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Yours in volleyball, *Bob*

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27th August, 1974.

Mr. T. Stevens,
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BENDIGO, Vic. 3550

Dear Tom,

Hope to find you fit and well after Warrnambool and trust that you have received the photos.

Just a few points I thought of for the coming VCVC meeting to be held at Ballarat:

1. The first one is extending invitations to the country centres for the meeting (2nd) of the Council at Ballarat, probably the Saturday night again would be the most suitable.

It might pay in the letter to stress the significance of the Council and the benefits gained from affiliation, and also the need for a delegate from each association to be present to air their views.

2. I think the time has arrived to come to some agreement about tournament fees for entries etc. (Ballarat's \$15 per team for two days seems excessive to me!) Perhaps the matter of expenditure on medals or tokens could be played down a bit as you know this involves a good deal of expense whether necessary or otherwise. Personally, I would prefer a perpetual country tournament trophy (funded from country association) for men and women, to be retained by the winner of three consecutive tournaments.
3. The matter of players paying affiliation to the AVF and VAVA should be brought up again and it should be left in the hands of each association's executive to put the arguments in favour of affiliation to their members.
4. Perhaps the formation of a country volleyball co-operative could be set up at this meeting.

That's about it from me, except to say that I have written a letter to Henry Gumianik from Geelong who appears to me to be the only player from Geelong anyway interested in volleyball administration. He thought the meeting at Warrnambool was to be held on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. and made a very early dash from Geelong that morning (after an engagement he had there on Saturday night) to try to be at the meeting on time. I have informed him of the meeting on Saturday at Ballarat by writing to his home address. I hope he still lives at 19 Maple Crescent, Bell Park, Geelong (that was his address in 1972).

Hope to hear from you before Ballarat.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Hewson