

HERTFORDSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2005 at the Rudolf Steiner School

Present

Sally Morris (Chairperson)	Phoenix
Steve Davies (Fixtures Secretary)	Welwyn
Amanda Barraclough (Treasurer)	Watford
Geert Alkema	Rudolf Steiner School
Alan Wilkins	Berkhamsted
Gill Cheesbrough	Berkhamsted
Dawn Graceson	Watford
Derek Simmonite	Milton Keynes
Layne Walker	Abbey
Gordon Paterson	Harriers
Rob Hollemans	Luton
Tracey Wilkin	VK Barnet
Nigel Collins	Vale
Graham Bird	Vale
Neil Bennett	Vale

1. Apologies

Sue Munro VK Barnet

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Read and accepted.

Matters Arising:

HVA Men's National League entry – although several club members expressed an interest in participating, no one was prepared to act as Team Manager and recruit a qualified coach for the squad, so the proposal was deferred.

3. Reports

Chairperson

- Sally distributed the report for 2004-2005 (see attached) and announced her resignation from the post of Chairperson.

Fixtures Secretary

- Steve reported yet another smooth year for the fixtures. Clubs have become much more efficient in emailing the match results as soon as they are played. As a result, the process of tabling has become more streamlined and league positions could be updated on a regular basis.
- Steve suggested that we should be more astringent in upholding the requirement of all league fixtures to be played 2 weeks before the KO Cup Final as this would make it possible for him to release the final positions for the Presentation. Any matches that have not been played before the end of the season will be forfeited 3-0 to the home team.

Treasurer

- Amanda distributed Profit and Loss reports for 04-05.
- Provisional entries for the League next year were estimated to be similar to the last. Based on this, and the assumption that no great expenditure was likely in the near future, she recommended that the fees remain unchanged at £35 per League entry and £10 per KO Cup entry.
- Following last year's suggestion to use some of the money in the Deposit Account for new equipment, Amanda suggested that the money be used to provide clubs with new match balls again. Results of the vote: 9 For, 3 Against, 2 Abstention. The motion was carried.

4. Election of Officers

Position	Elected	Nominated	Seconded
Chairperson	Alan Wilkins	Sally	Steve
Fixtures Secretary	Steve Davies Year 4	Sally	Derek
Treasurer	Amanda Barraclough Year 7	Sally	Gill
Secretary	Geoff Dyson		
Junior Development Manager	Dawn Graceson		
Website Manager	Mick Warnes Year 6		

5. League Structure and Entries for 2003/2004

- A rough estimate of entries was made – 6 or 7 in Div 1 (dependent on Milton Keynes' promotion), 9 in Div 2 (needs to be limited to 10) and 6 in the Women's Div. The structure of the League will therefore remain unchanged.
- 2005/2006 entry forms will be circulated to clubs this week. The deadline for entries is Friday 1st July. A provisional fixtures schedule will then be drawn up by Steve and distributed mid- August. The Fixtures Meeting will take place in the first week of September and fixtures will commence in the first week of October.

6. Proposal from Abbey

Abbey suggested that the league point scoring system should be revised to give credit to teams who lose matches but win sets. The proposal follows a similar scoring system as the NVL who give 4 points to a win and a point for every set won by the losing team. Abbey suggested the following:

- 5 points for a win
- 3 points for a two set lose
- 2 points for a one set lose
- 1 point for a no set lose provided that the match is actually played

The likelihood of a league win for a team who doesn't win any matches but consistently loses well was debated and it was agreed that this was not desirable for the Herts League. The proposal was therefore amended to 6 points for a win, with all other points unchanged (proposed by Layne Walker, seconded by Rob Hollemans).

Results of the vote: 7 For, 6 Against, 1 Abstention. The motion was carried.

7. Proposals from Luton

- Luton suggested that we should limit the number of HVA meetings to one a year, roughly mid-season, in addition to the AGM.

Results of the vote: 0 For, 9 Against, 5 Abstentions. The motion was denied.

A further suggestion was made to change the number of meetings to two in addition to the Fixtures Meeting and the AGM (proposed by Tracey Wilkin, seconded by Gill Cheesbrough).

Results of the vote: 8 For, 2 Against, 4 Abstentions. The motion was carried.

- Luton's second suggestion was that we hold a one day KO Cup Tournament instead of the current format (similar to the Northants league where the entire tournament is held over a day in a hall with two volleyball courts)

Results of the vote: 4 For, 7 Against, 3 Abstentions. The motion was denied.

- Luton's third suggestion was to change the minimum number of officials that have to be sent to a Div 1 match from two to one, with the understanding that two would be preferable.

Results of the vote: 10 For, 1 Against, 3 Abstentions. The motion was carried.

A linked proposal was then made (proposed by Tracey Wilkin, seconded by Gill Cheesbrough) that the penalty for not sending someone to officiate should increase in severity from a £10 fine and 2 points deducted to a £10 fine and 4 points deducted.

Results of the vote: 10 For, 0 Against, 4 Abstentions. The motion was carried.

8. Changes to the Constitution

Amendment to Point 4. (i) – to remove the positions of President and Vice-President on the Executive Committee

Changes to Competition Rules

Amendment to Section D. 9. (see item 6)

Amendment to Section C. 3. (see item 7)

Amendment to Section H. 1. (see item 7)

9. HVA Junior Development Programme

Following on from the last HVA meeting, Dawn Graceson presented details of the Herts Junior Development Programme for consideration by the committee. The programme consists of gathering several after-schools volleyball clubs together under a centralised umbrella organisation for talented juniors in Herts. Dawn confirmed that she would be prepared to act as the central contact and coach if the programme were to go ahead but would need help financing the initial start-up costs and sourcing instructors from other clubs. She also confirmed that she had use of the Rudolf Steiner School free of charge for the initial training sessions (Sat 12-2pm). Dawn will appoint someone to head up the fundraising side of the programme and any contribution made by the HVA to help with start-up costs would be repaid if an award is won.

It was agreed that Dawn should write a formal plan to circulate amongst the clubs with details of the training schedules and costs. Following this, the HVA would support the programme by helping with the initial start-up costs (with a view to repayment when funding is confirmed by various bodies).

10. Herts National League

- This has been an extremely good year for the Nomads who secured 1st place in Division Three. They are therefore to be promoted to Division Two for the next season.
- Sally announced that she and Eric will be stepping down from the administration/management of the team. Dawn Graceson will be taking over as team manager and Nicola Farmer will be taking over as Treasurer. Sally distributed final accounts for 04-05 and suggested that Change of Signatory forms be completed as soon as possible.
- Dawn confirmed that Nomads training will continue over the summer and that all suitable players are welcome to attend even if they can not commit to registering for next year. The sessions will take place on Sundays at the Watford YMCA (6-9pm). The Thursday sessions at the Francis Bacon School will start from 1st September.

Dates of future meetings

Fixtures Meeting - Wednesday 7th September 2005

1st HVA Meeting – Thursday 24th November 2005

2nd HVA Meeting – Monday 3rd April 2006

AGM – Tuesday 6th June 2006

All at 8pm at the Rudolf Steiner School.

The KO Cup Final will be held on Sun 21st May 2006.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm