

CROYDON & DISTRICTS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION Inc.

31st Annual General Meeting

Monday 6th October 2008 - Croydon Leisure Centre

Meeting commenced at 8:00 pm

Apologies: There were two apologies forwarded to this meeting – Peter Bigham sent an apology as he was on vacation and Justin Taylor sent an apology as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Welcome:

Chris Janssen welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their attendance. This is the 31st CDVA AGM of which Geoff Moss has attended all 31 meetings.

Minutes of the previous Meeting:

The minutes from the CDVA AGM of 2007 were read out by Lisa Janssen.
The 2007 AGM Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from the 2007 AGM -
Moved: Adin Short, Seconded: Greg McConnell – Motion – Passed

Business arising from the 2006 AGM minutes:

There were two issues from the 2007 AGM that were not addressed –
1) Grant Meyer's letter re the benefits of affiliation with VVI.
2) Lester Wadsworth raised concerns re Lines person / Scorer's responsibilities.

Election of Committee:

Vice President: Christopher Janssen
Treasurer: Vacant (Christopher Janssen and Kim Howes were sharing the duty responsibilities as the position was vacant.) The position was opened to the floor - Shane Cowie nominated himself.
Both posts were elected unopposed

Election of General Committee

Members standing for General Committee (both 2 and 1 year tenure)
Justin Taylor – 2 years service completed
Craig Tremayne – 2 years service completed
Greg McConnell – 2 years service completed
Peter Bigham – 1 years service completed
Zack Tremayne – 1 years service completed
Adin Short – Co-Opted during the year.

The personnel voted to the General Committee are as follows

2 Years

Craig Tremayne – 14 votes

Justin Taylor – 14 votes

Greg McConnell – 11 votes

1 Year

Peter Bigham – 11 votes

Adin Short – 8 voted

Zack Tremayne – 3 votes

Congratulations and thankyou for nominating and accepting your role on the CDVA General Committee.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was presented by Chris Janssen.

The finances – revenue and expenses were explained.

The previous year was reasonably flat. We had a decrease in team numbers entering for the Thursday night competition. There was a decrease in coaching costs. There have been a continuation of ball and knee pads sales during the year.

The Ringwood Raptor Volleyball Club sought and received sponsorship of \$2000.

Question from the floor -

Brendan Wisby – What is the point in holding onto the money in the CDVA bank account as it is a lot to hold onto?

Geoff Moss – The money is used for the purchase and maintenance of equipment at Yarra Valley and Croydon Leisure Centre. The increased funds are a result of less expenditure – we don't hold the office in Main Street Croydon, we hold money from fidelity bonds from teams, we had some accumulation from the previous year and we have kept the account in the black as we experienced 1 year in the 'red'.

Brendan Wisby – Legends have been involved and playing in the association for more than 15 years. Can we have a function for the teams that have supported the association over the past years?

Geoff Moss – We have tried many different things. In the past we have held Car Rallies, Sausage Sizzles and BBQ's.

Brendan Wisby – Why did the match fees increase?

Geoff Moss – We increased the match fees with the purpose of employing an individual to work on Junior Development within the association.

Brendan Wisby – Can we pay seasons match fees upfront?

Lisa Janssen – Yes match fees can be paid for the entire season at the beginning of each season.

Garry Watson – VVI affiliation costs!

Geoff Moss – Comments that he agreed with Garry Watson's comments.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – Moved: Andy Jaeger, Seconded: Garry Watson

Motion: Passed

Changes to Competition:

1. Withdrawal of prize money in the Tuesday Honours Competition.
2. Referees for Tuesday Honours Competition
3. Club Model – Growth Idea

1. Withdrawal of prize money in the Tuesday Honours Competition.

AGM 2004/2005 – Instigated prize money for Tuesday Honours Competition to bolster Sec 1 Tuesday Comp with the attempt to gain interest from teams playing at EMVA and Kew. The prize money will be withdrawn as of the start of 2009. Reinstigate the Promotion / Relegation – having the ability to promote or relegate teams to a more appropriate section. 4 teams from Autumn 2008 were bumped up to make 10 teams.

