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## Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Notes	Actions
1	Attendance	<p><b>BOM</b>            Chair Person – Matt Hodges (MH)            CEO – Robyn Kuhl (RK)</p> <p><b>Committee</b>            Tara Banks (TB)            Chris Adams (CA)            Marty Bertuleit (MB)            VWA Executive Officer – Jackie Tamburri (JT)</p>	
2	Apologies	<p><b>Apologies</b>            Regional Representative - Nick Wells (NW)            Indoor Beach Representative - Rod Taylor (RT)            SandSports Representative - Chana Ongwaranon (CO)</p>	
3	Office Updates	<p><b>3.1 VWA Staff News</b>            Resignation/End of Contract</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason Laverdure, Competitions &amp; Events Coordinator - resigned</li> <li>• Helen Shields, Operations &amp; Support Manager – resigned</li> <li>• Julian Lloyd, Club &amp; Development Coordinator – end of contract</li> </ul> <p>Position Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Teams &amp; Events Coordinator – Jackie Tamburri</li> <li>• Operations &amp; Support Manager – Ruth Gibbons (part time/contract)</li> <li>• Development Officer – vacant, application deadline 5<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>• Competitions &amp; Events Coordinator – vacant</li> </ul>	

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4	<b>Volleyball Activity Updates</b>	<p><b>4.1 Committee Updates</b>                  RT, CO, NW were not present to provide updates on the activities occurring in their areas of beach / indoor beach volleyball and regional activity.</p> <p><b>4.2 Public Open Spaces</b>                  Poles still in situ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro – Cottesloe (2 courts) and City Beach (7 Courts)</li> <li>• Regional – Albany, Bunbury, Busselton</li> </ul> <p>New poles;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach court (with lights) installed at Novelli Reserve, City of Armadale</li> </ul> <p><b>4.3 Current Registered Beach / Indoor Beach Clubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curtin University</li> <li>• Evolution Volleyball</li> <li>• Geraldton Beach Volleyball</li> <li>• Indoor Beach Volleyball Federations (eight venues)</li> <li>• Sandsports</li> <li>• The Hub</li> <li>• West Coast Beach Volleyball Club</li> <li>• NB: The majority of the Regional Associations (8) also provide beach volleyball activities and a growing number of schools now have beach volleyball courts.</li> <li>• NB: Unfortunately Busselton Rebound Volleyball (Indoor Beach) closed as a result of Coronavirus COVID-19.</li> </ul>	
5	<b>2019/2020 ATABT Recap</b>	<p><b>5.1 Survey Results Summary – Key Takeaways</b>                  Competition Format &amp; Player Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletes who stated they play on the tour to compete at the highest level in WA as their number one priority want two-day, full scoring tournaments.</li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletes who stated they play on the tour to have fun with friends as their number one priority want one-day competitions and don't mind the modified scoring.</li> <li>• The committee agreed we should look to implement a format for the majority of the competitions that has Elite playing across two days and Competition playing only on Sunday around the Elite finals. This will also improve Elite finals atmosphere.</li> </ul> <p>One-Day Formats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on survey results, athletes feel they can play more games than what is listed as the maximum number of games written in the handbook.</li> <li>• The committee agreed we will finalise at the next meeting about the handbook, but we would like to change the maximum one-day full scoring game limit to 5, and the modified scoring game limit to at least 6. This will also allow more freedom in our competition format.</li> </ul> <p>End of Season Function</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The survey concluded people are interested in a casual but organised end of season function after the last round of the tour.</li> <li>• The committee agreed they will be taking the lead on this function with support from the office where needed.</li> </ul> <p>Player Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People participate on the tour mainly to play at the highest level and compete, or to have fun with friends. People skip rounds mainly due to family/work/school/social commitments, which is difficult to avoid.</li> </ul>	<p>JT to investigate this format.</p> <p>JT/All to finalise at next meeting.</p>
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		<p><b>5.2 Finance Summary</b>          RK review the actual costs from the 2019/2020 season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The largest expense by far was workforce/staffing, which is normal.</li> <li>• If we had received the projected number of team entries we would have at least broken even, however the actual entries came in well under the predicted entries.</li> <li>• The committee agreed we need to continue finding ways to bring operational costs down wherever possible while increasing and finding more consistent participation.</li> </ul>	
6	2020/2021 ATABT Planning	<p><b>6.1 Calendar &amp; Competition Format</b>          JT provided a draft calendar for the 2020/2021 season with proposed dates and locations. Outlined below, see Appendix A attached for a visual:</p> <p><b>ATABT #1</b> City Beach + HS Beach Cup, 14-15 November (confirmed)  <b>ATABT #2</b> Sorrento, 28-29 November (application sent)</p> <p><i>Scarborough Series</i>  <b>ATABT #3</b> Scarborough Markets, King of the Court, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January  <b>ATABT #4</b> WA Open, 30-31 January          Australian Beach Volleyball Tour Stop, 5-7 February</p> <p><b>ATABT #5</b> Geraldton (TBC), 27-28 February  <b>ATABT #6</b> Mandurah (TBC) 13-14 March  <b>ATABT #7</b> Trigg (TBC) 27-28 March  <b>ATABT #8</b> City Beach (TBC) 17-18 April <i>(NB: If ABVT does not go ahead due to COVID-19 and border issues, we will move this round to 13-14 February)</i></p> <p>The committee agreed to these proposed dates and locations.</p>	

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		<p><b>6.2 Handbook</b></p> <p>The committee agreed to discuss and finalise any changes to the handbook during the October meeting. Some agenda items for this will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing the closing dates for nominations</li> <li>• Removing late entries</li> <li>• Removing the entry list</li> <li>• Reviewing a template that can be used for fixtures, assuring it is easily interchangeable for all team numbers and pool sizes</li> <li>• Finalising the format that will be used for all rounds</li> </ul>	<p>JT to add items to agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>JT to investigate/create a template before the next meeting.</p>
7	<b>COVID-19 Implications</b>	<p>It was agreed that VWA will provide the appropriate safety precautions for the tour based on what the WA State Government restrictions may or may not be at the time of each round.</p>	
8	<b>Beach Committee Community Involvement</b>	<p>TB tabled ideas about how the committee could get more involved during the season. The committee agreed the two main projects for this year will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise a Masters tournament</li> <li>• Organise the end of season function</li> </ul> <p>These projects will be supported by the VWA office where needed.</p>	<p>TB/MB to start planning the Masters tournament.</p>
9	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting was confirmed as 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.</p>	