

**Minutes of Regional Commission Meeting  
Saturday 14 April 2012  
National Volleyball Centre, Kettering**

**Reg/11-12/32 Present** - Charlie Orton (President, London), Bryan Youlden (West Midlands), Janet Inman (Development Director, East Midlands), Mike Turner (Yorkshire), Tim Godson (Yorkshire), Dave Reece (South West), Freda Bussey (South East), Phil Dodd (North East), Lisa Wainwright (CEO Volleyball England), Stuart Johnson (Head of Development, Volleyball England).  
Apologies – Brendan Osborne (East), Richard Lee (North West)

**Reg/11-12/33 Minutes of Last Meeting (14 January 2012)**

The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate representation.

**Matters Arising**

Reg/11-12/14.2 Talent Development – Confusion and lack of information over Divisional training (22/10/11)

**Action – Stuart Johnson to follow up with Craig Handford – No update**

**Action – Janet Inman to follow up with Richard Callicott – No update**

Efforts by Charlie Orton to engage with Performance Commission have been brushed aside. There are no contacts or dates on the Volleyball England web site about the Divisional Program. The divisional program seems to operate by word of mouth. Concern expressed about the England South Girl's squad by 2 of the constituent regions - sessions cancelled, communication poor.

**Action - Lisa Wainwright to follow up with President of Volleyball England** regards lack of cooperation by Performance Commission

Reg/11-12/19 2012 Legacy (22/10/11)

Lisa Wainwright outlined the latest news. LOCOG has tasked Volleyball England with the task of distributing Olympics equipment.

Sand - LOCOG has donated the sand from the Olympics and Sport England has agreed to match the value.

Charlie Orton mentioned an additional beach court in Wimbledon, which is already in action.

Reg/11-12/20.1 School Games (22/10/11)

**Action – Janet Inman & Stuart Johnson to produce briefing document on new School Games, School Games Organisers and competitions – No update.**

Update - London held a very successful Level 3 event, the London Youth Games. Mike Turner reported on the only Yorkshire Level 2 event he was aware of, in York, where traditionally there has been little schools volleyball activity. The School Games are a great opportunity for volleyball, but we need to engage with the schools and Local Organising Committees (LOC) to ensure that volleyball does not get sidelined. Other regions were unaware of School Games activity.

Reg/11-12/25 Equity and Diversity

**Action – Lisa Wainwright to distribute draft of new equity statement.**

**Reg/11-12/33 Volleyball England 2013-17 Strategic Plan**

Stuart outlined the draft of the next Strategic Plan/Sport England funding submission. Detailed discussion took place on the various components.

**Reg/11-12/34 National Child Protection Guideline Framework (JI)**

Because of the time taken by the 2013-17 Plan this item was postponed.

**Action - Janet Inman will present new framework at the next meeting.**

**Reg/11-12/35 Regional Reports**

6 out of 9 reports were received before the meeting. Bryan Youlden reported verbally at the meeting that there was little to report in West Midlands. No reports from North West and the East.

**Reg/11-12/36 AOB**

36.1 Staffing Update

The new Talent Manager, Lynsey Green, starts in May.

36.2 Olympic Torch Relay

Freda Bussey would be carrying the flame in the Olympic Torch Relay. Sport England have agreed to purchase the torch for her in recognition of her great work.

**Date of Next Meeting ?**