

Officials Group Meeting

20:00, Tuesday 24th July 2018

Via online "Go To Meeting".

Attendees	
Steve Evans (SE)	Nick Heckford (NH)
Sebastian Widlarz (SW)	Martin Shakespeare (MS)
Debra Smart (DS)	Glynn Archibald (GA)
Greg Thompson(GT)	

Apologies:

Sam Jamieson (SJ) Richard Morten (RM) Fiona Sweetman (FS)

Item	Action
Prior to our discussions our thought were with Richard and his family.	
<p>1. <u>V.E. Update (Core Market)</u> S.E. informed the group that following the V.E. AGM. Freda Bussey is the Board member responsible for Core Market and the board member representing the Officials group is Richard Harrison.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Officials Group Lead:</u></p> <p>S.E. thanked the group for their support over the last 6 years and welcomed NH as the New Officials Group Lead, he will be continuing working with the group covering the VEOA, appointments and supporting Nick wherever necessary.</p> <p>NH, informed the group that he is not making any changes as the group is working well except to bring in younger support especially covering the growing work load on MS and RM. GA also will be looking for a replacement due to his heavy work load at World Para Volley Association.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Grade 4 courses</u></p> <p>SE informed the group that he had temporarily taken over RM workload on G4 courses until RM is ready to take it back.</p> <p>Currently 5 G4 course are arranged from September to December. (Bath, Uni of Chichester, Uni Sheffield, Uni Stafford & Rugby.</p>	
<p>4. <u>V.E.O.A. Update</u> SE updated the group on the use of the VEOA, little disappointing for the first year, but believes it will pick up.</p>	

<p>G4 course exam has been very successful.</p>	<p>SE to send reports to the group</p>
<p>5. <u>Referee Upgrades</u> Discussions took place on who should be upgraded in all codes. Beach upgrades were deferred until after the Weymouth Open Tournament.</p> <p>National Grades; National grades will be reviewed annually and given to those referees who are on the CEV National list and show potential for development, those not considered will revert to grade 1.</p> <p>The group also discussed a process that would warrant the downgrading of a referee, further discussion to be had.</p>	<p>S.E to notify the Hub of those upgraded</p>
<p>6. <u>Referee Conference</u></p> <p>The conference has been booked for the 1st September at the Hub, Loughbrough. Agenda items were discussed. There was no specific new information that need to be discussed, it was felt that the content would need to be meaningful. Decisions were made as to whether it should be cancelled, make it a Bi-annual event. Another suggestion which was seen as a useful one was to make use of the booking as a staff development/update inviting Observer, tutors, RRC, with it being open to anyone else who wishes to get involved.</p>	<p>NH to organise</p>
<p>7. <u>Uniforms</u> V.E. contract with Mizuno expires 2019 – 2020. Officials group to consider a replacement. As V.E. have a supply agreement with Kit Locker alternative cheaper options will be available.</p>	<p>NH to follow up</p>
<p>8. <u>Budget</u></p> <p>Not known at this meeting, awaiting further information from V.E.</p>	
<p>9. <u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>A) Communication; With the likelihood of no conference is was deemed essential to keep the officials in the loop. Greater use of information distribution via WTR, VEOA, Newsletter and Facebook. Each area was discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTR; used regularly but only reached those NVL referees. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEOA; only accessible by those registered on the VEOA system, not all registered referees have logged on. • Newsletter; difficult to find meaningful articles, a devote editor would need to be identified. Could the Stats be identified to see how many open the newsletter • Facebook; this was available to non-English referees, it was decided to remove any that are not VE registered. <p>The use of online conferencing was seen as suitable option. The beach group already have using this being very successfully.</p>	<p>SE to contact the Hub</p> <p>SW to identify from Registered list those that need removed.</p>
<p><u>Meeting closed 22:30</u></p>	