

Monday 27th March at 6.30pm

MINUTES

	Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
1	Attendance	MD commenced the meeting at 6:36pm RK invited the new members to the meeting. Chairperson Mike Dempsey (MD) Committee Stue Carr (SC), Lynda Merritt (LM), Libby Browne (LB), Michele Burton (MIB), Mat Bateman (MAB), Ryan Lockyer (RL) Board of Management Robyn Kuhl (RK) Executive Officer Karen Wickham (KW)	KW to contact Michelle Hilbrands to be the Volleyball Coach Representative.
2	Apologies	Michael Ruggerio (MR), Rory Read (RR), Kieran Cranley (KC)	
3	Minutes from previous meeting (28th Nov., 2016)	Accepted by Stue Carr and Robyn Kuhl	
4	Business Arising 4.1 Planning of the Junior Volleyball calendar	Some edits to the calendar dates provided and information regarding other sporting events around the calendar dates were noted. The committee agreed that other sports calendar dates should be considered when setting dates for volleyball. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Cups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 15-17 Sept. Yr 7-10 (MIB noted that the 16th was the netball finals so VWA should fixture female games in the afternoon) 	KW to inform Jason of the female fixture.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSWA- LM provided updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – U16 Trials- 27th May and 12th June at Rossmoyne. The Female Coach is Kieran Cranley and the Male Coach is Ryan Lockyer. – Albany SHS will be going to watch UWA practice sessions or exhibition game during Country Week. – Volleyball is the biggest sport and there were 8 more teams in 2016. – MD suggested inviting the top four SSWA country teams to Schools Cup at no cost. <p>MIB shared his thoughts with the committee that volleyball was surpassing many sports as it provides a more positive and safe environment and kids that played beach volleyball were better athletically when playing different sports.</p> <p>The committee agreed that more AVL players should be involved in Junior Volleyball events. LB expressed that the AVL players should be role models and ambassadors of the sport.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to officially Talent ID regional athletes at SSWA events and create a regional hub for talented kids as it is logistically hard for kids to attend metro sessions. The committee was informed that VWA tried this for Junior Beach with but it was not successful due to the low numbers of athletes interested. RK mentioned that VWA will also need guidance from VA to train coaches to Talent ID junior athletes. MD suggested Nick Bew as a good Talent ID person in Albany and RK informed the committee that Nick Bew is a Level 3 Coach and has been working with athletes and coaches in the regional areas.</p>	
	4.2 AJBVC 2017	<p>RK and KW provided a brief update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 101 teams have nominated for the event including one team from New Caledonia. • Marty Suan is the Technical Director and Derek Scales is the Referee Delegate. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 volunteers have applied to assist thus far and we will welcome more volunteers. • VWA is considering hosting the event in Bunbury in 2019. • MD had arranged for the Aquinas boys to assist with pack down on Saturday. 	
	4.3 Development Squad and State teams	<p>The committee was informed that 41 athletes registered thus far and VWA has gotten lots of enquiries. Flyers were also sent to teachers and Robyn Fittock has also done a great job distributing flyers at school events.</p> <p>The committee noted that Saturdays in Term 1 was not a good day for junior activities as most of the PSA kids could not commit to Saturday.</p> <p>The committee agreed that it would be good for the AVL athletes to promote VWA Junior activities like Development Squad.</p> <p>MD expressed concern that if an athlete does not do Development Squad they cannot trial. It was suggested that VWA could use both TID and Development Squad as two criteria for trials and a TID group could be formed to attend school events and athletes be officially invited to trial through emailed letters.</p> <p>RK explained that High Performance Review Group (HPRG) sets the prerequisites for selection and it may be time for a review as we have more athletes in the system. The development squad fills the gap as clubs do not cater for juniors. SC mentioned that clubs may work with schools during the term but then the athletes move to different clubs so it does not benefit the club.</p>	RK to take VWAJC suggestions to the HPRG
	4.4 School Coaching and Engagement update	<p>The committee noted the following statistics:</p> <p>Sporting Schools Term 1: 15 schools, 113 clinic sessions, 504 participants</p> <p>High Schools Term 1: 3 schools, 30 clinic sessions, 90 participants</p>	

