

Minutes – Pathway to Arafura Games - Meeting – 18th Feb 2018 (1st Meeting).

Venue: Darwin Indoor Beach Volleyball Centre Winnellie

1. **Meeting Opened:** 11:15am

2. **Roll Call:**

Attendees:

Luke Seib – Chairperson VNT

John Lay – Vice Chairperson VNT

Anne Chadwick – Secretary/Treasurer VNT

Isabelle Bioni – VNT Beach Volleyball Program – Head Coach

Tim Noble – Coach in Beach program

Matt O’Brien – Coach in Beach program

Rob Stuart – Coach U12 Indoor coach

Jasmine Crossley – U19 athlete

Apologies:

Tre Manning-Watson

Bayley Valentine

Ocky

Dion Parker

Tanya Kerrison

Carolyn Knutsen

3. Luke welcomed all to the meeting and provided a brief outline on the reason for this meeting. Luke explained that VNT needs to develop pathways that will support athletes in their development and preparation for Arafura Games (AG) in 2019 as well as recruit for the AG event team. The following discussion points were raised;

- VNT AG event team – ensure that pathways are aligned with the AG compass.
- Luke provided some background on how the competition will evolve for the AG IE VNT will set the level of competition to be played eg Open;U17 etc.
- NTG need ALL information from each sport on what their requirements are for AG.
- Baz Wedmaier – Event manager with Volleyball Australia will become part of VNT’s AG management team.
- Require to commence a Junior Indoor Training Program – a beach program is already in place.
- There is a concern that there are a lack of athletes to viably fill both programs – Rob suggested that the best 6 beach players be given an opportunity to attend indoor training.

- Tim questioned why there were two programs – and suggested that there could be one program where athletes are trained in both disciplines IE Beach and Indoor.
- Luke advised the group that all affiliates of VNT will be included in these programs.
- Matt queried when the next level 2 Coaching course will be held. There was some discussion on who locally was qualified to deliver this. Luke mentioned that Martin Collins may be available.

Action – Luke to confirm Martin’s availability.

- On the one program model the designs could be;
 - i. One head Coach positioned at the top of the hierarchy for both Beach and Indoor **or**
 - ii. One head Coach both disciplines – 1 for men’s and 1 for women’s.
- Under the one model program training could be held for eg men’s Monday indoor and Sunday on the sand
- Matt added that the one program model would allow for mentoring opportunities.
- John mentioned that he had met with Casuarina Secondary College who are keen to join the junior training program. Also advised that Dripstone and Darwin High Schools are interested but will need some contact from VNT.

Action – VNT to meet with Dripstone Middle School and Darwin Middle/High School to discuss their involvement with our Junior Training program.

- There were some concerns that without any competitions designed for U19s in place these schools would lose interest. Tim thought that the lure of major competitions available to participate in EG AG would be enough to keep interest.
- Isabelle provided a brief description on how the junior program is designed in Brazil. Players train/play in both disciplines, then around 15yrs of age the players will chose one discipline to concentrate on.
- Tim mentioned that at some volleyball academies e.g. the South Australian Sports Institute the coaching program was blended and players did not choose a discipline until they were at the national level.

- There was a suggested that by having one program the playing load on athletes would be much easier to manage. IE visibility on competitions for both disciplines.
- Matt invited VNT to attend his workplace – Gym – to consider membership for the athletes as part of a strength and conditioning program (SAC). There was some discussion on the merit of gym membership at this early stage. However VNT are keen to look at Matt's program.

Action – Matt to design an SAC program for review.

- There was some discussion around the development of a VNT specific athlete training program that monitors the athlete's progression. It was suggested that NTIS should be contacted to pursue further.

Action – Luke to engage with NTIS

- VNT are to send out expressions of interest to the wider volleyball community nominating for various roles for the AG's event team.

Action -Anne to send out EOI's ASAP

- The various models are to be distributed to all interested parties. Comments are required prior to the next meeting via email or in person. See attachment A

Action – Recipients are to respond to VNT prior to or at the next meeting

4. **Next Meeting:** Saturday 24 Feb 1pm to 2:30pm– at Nightcliff Sports Club. Invite will be sent via Outlook.
5. **Meeting Closed** 1pm.

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Anne Chadwick
Secretary
VNT
20 Feb 18.