The accounts have not yet been independently verified, but this will be done before the next committee meeting</p> <p>3. There is no year-to-year breakdown as the information was not available in time to generate one. This should be done in future finance reports. There is also the intention to give a breakdown of income and expenditure at a competition-specific level.</p> <p>4. Andy asked whether we had been charged by Bay House School for the one Grand Prix that was cancelled due to the snow in March. Ashley said that we had not been charged.</p> <p>5. Luke asked what the HVA strategy was in terms of finance; was the plan to always have a set amount in our account as a buffer? Ashley stated that we currently have slightly more money than usual, which was due to the outstanding action to purchase referee stands. It is also part of HVA’s remit to look at investing in Hampshire volleyball in terms of coaching and refereeing</p>	

courses. There is no current, established minimum level. Bev pointed out that the association has had about £4000 since formation and that as we do not intend to run any activity for profit, that we had tended to stay at that level.

Item 5 – Constitution Changes

1. Richard described how the existing HVA constitution had been getting out of date, and how the committee as a whole had looked to review and update it. Richard and Ashley then took on further work to create a final draft of the new constitution. The majority of the changes were in the area of membership definition and discipline and appeals. This was presented to the attendees and the new version was accepted.

Item 6 – Total Volleyball

1. Ashley introduced a new venture being run by Clayton Lucas, James Kemp, Kirk Pitman and Jo Ankers, which is looking to provide courses to players and coaches with each course focussing on specific parts of the game. The HVA is supportive of the organisation's aspiration to promote volleyball across the south.

2. Andy pointed out that SADVA has a standing position to provide financial support to those attending coaching courses that provide a qualification, but currently have no stance on courses such as those offered by Total Volleyball. Does HVA have any such stance? Richard stated that coaching qualifications are attained through attendance at Volleyball England courses and suggested the courses operated by Total Volleyball were more akin to Continuing Professional Development, which clubs can tap into to provide support to their coaching staff.

Item 7 – Junior Development

1. Bev presented her report on junior development. She explained that, currently, the majority of junior development is delivered by New Forest VC, South Hants VC and Southampton VC, but that they all seemed to be acting independently of each other. The view around the table was that there is reliance on teachers associated with clubs having direct access to juniors and encouraging them to play. There is a debate to be had about the need for the HVA to get more involved in increasing take-up in schools.

2. The junior development report includes individual reports from the three clubs active in junior development. Bev was enthused that these programs are going well and that they are essential to the future of the sport.

3. Bev raised a question over the Grand Prix format and whether there was a way to adapt the format used in the series so that the junior teams could play each other more often. Andy said that there was an intention to modify the format with the aim to introduce some sort of second phase to the leagues so that teams of equal ability would play each other more often, and we would be able to have more teams present at the final events of the season. Luke suggested we could do something similar to the new NVL super league.

4. Luke fed back a message from Tim Nash that Southampton VC considers it of vital importance to maintain an ability for the juniors to play and get match experience. Bev supported this view.

5. Richard pointed out that in previous years, there were pockets of activity at various schools across the county, and that Mark Simmons had been good at

linking them all up and making them visible to HVA. There is the concern that we no longer have this view of the schools, and that some of the clubs have disappeared.

6. Chris gave his experience of learning as a junior on the continent and said that his regional team was seen as a target for them to aim for; it was a prestigious team to play for. He suggested that the Association could look toward building a Hampshire junior team that could enter various competitions, thus giving them another target to aim for. Chris offered to help in the future if the association chose to go in this direction.

Item 8 – Competitions

1. Andy presented his report on the previous season's Grand Prix series. The increase in the number of teams was great to see, although it did bring challenges, particularly in the ladies' league. The number of teams doubled which actually meant each individual team had fewer matches. They also paid the same fee as the men but played fewer sets in total.

2. Andy acknowledged Bev's query about a different format and agreed that it was desirable for a number of reasons.

3. Andy said that the venue was fantastic and was really liked by all of the players, but that there was a query about the curtain separating the two courts as it does not reach the floor.

4. An invitation has been drafted, ready to be sent out to all of the teams, but that there were three outstanding queries that the committee had to decide:

5. The first query is on the cost of entry. Bay House School have informed us that they are planning on putting their prices up at the start of 2019 but won't tell us by how much. This would impact our costs. Ashley said that we should go with a proposed figure of £250 and tell the teams that that is the upper limit.

6. The second query is over SEVA qualification from the Grand Prix series. Last season, the top two teams in each league were sent, but three out of four teams were not based in Hampshire. The committee decided that as the teams were representing Hampshire, they should be Hampshire based. This would be easier to police as there are no special cases. It was pointed out that we are not preventing teams from entering the Grand Prix series, just on who is eligible to qualify for the SEVA finals. Bev pointed out that SEVA were free to invite teams (as they had done this season) and Ashley agreed to contact Freda and John Biddiscombe to ask if teams such as Guernsey could be considered in the future as they have no other route to such regional finals.

7. The third query was over funding assistance on referee courses. We are strongly suggesting that clubs have at least one registered referee that will attend all of that team's matches. This relates to our desire to keep raising the standard of play. In the past we have offered financial grants to up to 2 players per team that are aiming for grade 4 qualification. Andy asked if that was still in place. Bev said that 2 players per team may be excessive. Ashley said that we would offer support to one player per team. There is also a referee's course near the start of the season in Ashcombe, so details should be sent out at the same time as the team invite.

8. Andy agreed to complete the invite to the teams and send it out by 27th July, incorporating the decisions that have been made.

<p>“stay and play” sessions, so the parents would stay and get involved as well. These would be 45-minute sessions, once a week. Bev will feed back on how these go.</p> <p>3. Luke asked if HVA could help Southampton VC get some publicity with relation to their NVL teams, specifically the men’s first team as they are now playing in the men’s super league. Andy said that he would work with Southampton VC’s Publicity Officer on gaining some access to the HVA Facebook group.</p> <p>4. Ashley thanked the committee for their hard work this year, and all attendees for their time. Ashley also thanked Richard for running the meeting while he was away.</p> <p>Item 12 – Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>1. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12 September 2018 at the Tesco Community Room, Fareham from 1830-2030. Richard to make the necessary booking and confirm in due course.</p>	<p>Andy</p> <p>Richard</p>
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