

# Hertfordshire Volleyball Association



## Committee Meeting - Agenda

8pm, 10 March 2020 – The Old Palace, Kings Langley

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**Present:** VK Barnet (Eric:HVA Juniors and Angela:HVA Chair), KLVC (Duncan HVA:CompSec and Website), WHVC (Katy: HVA Secretary and Marzena:HVA Treasurer) and MK City (Tim

**Apologies:** Harriers – Club has unfortunately recently folded, Watford (Maciek)

**No response:** Enfield (Pawel) and Red Eagles (Kryz)

It was noted that fines should be introduced for non-attendance to HVA committee meetings for 2020/21 season onwards. The practicalities of this to be discussed at the AGM and a policy introduced.

### 1. Updates from the committee

#### a. Chair (Angela)

Nothing to report, happy to continue as Chair

#### b. Secretary (Katy)

Nothing to report, happy to continue as Secretary until AGM

#### c. Junior (Eric)

Eric noted that it had been difficult to arrange any competitions/matches outside of the Herts league due to capacity. Feedback from committee members was that clubs are doing enough to keep the juniors satisfied. This includes some juniors joining teams in the X league and Herts league teams. MK noted that their juniors are quite young and therefore this limits their ability to join in current Herts leagues.

It is unlikely that the beach sessions run by VK Barnet will run over the 2020 summer.

The Cup Finals are to be held 3<sup>rd</sup> May at WHVC. There is a slot for a juniors competition. This could be a VK vs WHVC junior final consisting of 3 sets with players having to be U16 (as of start of Sept 2019). Arrangements to be discussed over WhatsApp between junior coaches.

#### **d. Treasurer (Marzena)**

NB: Previous action to obtain access to our bank account.

Mashka confirmed that there should be around £2700 in the HVA account once the official statement is available. This is based on the amount that was in the account and incoming team fees etc. since that date.

The new HVA bank account is in process with Natwest (applied for on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020). Once account is open, funds from Santander will need to be transferred/paid in.

**ACTION: Kryz to call Santander to close both current and savings accounts and get cheques sent out with final balances which Mashka can then pay into new account. Ensure that cheques are addressed to correct account name.**

#### **e. Competitions Secretary (Duncan)**

Duncan confirmed that the X League is going well with around half a dozen fixtures set. There is still availability for some others X League games to be played if people wish to arrange these. The X League is working as a developmental league and the feedback is positive from those fixtures already held. It should also allow for some members to return to the league.

It was noted that there have been consistent issues with Red Eagles this season with poor communication, cancelled matches, lack of appropriate referees, late filing of results etc. Fines have been issued for these issues but it is also causing and increase in work to committee members.

It was unfortunately noted that Harriers have dropped out from the HVA league due to insufficient players and funds. Some players may join alternative teams.

#### **f. Website (Duncan)**

Duncan confirmed that there have been some updates to the website including MVP listing, transfer of players from one club to another (still allowing them to show in the original team). There are still many more adjustments to be made but feedback from the committee was positive on how it is currently looking and operating.

## **2. Cup Final Arrangements**

The final has been arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Ridgeway academy and WHVC will be hosting and will make arrangements as per previous year. Red Eagles had offered to host the final but unfortunately no further communications were received on this.

WHVC members will be asked to line judge the cup matches on the day.

Referees need to be booked.

**ACTION: Mashka to check with Lynne from WHVC to see if Referees have been organised.**

**ACTION: If referees have not yet been organised, Duncan to organise**

Trophies from last year will need to be returned. Medals will also be issued and engraved as last year.

**ACTION: Duncan to email winners from last year to ask for return of trophies.**

**ACTION: Duncan to arrange medals for cup matches (with engravings)**

The medals for the juniors' tournament last year were found to be costly, therefore it was decided to not issue medals this year. Certificates will be issued to the juniors and a single shield will be awarded to the winners which can then be re-issued year on year.

**ACTION: Duncan to prepare template for certificate and Mashka to arrange printing**

**ACTION: Mashka to purchase shield for juniors**

It was agreed that there would be no requirements for medals or trophies for the X league.

Phil will be invited to attend the day and his card and gift will be presented to him.

**ACTION: Mashka to invite Phil to the final on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

### **3. Pre-registration of players and use of correct names**

Duncan reiterated the importance of ensuring that names are correct on scoresheets. Names should be initial and surname as recorded on the official team roster. Team captains must check the roster is correct before signing the roster at the start of the game. It was suggested that team captains should print off the PDF roster for their full team before each game and use this to complete scoresheets and tick who is playing that match on the PDF roster so that scorers can cross check.

Scoresheets this season have been filled using first names instead of last names, nicknames have been used, MVPs have not been included, Libero players have been put on the main roster list rather in the section below etc.

Team need to educate people on scoresheet use and filling.

In terms of pre-registration of members, it was reiterated that it is important to make sure they're added to the correct team. If players are not pre-registered then they will be registered to whichever team they play for first in the league.

## **AOB**

### **a. MK (Tim) – Rule clarification on games having to be played at home venue**

Tim noted that MK had faced a challenge with a fixture at their home venue this season due to the away team being unable to make their Monday slot due to late timing and unable to attend the alternative Saturday offered due to the away teams training session clashing. MK then agreed to play both matches at the away teams home venue. However, upon arrival to the 2<sup>nd</sup> match, the 'Away' team had too few players and the game was forfeited. It was asked for clarification around this rule to avoid unnecessary travel.

The committee confirmed that if a fixture cannot be played no teams get points. However, clarification to be added to the rule to say that away team should forfeit the match if they are unwilling to travel.

**ACTION: Rule to be discussed and agreed at AGM in June.**

### **b. MK (Tim) – scoresheet**

Tim noted that MK had run out of scoresheets and a free printable template was used for their latest match. It was asked if this was appropriate and feasible rather than purchasing a new pad.

It was agreed that it is fine to use a printable version, so long as it is the full EVA scoresheet as used within the league. Both teams should be sent a picture of the scoresheet (if triplicate sheets not available) as well as being uploaded to the HVA website.

### **c. WHVC (Mashka) – Filming of matches online**

Mashka raised concerns that some members of clubs aren't comfortable with the current live streaming of volleyball matches online. Some members do not wish for their image to be available on social media.

It was agreed that both teams need to be asked for permission for the video to be uploaded onto social media. If one person from either team says no then it cannot be published online. Captains should approve release online via scoresheet.

**ACTION: Duncan to email all clubs to confirm that live streaming or upload of video of matched must be agreed by both teams prior to the match and must be confirmed on the scoresheet.**

### **d. Committee Query (Duncan) - Club constitutions**

It was noted that all clubs should have a constitution, this was highlighted recently when a club was queried about an answer that should have been within their constitution but this was not in existence.

**e. WHVC (Mashka) - Ref course**

Mashka asked if we could arrange a session for September. WHVC would be happy to host.

**ACTION: Duncan to liaise with volleyball England. Happy to host at WHVC.**

**Next meeting: AGM to be held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, The Old Palace, Kings Langley, WD4 9HQ  
8pm**