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## Minutes

Agenda Item		Notes	Actions
1	<b>Attendance</b>	<p><b>BOM</b>  <b>Chair Person</b>                      Matt Hodges (MH)</p> <p><b>Committee</b>                      Robyn Kuhl (RK)(BOM)                      Chana Ongwaranon (CO)                      Jason Laverdure (VWA Executive Officer) (JL)                      Jayson Fox (JF)                      Chris Adams (CA)</p>	MH
2	<b>Apologies and welcomes</b>	<p>Apology                      Jayson Fox (JF) , Tara Banks (TB)</p>	MH
3	<b>Previous Committee Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved.</p>	MH
4	<b>4.1 VWA Office &amp; Board update</b>	<p>RK opened the session by informing the committee that the AGM was to 30<sup>th</sup> April. RK also pointed out that there will be constitutional changed at the AGM and also a large number of people has been recommended for Order of Merit and Hall of champions which is great for the sport.</p> <p><b>Office update:</b>                      Gregory Hunt has been appointed as Schools &amp; Junior Development Coordinator. Greg started working as full time employee since February 2019.</p>	RK

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		<p>RK also informed the committee that Volleyball WA has employed a Regional Development Coordinator in Kim Maguire. Kim has also been appointed as a part time employee and started in February 2019. She is based in Bunbury she is working on increasing Volleyball's presence in the Peel and Southwest and Regions and try to engage with schools, clubs and associations to increase participation in these regions.</p>	
5	<p><b>Brainstorming session</b></p>	<p>The committee discussed the reason why the number of participants on the beach tour are decreasing. A few possibilities was the number of social competitions now available or the cost of the competition. The committee was tasked to discuss the possible changes to help improve the 2019/20 season.</p> <p>RK mentioned the difficulties that VWA faces for State series and mainly the high costs of hiring a beach and then setting up the whole structure and getting security to look after the equipment overnight. It is also more and more difficult to get trained staff to work at these events.</p> <p>Some of the following arguments were put forward as feedback obtain from talking to people in the community;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The competitions is not appealing to social players/lower division as it is too time consuming. They don't like having to spend the whole day at the beach for only three games especially when there are Technical meeting.</li> <li>• The one day format did not give enough games to participants and the perception is that it is not value for money. While at the elite level playing more than four games a day is too much.</li> <li>• The tour lost its fun aspect because the focus moved to trying to get it to a professional level</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p>

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		<p>After discussion the committee acknowledge that a one competition fits all does no longer work as it does not satisfy the different demographic or level of players we have on the tour.</p> <p>CA proposed to the committee to look at a format that will allow lower level teams to compete on a Saturday and get games with a possible qualification for top 4 teams to join the Top 8 of the Elite division on the Sunday. Some of these competition could be played at venues with permanent structures given the high cost of running these events.</p> <p>MB also mentioned that there is a cohort of players out there who falls in the master category who would be keen to play in more one day event throughout the beach season. Most of them are already playing at National and international level. Furthermore a 4 aside competitions could also be considered to help indoor players transition to beach or even beach players to play with more people.</p> <p>The committee decided that they wanted to gauge a bit of feedback from the community and work on some specific questions to be sent out in a survey through emails and Social Media.</p>	<p>JL to start putting together a list of questions to be discussed and finalized at the next meeting</p>
6	<b>Beach Clubs</b>	<p>VWA listed the below clubs and associations and informed the committee that these clubs are now all providing Beach Volleyball activities. RK also explained the difference between the different categories of memberships.</p> <p><b>Platinum membership</b> is for members, clubs/ associations who are interested to participate and take all the activities listed on VWA Calendar.</p>	<p>RK</p>

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	<p><b>Gold membership</b> is more for recreational members, clubs/associations who will participate in some but not all competitions on the VWA Calendar.</p> <p><b>Silver membership</b> is for Schools involves at junior level competitions, there are no exchange of money for these but there is now a lot of school that are affiliated to VWA.</p> <p><b>Bronze membership</b> is also a free membership for centres and community groups to engage with people practising Volleyball.</p> <p>These memberships' gives individuals is access to personal accident insurance along with education courses and merchandise at member rates. Platinum Metro and Regional clubs also gets a vote at the AGM.</p> <p><b>2019 Platinum Affiliates (Metro)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evolution</li><li>• The Hub</li><li>• Rossmoyne VC</li><li>• UWA VC</li><li>• North Shore Academy</li></ul> <p><b>2019 Gold Affiliates (Metro)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• West Coast Beach Volleyball Club</li></ul> <p><b>2019 Bronze Affiliates (Metro)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sandport (Nedlands and North Beach)</li><li>• Curtin University (Curtin Uni Courts)</li></ul>	
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		<p><b>VWA Affiliated Regional Associations providing beach activities and competitions;</b></p> <p><b>2019 Platinum Affiliates (Regional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albany</li> <li>• Broome</li> <li>• Bunbury</li> <li>• Busselton</li> <li>• Esperance</li> </ul> <p><b>2019 Gold Affiliates (Regional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Volleyball Association</li> </ul> <p><b>2019 Bronze Affiliates (Regional)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derby</li> </ul> <p><b>Indoor Beach Federation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seven venues – Bunbury, Canningvale, Fremantle, Joondalup, Malaga, Mandurah and Osborne Park</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Beach Handbook</b>	The committee decided to review the survey and work on the changes to the handbook on the meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> August and aim at sending the handbook out on the first week of September.	JL
8	<b>Tour dates 2019</b>	<p><b>ATA Beach Tour 2019 / 2020 season – dates for 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 &amp; 20 October</li> <li>• 16 &amp; 17 November</li> <li>• 30 November &amp; 1 December</li> </ul> <p>RK also mentioned that VA is holding meetings to determine how the national will look like next summer and this meeting is scheduled for July. There have been talks about VA wanting to use the State open as qualifiers for Volleyfest but this is yet to be confirmed and VWA will only consider joining the national tour again if national players are encouraged to participate in state opens by VA.</p>	MH

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9	<b>Wildcards Sub Committee</b>	Members to be decided at the 24 June Meeting	MH
	<b>Participation</b>	<p><b>A quick update on current activities by each provider.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High School Beach Cup</b> Team numbers increased in term 1 with last year's number being 92 teams and 114 teams this year in term 1.</li> <li>• <b>Esperance</b> 35 4-aside teams over four grades and 15 pairs playing at the moment.</li> <li>• <b>Sandsport</b> Numbers are dropping for winter and they are focussing on engaging with participants and market their competition.</li> <li>• <b>NVA</b> Northshore will continue to run elite training over winter for players at North beach and City beach.</li> <li>• <b>Indoor Beach</b> The Port Kennedy indoor beach centre has reopened with new owners and we now have 7 centres. There numbers are dropping and they made the decision last year that they will run a summer competition rather than a winter competition.</li> </ul>	<p>JL</p> <p>NW</p> <p>CO</p> <p>RK</p>
12	<b>End time</b>	8.50pm	