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Dear Philip,

Murray Mansfield in his capacity as VAVA Secretary has passed your interesting letter on to the VCVC, this organisation being more closely related to your interests.

With regard to your Country C'ships, from practical experience it would be of greater benefit to your new Associations to allow them to compete in the Championships, than to continue with second teams from the strong Associations. The more exposure to higher grade Volleyball the sooner inexperienced teams will become competitive.

In Victoria we have found that it is essential to play our C'ships over a long weekend, usually the Queens Birthday weekend in June. At the present time we play a complete Round Robin, best of five sets, no time limit. The top two teams then play off in a Grand Final to decide the Country Champions.

During the next couple of years the VCVC will need to split these C'ships into a 1st and 2nd Division, one of the main reasons being too many entries.

I have enclosed the report and programme that were prepared for the 1978 C'ships held in Bendigo, you may find some interesting data in the report.

This year the VCVC will probably run an U20 C'ship in addition to the U17 C'ship which was held in Wangaratta last weekend. Considerable difficulty ensued with four attempts to complete a draw, this caused by late withdrawals, late entries and omissions. The Associations causing these problems forfeited the fidelity bond we collect along with team entry fees. From the nine member Associations making up the VCVC, only one, Swan Hill did not field a team. However, only six Girls and six Boys teams competed.

I have included a copy (sorry for the poor quality) of the VCVC Constitution and By Laws.

Initially our Meetings were conducted during Tournament weekends, but with the growth of business we found that a weekend seminar, separate from a Tournament date was required to fully discuss all the matters on hand.

Melbourne was chosen as the most central location for all Associations and a Conference room at a motel was hired for the weekend by the VCVC. This method has proved to be fairly successful albeit a trifle expensive.

Funding of the VCVC is made up of Association membership fees, at present \$25.00 per annum per Association.

The team entry fees for the Country Championships are also retained by the VCVC. Thus a working capital is obtained, mainly for secretarial expenses.

Bendigo and I believe most other Country Associations bear the reasonable costs incurred by their delegates to attend VCVC Meetings, this seems only fair to me as the delegates are representing their Association points of view.

We are fortunate in receiving a State grant of \$500.00 per year to assist the funding of the Open Country C'ships, this amount is usually passed on to the host Association once a financial statement has been presented.

The VCVC have expressed interest in your proposal for an Interstate match, at the moment a date late in November would seem to be suitable, Hamilton have, I think, just had completed a new stadium, because they are not yet members of the VCVC it would seem an opportune time to provide a top class display of Volleyball in their area.

I trust this letter has provided you with relevant information, no doubt both Councils will receive benefit from interchange of ideas etc.

Hoping to hear from you again,

yours in Volleyball,

Tom Stevens  
Secretary.