

Hertfordshire Volleyball Association

2025 HVA Meeting – 18-Dec-2025 - 19:00 - online



Chaired by Thierry Quijo, minutes by Patricia Russo

Attendance, apologies and absent

Club	Participant	Apologies	Absent
Harlow Bravos	Bonnie Chan	-	-
Kings Langley	Angelo Evangelou (also HVA) Thierry Quijo (also HVA)	-	-
MK City	Layne Walker	-	-
Red Eagles	Monika Scott - WMB	-	-
Stortford Stags	Jonathan Allan	-	-
Watford	Vadims Guscins	-	-
Welwyn & Hatfield	Marzena Wisniewska (also HVA)	-	-
Werewolves St Albans	Anthony Antonio de Grazia	-	-
Wycombe Eagles	Patricia Russo (also HVA)	-	-
	Duncan Worrell	-	-

All clubs present. No fines raised.

Minutes of previous meeting

Available via the HVA website

<http://hertsvolleyball.co.uk/sites/default/files/documents/250914%20HVA%20Meeting%20%26%20Fixtures.docx>

Agenda

1) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were accepted. No issues were raised.

2) Chair report

No issues were raised.

The Chair acknowledged and thanked the committee for the significant administrative work completed ahead of the season.

3) Finance update

Current balance: £4,632.02.

HVA confirmed that they are happy to support clubs, provided that they have been affiliated with HVA for the current season.

Funded initiatives to date:

- Four referee courses funded this season
- Volleyball net purchased for Harlow Bravos.

Other clubs have enquired about grants, however no applications were submitted.

Stags requested funding for a referee stand, but no further details have been provided – Jonathan to follow up with Marzena.

A refund is due to WMB now that they are part of Red Eagles. Bank details have been received and refund will be processed as soon as possible.

4) Cup update

Current status

- Women's quarter finals have been played or are currently under way.
- Men's round 1 matches have been scheduled.

Preliminary rounds:

Clubs were reminded that all semi-finals must be completed before the beginning of April to allow sufficient time to organise the Cup Final in May.

Clubs are asked to prioritise cup fixtures over league matches and, if necessary, re-arrange league matches to accommodate cup games.

HVA must be copied into all match modification requests.

Cup Final date:

The provisional dates for the Cup final are: Saturday 9-May or Sunday 10-May from 13:00 to 19:00.

Cup Final venue:

HVA is seeking a club willing to host the Cup Final.

HVA will cover the cost for the venue booking and the first referee.

5) Scoresheets

A high number of scoresheets have been received with errors or incomplete information. Thierry has so far taken an educational approach rather than issuing fines. However, from January onwards, stricter enforcement will apply: fines may be issued and sets may be forfeited if rules are not followed.

Examples of the issues identified:

- Player's initials not completed correctly, leading to wrong player selection from the roster, resulting in the team seemingly not having the required four core players on court.
- Incorrect copy of the scoresheet attached to the match results, requiring follow-up to obtain a fully signed version.
- Mismatched player numbers between the team list and line up sheet, resulting in illegal players appearing on court.

Reminders:

- A line must be drawn after the players' list, to prevent names being added later.
- For time restricted venues, a remark must be written on the scoresheet and initialled by both captains.
 - If this is not completed correctly, the home team will forfeit the set.
 - It is the home captain's responsibility to raise this proactively; referees are not required to do so.

6) Any Other Business

- **Games not scheduled** - There are outstanding fixtures without confirmed dates, particularly involving Red Eagles. These must be scheduled as soon as possible.
- **Match modification requests** - Hva must be copied in all match modification requests.
- **Time updates** - Monika (WMB) advised of a time change for Match 35 WMB vs. Rooks – Clubs should contact each other directly to confirm (contact details can be found on the club section of the website, once logged in with a club account). Please copy Hva in all requests, so the website can be updated.
- **E-mails** - All clubs are urged to respond promptly to e-mails. Some fixtures have been waiting a long time for confirmation. If no effort is shown to agree a date, the non-responsive team will be penalised with a forfeit.

- **Game duration and booking slots** - Vadims (Watford) raised concerns that two-hour bookings are sometimes insufficient for full matches , particularly in Men's Division 1. He proposed allocating longer time slots.
HVA confirmed that rules cannot be changed mid-season, but the proposal will be noted for discussion and to be voted upon at the AGM in June.
Duncan noted that this issue has previously been raised at an AGM but was not supported by other clubs.
Proposed workarounds included: teams arriving earlier where possible; start warming up without balls or earlier if the venue allows; sharing team lists in advance to reduce delays.
There are no rules preventing an earlier start if both teams are ready.
- **Player restrictions** - An enquiry was received from Basha (Red Eagles) regarding allowing women players to compete in the men's league for a different club. This is not currently permitted. The suggestion is to raise this topic at the next AGM in June.
Duncan added that, if this were voted on, consideration would also need to be given to men playing in mixed league for another club.

7) Next meeting

HVA Committee meeting: towards the **end of March 2026**, focussed on Cup discussions.
The exact date and invitation will be circulated closer to the time by HVA Secretary.