

Hertfordshire Volleyball Association



Committee Meeting - Minutes

8pm, 24 August 2020 – Zoom, Online

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 (Laure and Jan), Red Eagles (Kryz)

Apologies: None received

No response: Enfield (Pawel) and Watford (Mac)

1. Updates from the committee

a. Chair (Angela)

Nothing to report

b. Secretary (Katy)

Nothing to report

c. Junior (Eric)

Nothing to report

d. Treasurer (Marzena)

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

Mashka confirmed that the new Natwest account has been set up with Mashka, Duncan and Katy on the account. Require signed papers from Duncan to sort online account.

Mashka noted that the Santander account needs to be shut down and the funds transferred to the new account.

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. To be completed by 4/9/20.

ACTION: Duncan to return signed forms for Natwest account to Mashka

e. Competitions Secretary (Duncan)

Nothing to report

f. Website (Duncan)

Nothing to report

2. Finalising 2019/20 Season

The committee voted to follow the Volleyball England approach to [finalising the HVA league](#). This will mean all remaining league results will be recorded as a draw, sharing the points equally between teams. Each unplayed game will use the draw mechanism described in HVA rules, awarding each match as 25-20, 20-25, 25-20, 20-25.

It was noted that this could change the current standings of the league.

The committee discussed the possibility of continuing the remaining 3 matches of the HVA Cup. It was agreed that the matches should be completed by the end of the year (December 2020) if possible but this would be up to the discretion of the clubs if they wish to play. All matches played would be closed door games and following the relevant Covid-19 risk assessments for match play. Home teams will host the matches.

ACTION: Katy to email clubs still in the cup to confirm if they wish to play their remaining matches.

3. Running of 20/21 Season

It was noted that we will have to follow VE guidelines for 20/21.

A decision was made that there would be no KO HVA cup for 20/21.

Discussion was held around which teams would be able to play in the HVA league in 20/21 and how many teams clubs would submit to the league. There are concerns at some clubs about venue availability, in particular Watford, Red Eagles and Kings Langley are still awaiting venue confirmation.

Discussion was held on plans for 20/21 season. Laure suggested that league matches start at the end of October so that clubs have a chance to begin training in mid-September and find venues etc. It was noted that games should be scheduled and played as soon as possible to limit impact of a possible 2nd peak/lockdown. Katy suggested looking at playing triangular matches to limit the number of weekend/evenings required for matches.

Eric confirmed that Barnet will not have any teams in the league for 20/21, Kings Langley may have 2 womens teams, MK may not enter a team into the womens league, WHVC confirmed they will have multiple teams.

Duncan confirmed there would be no X-League in 20/21 to reduce the number of matches/weekends required across the league.

There was discussion around the how to organise fixtures for 20/21. It was noted that this could be done over email or the phone and allowing the larger clubs to sort their fixtures

first. Duncan noted that he could develop a piece of software to do this and will trial this in 20/21 but will not put it in place until 21/22.

No decisions were made on how to run the 20/21 season due the level of uncertainty amongst all clubs before training starts in September. The committee agreed to combine a discussion around the league for 20/21 with the fixtures meeting that will be held in late September.

4. AOB

a. HVA refund on registration to teams for 19/20 season

It was noted that the majority of these funds is spent on trophies/medals and that if we are not awarding these for 19/20 then funds could be refunded/reductions made to 20/21 fees.

It was agreed that no medals or MVP awards would be made for 19/20.

To be discussed further at September meeting.

b. Managing scoresheets in 20/21

Concerns were raised around the possible Covid-19 transmission around paper scoresheets for matches and whether it would be sufficient/agreeable that the Home Teams send an electronic copy to the Away team at the end of the game as well as uploading the HVA site.

The committee agreed that the referee should check over the scoresheet and the scorer should sign the form. Captains would not be required to sign the scoresheet and would have 24hrs to raise any concerns on the virtual version before this is uploaded to the HVA site.

c. Process if a player Covid-19 positive on the day of a game

The issue was posed to the committee about action to take if a player test positive for Covid-19 on a match day. The committee confirmed that every club should have a welfare officer and a Covid-19 action plan that covers these instances.

HVA will review the VE rules and see what applies in this instance and what can be amended at local level. This will be posted on the HVA site for all clubs to review.

d. The possibility of extending the season by a month as per VE was raised. This would be possible and HVA could look to extend the season until the end of May to allow for additional match time should a peak pause the season etc.

- e. The query was raised as to whether it was the club or HVA's responsibility to provide electric/hand squeezed whistles. It was agreed that this is the clubs responsibility.
- f. It was noted that current trophy holders will need to make arrangements to pass these on to the 19/20 winners.
- g. It was noted that the AGM was not held in June and Katy will schedule this in due course.

ACTION: Katy to schedule AGM.

Next meeting: AGM TBC and late September for committee meeting regarding 20/21 season arrangements.