

15th February 2016 at 6.30pm

MINUTES

Agenda Item		Notes	Action
1	Attendance	BOM Chair Person Susan Diver-Tuck (SD) Committee Robyn Kuhl (RK)(BOM) Marty Suan (MS) Nick Wells (NW) Chana Ongwaranon (CO) Beth Williamson (BW) Jacqui Sawle (JS) Ben Mc Robb (BM) Irene Alonso Chartier (VWA Executive Officer)(IA)	Ben McRobb is back in the committee.
2	Apologies	Apologies Jayson Fox Bernard Cousin Ryan Kennedy	
3	Minutes from previous meeting (05 October 2015)	Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.	
4	Matters Arising from the previous meeting. 4.1 Planning for 2016 VWA Calendar attached	MRA WA State Open. VA originally (March 2015) to run the Asian Beach Volleyball Champs in Scarborough. Changed of dates to the 11 th March 2016. Dec 2015 decided to make the WA Open a 3 day event with 32 teams	

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	<p>Beach Awards 2015/16</p> <p>Integration of events</p>	<p>per gender. Large number of teams dropped. In January 2016 VA cancelled the Asian event. HSBC originally to run with the Asian event, now moved from Scarborough to City Beach (free venue)</p> <p>Due to difference in point awards vs seeding index. Stipulate a minimum of 4 events to qualify to a beach award. Best seeding index average. Regional awards, minimum of 3 events (including Bunbury, without point allocation).</p> <p>Possibility to integrate Corporate competitions (4x4) or Junior events on finals day. At Scarborough there would be free courts available. This would bring more crowds to the beach from a different background. Possibly charge the public to use the courts in a drop-in basis on the day of the competition?</p> <p>Sorrento Stings (Peter Meers), SandSports, King & Queen masters competitions, are run outside VWA. Their participants don't usually play in VWA competitions.</p> <p>MS suggested to run all Open before Christmas to help new players</p>	<p>RK – Communicate the changes to the board 14/03/2016. IA – Update the Player handbook after RK talks to the board.</p> <p>IA – Get their feedback about our events and how they run theirs. Barriers to participate in our events. ALL – Return feedback to IA about players' opinion of our events.</p> <p>IA - Talk to other states to</p>
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	<p>4.2. 2016/17 Planning of Events</p> <p>4.3 ATA Beach Tour Working Group – review of the VWA Beach Handbook</p>	<p>getting in the National Competitions after Christmas.</p> <p>MS – Possibility to run a State Championship at the end of the summer where only if you have played a min of 3 ATABT you can participate.</p> <p>MS – Handbook was updated with the changes from VA</p>	<p>coordinate when to run the Opens. To be reviewed by the working group in the July meeting.</p> <p>RK – The board to review the refund policies.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Priority Areas</p> <p>5.1. Participation</p> <p>MRA in relation to permanent poles at Scarborough Beach and Elizabeth Quay</p>	<p>RK – ICB is looking for new venue users. Drop-in training is growing, especially with cultural diversity groups. VWA to target youth groups and/or church groups, Karen (Diversity) working in the multicultural space.</p> <p>NW – ¾ thru Esperance Beach season. Spikezone finished. Mini Spikezone for 5 weeks. Preparation for ATABT round.</p> <p>PBVS – Struggling to find coaches. 7 more weeks until the end of the summer.</p> <p>SandSports – Full both venues. 20th year anniversary. 250 teams between 2 venues</p> <p>RK – No permanent posts at Elizabeth Quay, they have sold all their blocks. Scarborough Beach – Verbally yes, waiting for written confirmation.</p>	

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	<p>Beach Volleyball competition at the Equestrian Centre in Bullsbrook</p> <p>Junior League</p> <p>Elite vs Participation events</p>	<p>Also depending on their capital works.</p> <p>MS – No update</p> <p>IA – 16 teams (8 per gender), run for 5 weeks. Based on good feedback we are running another one starting 26/02/2016</p> <p>BM - Evening tour event at ICB? Scout and encourage social players to play in higher grade competition. Lower grades could start playing later in the day. Questions to consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorter day comp? • Run more 1 day events? • If struggling for number in the participation side, should we do all our events Elite/Competitive like Bunbury? Players choose where to play. <p>Women AVL comp affected those players competing in beach – will this be an ongoing concern? - More games in less time. Is Duty stopping teams from participating? Self-refereeing? (Sorrento Sting has self-referees, SandSports tried self-refereeing, but it didn't work for them).</p> <p>Decrease number in the Beach tour. Bunbury cancelled, VA indecision about the national tour. Women may have had kids or left Perth. In Men there was a loss of elite players to VA (beach and indoor</p>	<p>IA – Investigate how tennis and/or golf tournaments are run and who they cater for.</p> <p>IA – to contact past players, who didn't play</p>
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	<p>5.2. Marketing and Advertising</p>	<p>programs).</p> <p>Do we consider running all events at City Beach because is cheaper?</p> <p>SD - Comparison of participation.</p> <p>SLAM comp got cancelled for 2016 due to low entries. Comments about poor quality of the 2015 event.</p> <p>40 teams participated in the WAJBVC.</p> <p>Have flyers at the competitions with the different volleyball options to the public. MRA – ongoing good relation. Sunday times extended their contract 1 more year. Healthway happy with VWA, extended their contract for 12 months.</p> <p>Volleyball App. Would a university student be interested in developing an App as part of their course?. Curtin University</p>	<p>this year to get an understanding of the barriers to playing this year.</p> <p>IA – Compare participation in the last few years based on the type of competition (Regional, 1 day event, 2 day event)</p> <p>IA – organize flyers with relevant VWA staff in time for next season</p> <p>?? – Approach Universities/TAFE to see if a student would be</p>
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		Busselton wildcards reviewed.	interested in developing a volleyball App
		Volunteers and Paid workers. Things to be consider for future seasons to ensure the event workforce; SD – In TAFE courses included that they help to organise events. BW – Better advertising for ball kids (photos of ball kids with players) SD- Ask parents. Discounted entry?	SD – Recontact a friend involved in Tafe and how to involve their students with our events (set up crew, Assistant TD)
6	Other matters	BM – For next meeting, discuss terms of reference of the ATABT. Objectives of the tour.	IA – Include ATABT terms of reference in next meeting’s agenda. Also include Beach Committees terms of reference.
7	Date of Next meeting	30 th May 2016	