The prize money for Tuesday Honours competition will be withdrawn from the beginning of the 2009 Autumn season.

Questions / comments from the floor –

Garry Watson – The prize money should not be withdrawn but shared across Tues and Thurs Section 1 competitions.

Adin Short – Why should the prize money be only given to the top 3 teams?

Garry Watson – Tuesdays competition is better than the Thursday competition as it encourages teams to have a go in Tuesday Honours Section.

Geoff Moss – The original concept failed and now the money has been withdrawn.

Ian Albon – Having prize money may have prevented losing teams.

John Stanley – Can we look at having smaller money amounts?

Geoff Moss – The amounts are not the concern.

Chris Janssen – This issue was raised at Committee level, an idea was put forward that we provide money for every section across both nights of the competition. There was a thought that the money would be better channelled into Junior level development.

Greg Castle – Lower teams in the competition would possibly bail out and head down to a lower grade level to access the prize money.

Greg McConnell – The prize money is better channelled into the Juniors allowing for long term viability. The Juniors are declining and need support. Schools are withdrawing and we are losing teams. Senior teams have 30 odd ex-Junior players that are playing in the senior ranks. 3 – 4 years in the future we will have less players coming up into the senior ranks of the competition.

Kin Howes – Can we develop a strategy to help promote Junior Development. The 2007 AGM spoke about a part time paid position to get a representative into schools. We could also get a network established – email with school staff.

Geoff Moss – There have been a great change in the environment within schools. The demands on teachers have increased – they are now required to attend more meetings and therefore, have less time to devote to other areas.

Kim Howes – There are limited resources out there – most students go into basketball rather than volleyball. Greg McConnell runs our Junior Training – let schools know that we're here. We can do this via email (using an email template) with contacts for Greg McConnell and Craig Tremayne as emails and phone calls are easier to manage.

Geoff Moss – A good time to contact schools is during the Schools Cup and State Competition time.

Kim Howes – Primary schools play Newcomb Ball. This is already up and running. Lets develop a template that can be emailed out to school staff. Can we access Grant Funding money - is it available?

Geoff Moss – We have organised a dinner at the Dorset Gardens for PE /Sport teachers in the previous years. We could form a Sub Committee to gain support for this idea. Place notice on notice boards for interested parties and can respond to CDVA email.
We also have photos and video in the wings – this is coming in the future.

John Dellios – I have been playing for over 20 years. Can we canvas ideas from teams as to why they play volleyball here?

Scott Nicholson – For me volleyball was an alternative to basketball at school. I played at school and then went further with it.

Garry Watson – There is a requirement for parents to drive their children to sports – struggle against their lack of motivation.

Geoff Moss – We need some new ideas?

Greg McConnell – We need to get the Juniors back on track – I'll speak more about that later in the Junior Development section.

Greg Castle – It is important that Juniors work. At EMVA they have had a drop in Mens teams due to a lack of Junior Development.

Scott Nicholson – Can we advertise in all schools?

Geoff Moss – Yes I agree but can we come back to that idea?

Motion moved to resume with the stated agenda: Shane Cowie, Seconded: John Dellios
Motion: Passes

2. Honours Refs for Tuesday Competition

Yarra Valley Sec 1 has a lack of available refs. Section 1 must take more responsibility to self manage the section.

Introduction of Duty Team concept which has not been introduced before at CDVA

There are 10 teams in the section which allows for 5 games. Teams will only need to provide a ref once a fortnight as a worse case. At present some teams take on all the burden and some teams don't provide any assistance. Approximately once a month is a more realistic time frame.

Greg McConnell – if duty teams fail to do their duty they will incur penalty points.

Christopher Janssen – 6 of 10 teams in the Honours section have refs that can ref section 1.

Chalkies, Gumbys, Wookies, Manhatters 1, Manhatters 2 and Manhatters 3 provide refs for Sec 1. Scrumpy Jacks, Rimmers, Tower of Power, and Raiders do not provide refs for the section.

