

Volleyball Northern Territory Junior Development Meeting – 1st Meeting – 11 March 2014-

Venue: Dave Tollners Community Meeting Room Winnellie Shopping Centre

1. Meeting Opened: 17:35
2. Attendees:
Stu Smith – VNT Chair person; Carolyn Knutsen- VNT Vice Chair person; Matt Obrien – Junior Beach Acsdemy; Richie McCann - Australian Sports Commission ; Lee Wilson –Australian Sports Commission; Julie Shatz – Former Spike Zone Coordinator; Anne Chadwick – Secretary VNT
3. Apologies;
Sue Dawson- President DVA
4. Stu started the conversation about how to best modify Junior Development Framework drafted by Volleyball Australia to fit Volleyball in the NT.
5. Matt suggested that we start with indoor beach volleyball. There are about 13 juniors aged 14-19yrs currently playing. The other advantage is that the parents play so they are already committed to the sport. Matt explained that the Junior Beach Academy creates the opportunity to play competitive Volleyball and personnel development.
6. Julie spoke about how Spike Zone ran;
 - Ran clinics – schools paid;
 - Followed by a tournament – using Spike Zone Rules;
 - Commenced a regular session afterschool 4pm to 5pm at Marrara Christian School.
7. Lee suggested that it may be better to focus on smaller schools then provided an overview of how Active After School Program is managed. In summary its best to start small and need to develop resources – coaches. ASC provide a community coaching program over 2 nights.
8. Matt advised that some of his students/players are doing Stage 2 in PE via volleyball. Perhaps contact Casuarina Secondary School Year 12 students for possible candidates.
9. There was further discussion about holding a cluster day in the middle of term 4. Lee suggested that volleyball participate in the active after school program in term 3 and 4 then have the cluster day. Middle school should also considered.
10. It was agreed that Active After School would be the first approach. VNT to identify coaches for term 2 and attend the coaching course.
11. Meeting closed 18:50

Anne Chadwick
Secretary