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Dear Club Secretary

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RE: Club development funding support

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Exciting times are ahead of us in sport not least the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games but also Volleyball England's new funding agreement with Sport England which is aimed at increasing the number of people playing the sport – our target being 10,100 more adults and 5,000 more young people playing the sport by 2013! The key to this growth is strong, sustained clubs and we have made considerable progress through the accreditation of over 42 clubs to our Volley 1,2,3 scheme. Thank you for all your help!

Following lots of research and the recent consultation with you, one of the requests from members is to provide and support you with finding more funds to develop your club and support you in what you want to do.

We are due to appoint a new member of staff with specific responsibility for finding the funds – a new Funding Officer and alongside this we are now offering clubs an opportunity to sustain development through a partnership with sport consultancy Sport Structures who are an established company supporting a number of governing bodies led by Simon Kirkland who is a former CEO of England Basketball.

Sport Structures are offering support in funding applications made available in the new Sport England funding regime – The new 'Community Funding Strategy'. We have extensively briefed Sport Structures in the needs of Volleyball from both a national and club perspective and Simon and his team are well aware of the needs of the sport having supported clubs both in and out of volleyball himself. His team have a broad experience of accessing funding for a range of organisations from clubs to national governing body level.

They will provide support through one-to-one support or collective workshops. This support will be at Sport Structures risk of not being successful however we are asking the clubs who access this support to reward the support with 10% of any successful funding gained, as a consultancy fee. This will be in a form of a

Service Level Agreement agreed with you on commencement of the support – should no funding be secured not fee will be paid! So hopefully you will see this as a win win.

Simon and his team will be contacting you in the near future and for further information please do not hesitate to contact Partnership Manager Stuart Johnson at Volleyball England Head Quarters or Simon Kirkland at simon.kirkland@sportstructures.com or by phone 0845 241 7195.

Clearly many of you have already accessed funding and this is not to replace the great work you have already done – this is additional support to help you through the new funding structures, such as the Small Awards Scheme, the new Themed Rounds, on rurality for the next few months and the soon to be announced Innovation Fund. (All detailed in the last 3 Touch)

Please do take up the offer – there are many pots of funding available for you to be able to develop club volleyball! The newly appointed Funding Officer will be in post in the next few months who will also be available to help support you with applications, guidance, good practice, etc but for now and the foreseeable future please do use the experience and support via Simon and his team.

Good luck and let us know of the results!

Kind regards



Lisa Wainwright
Chief Executive Officer
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