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## Minutes

Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p><b>BOM</b>  <b>Chair Person</b>                      Matt Hodges (MH)</p> <p><b>Committee</b>                      Robyn Kuhl (RK)(BOM)                      Jason Laverdure (VWA Executive Officer) (JL)                      Chris Adams (CA)                      Tara Banks (TB)                      Marty Bertuleit (MB)</p>	MH
2	<p><b>Apologies and welcomes</b></p> <p>Apology                      Jayson Fox (JF) , Chana Ongwaranon (CO), Nick Wells (NW)</p>	MH
4	<p><b>4.1 VWA Office &amp; Board update</b></p> <p>RK opened the session by informing the committee that Karen Wickham VWA is now on Maternity leave starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August and she will be back late February 2020. Meanwhile, Ruth Gibbons will be acting Participation and Development Manager, Ruth comes from a gymnastic background and was until recently the CEO of Gymnastic WA.</p>	MH

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		<p>Helen Shields will also be leaving for maternity leave on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September and returning in February her job will be filled by Jacqueline Hunt and some her jobs will also be distributed to other members of her staff.</p> <p>Natasha Soni will also be in the office helping out Jacqueline, David and Jason with admin, marketing and competition preparation.</p> <p>RK also updated the meeting in regards to the Clubs Conference &amp; Awards Night on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The Committee members are encouraged to ensure they nominate individuals from the beach community for the recognition awards.</p>	<p>JL to distribute VWA Awards Criteria</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Brainstorming session Beach Survey</b></p>	<p>The committee analyzed the ATABT Survey that was sent out to all beach participants and distributed via social media and here are the outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RK pointed out the gap between genders in the response we received with more males than females and CA also mentioned that this was surprising considering the amount female participants in the 2018/2019 Season.</li> <li>• It was noted that the age range was pretty evenly spread.</li> <li>• 75% of the participants will play in 2019/2020 Season</li> <li>• 58.89 % of respondents said that 7 to 8 rounds was the good for the season.</li> <li>• 59.78% of respondents mentioned that they didn't play regional rounds last season. (Only six indicated they played both rounds)</li> </ul>	<p>RK</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53.41% of respondents mentioned that they would rather have morning and afternoon sessions at regional rounds.</li> <li>• 70.59% of respondents said that a master’s category should be added to the beach tour instead of standalone competition for masters, noting that some of the master’s athlete already played in AAA or AA.</li> <li>• 68.82% preferred both genders to play on the same day.</li> <li>• A two day competition with pool play on the Saturday and finals on Sunday is the preferred option with 47.31% of the votes.</li> <li>• 84.95% of respondents didn’t have a problem playing more rounds at City Beach and 51% also didn’t have problem playing more rounds at beach centres like Inner City Beach or Sandsport.</li> </ul> <p>74.19% of respondents wanted to have a player’s function and the majority voted to have one at the end of the Last round of the season.</p> <p>The committee also discussed the vision for the 2019/2020 ATABT how the tour should operate given that people now have more opportunity to play beach volleyball around Perth at beach centres and public open spaces and beach clubs including IBVF centres in the metropolitan area. The aim is to cut down on cost of running the beach tour to make more sustainable, whilst ensuring that the elite level of the sport is serviced appropriately. The committee discussed the possibility of having a premium product which will be the State Tour and a different tier with less requirements for set up and cost</p>	<p>RK, JL and MH to draft a one page guide to explain the changes for the new beach season.</p>
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	<p>which will run on a different day and be a pathway for athletes to qualify for state tour.</p> <p>The committee decided that the 2019/2020 should focus on Elite divisions AAA and AA the aim will be to get 24 teams (12 AAA and 12 AA) per gender total of 48 teams at each round which will require less court set up and staff to manage the day. This will help to reduce the cost associated to run the beach tour.</p> <p>The committee also acknowledged that there are other players in lower divisions that we should also take into consideration, hence the committee discussed the possibility for PBVL to be a feeder league for the State Tour i.e teams who don't qualify in the top 24 to be in AAA and AA will be ranked at PBVL rounds, highest ranked will be given the opportunity to get automatic qualification in designated rounds and will be called upon whenever there are injuries or withdrawal to fill in spots on the State tour when required to help the draw. This structure will be put in place prior to the beach season starting.</p> <p>The committee acknowledged that there needed to be a mechanism for Regional teams to enter the metropolitan rounds.</p> <p>The committee also decided that 4 out of the 8 rounds including the first Qualification round, WA Open and the two regional rounds should have an open format where teams will be able to enter in any division and the other four rounds will have a graded format. A Masters 7 Junior category will be included in the open events.</p>	<p>PBVL Meeting is schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> September and this will be discussed with all the clubs. JL to provide feedback to the Beach Committee.</p>
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6	<b>Planning</b>	<b>ATABT 2019/2020 Dates :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019- Qualification Event</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020</li> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – WA Open at Scarborough Beach</li> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Last round</li> </ul>	Locations to be confirmed ASAP JL to provide a “Save the date” Beach Tour Calendar ASAP. A full @019 / 2020 ATA Beach Calendar will be completed as soon as the locations have been confirmed.
7	<b>Next meeting date</b>	18 November 2019	
8	<b>End time</b>	9.40pm	