Greg Castle – playing in section 1 does not always mean that they can ref section 1.

Adin Short – this becomes a team captain problem not the associations problem

Kim Howes – It could be a roster system where teams provide 2 people so that the second person can learn how to ref at that level.

Motion moved to introduce the Duty Team concept as of Autumn 2009 Season: Greg McConnell, Seconded:
Motion:

Shane Cowie: It is different when you have to manage the system.

Scott Nicholson: Could we have a duty system that provides a referee, line ref and scorer?

Geoff Moss: That is going too far

Christopher Janssen – There could be a Court Manager / Duty Ref option

Garry Watson – Approach Section 1 teams directly and request help from each team

Scott Nicholson – Once a year could 20 people do a refs course

Motion moved that the CDVA Committee been given the authority to organise a team duty across the association (if/when needed), and that CDVA organise a Ref's Course (pre Dec) to include Senior and Junior refs: Shane Cowie // Seconded Garry Watson

Motion: Passed

3. Club Model – Growth Idea – Greg McConnell

Super Clun System – Model for CDVA

Derived from regional Victoria town where basketball teams were declining. This regional centre instigated a super club system where by the top 6 senior teams were responsible and became the leadership mentors for the primary or Junior teams in the association. The lower sectioned open teams would slot in under the umbrella of one of the super clubs so each club would make up top senior teams, lower section open teams and junior teams to form a club setting.

This process took 18 – 24 months to establish.

Geoff Moss – The promotion / relegation aspect becomes viable when clubs have teams in all sections. Movement of players through different teams can happen as players skill levels improve.

Greg McConnell – Our growth is stagnant and we need to get ideas off the ground.

Geoff Moss – the association would be prepared to put money into teams who are willing to restructure.

Shane Cowie – it would be difficult to structure. Suggest that a working group (Sub Committee) special interest group look into this issue.

Scott Nicholson – Could we involve Secondary School teams in a round robin comp?

Geoff Moss – Start developing the idea – pursuing the idea to incorporating school identities into a competitive club structure. Identifying different schools localities to group under a club umbrella

John Stanley – Club structure is very big requiring a President, Vice President – may be too big for our sport. Could we approach it from another angle – through our website where we have a notice board area where players can post messages.

Motion moved that we look at development options through a special interest group: Shane Cowie

General Reminders:

Emergency Rule: Chris Janssen explained the 'Fill in' Rule. The scoresheet will reflect the emergency player on the back of the scoresheet with a capital E or the word emergency written along with the player registration details.

1 player can fill in 2 games for any specific team or 1 player can fill in 3 games for a club team. 1 player can only fill in a MAX of 5 games per season.

Comments on the emergency rule:

- try to reduced forfeits
- players would experience a higher level of volleyball
- can 'fill in' in the same section or higher sections
- 'fill ins' cannot play in finals
- introducing a 'fill in' player to make 6 players on court
- team captains to note 'fill in' players and feedback to other team members

Requests for fill in players must be made prior to game not during the game.

Ball Return – all ball returns MUST be made by rolling the ball along the ground back under the net. There have been issues when ball returns are indiscriminately thrown or kicked across courts.

Uniforms – must be uniform across all team members and MUST have numbers on the front and back of the shirt.

Duty Person: Games will not start without a duty person – scorer or lines person

Stadium Etiquette – players playing on court 5 are continually interrupting matches being played on courts 2 and 3.

Players are to cease warm ups when the time clock indicates 5 minutes before siren time indicating the end of the match..

Other Business from the floor:

Australian Masters – Geelong Feb 2009

Posters are in notice boards in both stadiums. If interested please contact details on the poster.

World Masters – Sydney October 2009

Please contact Peter McDonald or Godwin DeRosayro if interested.

Geoff Moss – President for over 20 years and on committee for 31 years. Geoff flagged the possibility of movement of people into the Executive Committee positions. It is difficult to keep enthusiasm going. More people are needed to stand up and nominate for executive positions.

AGM Meeting closed: 9.39 pm