

# Hertfordshire Volleyball Association



## Fixtures Meeting Minutes 7.30pm, 12 Sep 2023

### Old Palace in Kings Langley (WD4 9HQ)

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**Attendees** - Duncan W (Kings Langley, acting HVA chair, HVA Comp Sec), Marzena W (Welwyn & Hatfield, HVA Treasurer), Antonio D (St Albans), Chris B (St Albans), Layne W (MK City), Daniel B (The Mount), Logan B (Kings Langley), Krzysztof D (Red Eagles) and Jon A (Stortford Stags).

**Apologies** – Watford (£5 fine raised)

**Missing** – AST (£10 fine raised)

**Corrected version** – I'd missed Staged Mixed from M2 and listed AST twice.

1. **HVA Chairperson:** Ryan Murphy stepped down at HVA Chairperson yesterday, so that position is now vacant. If anybody is interested in taking on this role, please discuss with the remaining committee members. We will take nominations and vote a new chairperson on to the committee at the next meeting.
2. **Club Registrations:** The deadline for HVA registrations was today. We still believe **Red Eagles, The Mount** and **AST** will be registering this season, but those are currently missing. GNG Bedford will not be playing in Herts this year. Vale did not manage to get enough players to rejoin our league. The Mount and St Albans are new clubs for this season. We need the registrations by the end of the week, so we can start organising fixtures.  
**Action:** Duncan will send a reminder out.
3. **Welfare Requirements:** Some clubs do not have Welfare Officers registered with us and have U18s either playing or training at their clubs. On seeking advice from Volleyball England, we received the following:

*Clubs are required to upload a copy of their club constitution and safeguarding policy when completing their club affiliation. **If a club does not have this they would be breaching club affiliation terms, where affiliation could be revoked.***

To make the HVA position clear, you need to tell us who your Club Welfare Officer is and if your VE affiliation is revoked, then you will no longer be able to compete in HVA competitions. More information is available at <https://www.volleyballengland.org/support/safeguarding-and-welfare/safeguarding-roles>

4. **VE Affiliation:** The new (terrible) Volleyball England registration system currently has no way of downloading your Affiliation Certificate. They intend to fix this. In the meantime, you can request an email from them to confirm your registration number. The HVA need that before you can play in our competitions as it shows you have the necessary insurance cover in place.
5. **Team Placements:** We went through the league and division results from last year to determine promotions/demotions and looked at the clubs we expect to be playing this year. The draft leagues and division are listed in this document. Note:
  - a. Stortford have entered a new team in M1 as the Essex leagues are diminished.
  - b. MK City M1 should be demoted, whilst MK City M2 should be promoted, so cancel out.
  - c. WHVC Falcons should be demoted from M1, but that would leave too few teams in M1. If AST wish to play in M1 having finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in M2, we will demote Falcons and promote AST.
  - d. The two new clubs will enter a single team each in M2 this year.
  - e. Red Eagles M2 are promoted to M1.
  - f. Kings Langley will have two women's teams this year.

- g. WHVC will have a single women's team this year.
  - h. We don't know whether AST intend to enter a women's team, which was mentioned last season.
6. Two Women's Divisions: Krzys suggested splitting the women's league in to two divisions as there is a wide range of abilities. Each team would play every other team 4 times, rather than twice. We currently have just 6 teams, so that doesn't seem practical. MK City will consider registering a second women's team and AST may also have a women's team. If we reach 8 teams, we will ask all affected clubs for their opinion. Any split would be based on the finishing results from last season. ACTION: Layne for MK, Duncan to chase AST and communicate as required.
  7. Mixed League: We discussed having a mixed league. This might benefit several clubs. It's too late for this season. We will discuss at the AGM and communicate in good time for the 24/25 season.
  8. League Fixtures: We will put together the fixtures spreadsheet like recent seasons and send out instructions by the end of next week. A reminder that any fixtures that are still missing at the end of October will be set by the Comp Sec. Clubs are welcome to organise fixtures at any stage from now but we're expecting the majority will start from mid-October. Fixtures need to be registered on the HVA website in advance. ACTION: Duncan to set up and communicate.
  9. KO Cups: Once we have all registrations, we will draw the fixtures.
  10. Men's Div 1 Shield: We had a new one made, and this was passed to Krzystof with a round of applause.
  11. Referee Course: HVA will continue to fund one person per season per club to attend a referee course. HVA will try and organise a course locally. ACTION: Duncan to contact VE and Glynn Archibald (local ref coach).
  12. Financial Report: NatWest Current a/c: £1510.0, Santander Savings a/c: £866.73 TOTAL: £2376.80
  13. Club Invoices: These will begin to be issued soon. We have a slightly different payment structure in place this year, with a club fee as well as a team league/cup entry fees, plus any new or top-up Goodwill Deposit. We have kept fees low for many years and decided we couldn't increase them post-COVID, but clubs will see a slight increase this season. ACTION: Marzena to distribute.
  14. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be towards the start of December. A date, time and venue will be communicated in good time.