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5	<p>General Business 5.1 Affordability of Volleyball at a junior level</p>	<p>MD provided a breakdown of costs of school events and suggested that it was too expensive for such a long day.</p> <p>The committee noted the expense for athletes to participate in volleyball for the year and agreed that having more volunteers will reduce costs significantly.</p> <p>MD mentioned that the VWAJC can assist with school events to help reduce the costs. Ideas include reducing the labor costs by using beach kits rather than wooden poles.</p> <p>The committee agreed to explore creative ways to reduce costs.</p>	
	<p>5.2 Time length and fixturing for junior events</p>	<p>The committee acknowledged that the junior beach fixtures were very long days for the athletes. WA Juniors was too long and most people left before the final games.</p> <p>MD suggested running the ATA WA Beach Juniors earlier in the year.</p> <p>The committee agreed that the technical meetings for juniors at Beach events were unnecessary.</p> <p>The committee agreed that juniors should play both days of the Bunbury Round as it is difficult for them to go so far for only one day of competition. It was also suggested improving the atmosphere in Bunbury on the Saturday (consider having a BBQ at the beach on Saturday night).</p>	
	<p>5.3 Junior Beach Volleyball numbers (How do we get other schools to commit)</p>	<p>The committee noted that the top volleyball school had no teams entered in the Beach Schools Cup. An invitational competition was suggested for the future.</p> <p>SC informed the committee that teachers will ultimately only get involved in sports they know. LM also mentioned that government school teachers usually do not take on extracurricular so that may be the issue with more schools participating in after school events.</p>	

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	5.4 VWA Junior Leagues	<p>The committee noted that the number of senior high school players have reduced due to the perceived level of the leagues and many play WAVL instead of WAVJL or stop playing volleyball.</p> <p>The committee also noted that that all teachers would have gotten information at the start of the term. A suggestion was made to send reminders to the school registrar. LM suggested a VWA app that teachers can use as many do not open emails.</p> <p>MAB suggested creating an elite Junior League Squad of about 6 teams like an Elite Junior League Squad to keep the older junior in the sport. MD explained that many of the older juniors will not play WAVL on a Sunday and are at risk of leaving the sport.</p>	
	5.5 Beach Volleyball season review	The committee was asked for information that they would like VWA to ask in the survey. KW to send our current ATABT review survey to committee members.	KW to send ATABT survey questions to committee
	5.6 Spikezone and junior programs at clubs	The committee noted that MIB and LB are working with Steve Page at Southern Cross to start up a Spikezone Program at Kensington Primary but they have had some issues with the school. A suggestion was made to check out Manning as an option.	
	5.7 Parent Involvement	The committee agreed to work on encouraging more parents to get involved in assisting at events. Most of the committee had contact with junior parents who they knew would be interested in assisting.	
	5.8 Volleyball Website	<p>The committee acknowledged that the website needs to be updated. RK informed the committee that VWA had applied for a grant to revamp the website. LB and MIB are currently doing a review of the website in a voluntary capacity.</p> <p>RK advised that VWA will also be working on improving our social media presence and the VWA Board has recently approved a proposal from a social media person.</p>	
6	Any other Business 6.1 AJBVC	The committee agreed that the AJBVC Road map was too long. This should be reduced to a two-page document in 2018.	

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	<p>6.2 Coaching for Juniors</p> <p>6.3 Physio screening</p> <p>6.4 Developing Champions</p>	<p>The committee noted that coaches were sitting and watching the additional training at Rossmoyne rather than giving critical feedback and coaching.</p> <p>MAB mentioned that he would like to see coaches helping players during competitions, however, RK advised that in Beach volleyball coaches can only talk to the players during a time out. MD suggested that there should be an ATABT rule that allows juniors to be coached at rounds.</p> <p>The committee agreed that there are limited opportunities available for Beach Volleyball coaching for juniors outside of state team training.</p> <p>MD expressed that the physio screening was too expensive and the kids did not follow the program. RK advised the committee that the athletes are supposed to do the exercises at training and will follow up with the AJBVC coaches.</p> <p>MIB was interested in the selection process for the Developing Champions program. RK informed the committee that there is a WAIS criteria for athletes on national tours.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9:24pm.</p>	
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