### Draft Leagues/Divisions

| Men's 1                    | Men's 2                    | Women's             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Red Eagles – 1 *        | 1. MK City – M2            | 1. Red Eagles – 1 * |
| 2. Red Eagles – 2 *        | 2. WHVC – Hawks            | 2. Red Eagles – 2 * |
| 3. KLVC – Kings            | 3. KLVC – Knights          | 3. WHVC – Wildcats  |
| 4. Watford – 1             | 4. KLVC – Chargers         | 4. MK City – W      |
| 5. Stortford Stags – Stags | 5. Stortford Stags - Mixed | 5. KLVC – Queens    |
| 6. MK City – M1            | 6. St Albans – Werewolves  | 6. KLVC- Aces       |
| 7. WHVC – Falcons          | 7. The Mount *             | 7. AST **           |
|                            | 8. AST *                   |                     |

\* = Expected but currently unregistered / \*\* = Unsure whether they intend to register

The results for last season are attached.

## Previous season – Men's Division 1, 2022/23

### League Table

| Team          | Played  | Won | Drawn | Lost | Sets Won | Sets Lost | Points Diff | League Points |
|---------------|---------|-----|-------|------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Red Eagles M1 | 10 / 10 | 9   | 0     | 1    | 27       | 5         | +228        | <b>55</b>     |
| GNG Bedford   | 10 / 10 | 9   | 0     | 1    | 26       | 10        | +125        | <b>54</b>     |
| Kings         | 10 / 10 | 4   | 0     | 6    | 15       | 22        | +29         | <b>33</b>     |
| Watford       | 10 / 10 | 3   | 0     | 7    | 16       | 22        | -167        | <b>31</b>     |
| MK City M1    | 10 / 10 | 3   | 0     | 7    | 11       | 23        | -95         | <b>27</b>     |
| Falcons       | 10 / 10 | 2   | 0     | 8    | 13       | 26        | -120        | <b>27</b>     |

## Previous season – Men's Division 2, 2022/23

### League Table

| Team          | Played  | Won | Drawn | Lost | Sets Won | Sets Lost | Points Diff | League Points |
|---------------|---------|-----|-------|------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Red Eagles M2 | 12 / 12 | 10  | 1     | 1    | 33       | 12        | +212        | <b>66</b>     |
| MK City M2    | 12 / 12 | 10  | 0     | 2    | 31       | 14        | +200        | <b>63</b>     |
| AST M2        | 12 / 12 | 8   | 0     | 4    | 27       | 18        | +116        | <b>55</b>     |
| Hawks         | 12 / 12 | 6   | 0     | 6    | 24       | 22        | +29         | <b>48</b>     |
| Knights       | 12 / 12 | 5   | 1     | 6    | 24       | 24        | +56         | <b>47</b>     |
| Stags Mixed   | 12 / 12 | 1   | 0     | 11   | 14       | 32        | -302        | <b>26</b>     |
| Chargers      | 12 / 12 | 1   | 0     | 11   | 4        | 35        | -311        | <b>18</b>     |

## Previous season – Women's Division, 2022/23

### League Table

| Team          | Played  | Won | Drawn | Lost | Sets Won | Sets Lost | Points Diff | League Points |
|---------------|---------|-----|-------|------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Red Eagles W1 | 10 / 10 | 10  | 0     | 0    | 30       | 2         | +307        | <b>60</b>     |
| Red Eagles W2 | 10 / 10 | 7   | 0     | 3    | 21       | 11        | +120        | <b>45</b>     |
| Wildcats      | 10 / 10 | 6   | 0     | 4    | 18       | 12        | +77         | <b>40</b>     |
| MK City W     | 10 / 10 | 5   | 0     | 5    | 18       | 18        | +91         | <b>38</b>     |
| Warriors      | 10 / 10 | 2   | 0     | 8    | 7        | 25        | -256        | <b>21</b>     |
| Queen Bees    | 10 / 10 | 0   | 0     | 10   | 3        | 29        | -339        | <b>12</b>     |