**HVA Committee Meeting**

**12th December 2017 RSS**

20:00 – Meeting opened

Attended – Vale, Kings Langley, MK City, Welwyn & Hatfield, Red Eagles, Harriers, RSS, VK Barnet

Apologies – Watford, Leighton Buzzard

Minutes of previous meeting – Agreed

Chair’s Report – No report

Secretary’s Report – Have received minimal correspondence over this quarter, nothing significant to report.

Fixtures Secretary Report – Laure detailed a number of missing score sheets and gave a general update on the Cup competition. Can all clubs ensure that scores are updated asap and any pictures of score sheets capture the whole score sheet, as Laure requires all of the information from the sheet.

Treasurer’s Report – A number of fees remain outstanding; Leighton Buzzard and Watford, please ensure any outstanding fees are forwarded to Marzena asap.

Current balance is £2,777.96 + £300 outstanding fees.

Marzena is going to open a new account with the same provider, but will be an up to date version.

Web Master Report – Duncan would encourage all to add articles and update the web site to keep it current. Several clubs have been asked to prepare articles to send to Duncan too help update areas.

Junior’s Report – Kryz gave a brief update, Junior’s continuing to develop slowly.

Many clubs are starting to develop junior sessions and squads.

Kryz is going to set up a whatsapp group with coaches of Junior squads to help with arranging friendlies.

Will look to arrange a junior tournament February half term (Luton), which may provide the finalists for the Dawn Graceson Memorial Trophy match at the cup finals.

Can all clubs that are running Junior sessions please forward information on to Duncan so that he can update the web site and promote further.

‘Where, when, age group, costs and any other relevant information’

HVA Cup date & format – Cup date agreed, Sunday 20th may at RSS. The plan will be to hold three matches indoors, 2 x Adults & 1 x Junior. We will try to encourage a greater attendance at the event by providing several outdoor nets and possibility of other activities to keep families entertained.

AOB:

London Rule Query / Complaint

Red Eagles raised a complaint regarding the implementation of the London Rule at their match against VK Metz. The match resulted in a 2 all draw, with the 5th set not being started.

A long discussion took place around the complaint and both teams were able to state their case. A vote was then held from the quorum present on; Whether or not the complaint should be upheld, the complaint fell by a unanimous vote.

Clubs are entitled to register a complaint with the HVA committee and are encouraged to do so.

Clarification will be posted on the HVA website regarding using the London rule.

Welwyn Funding bid

Marzena and Russel presented a funding bid for equipment to assist in developing Welwyns Junior sessions, £406. This was supported unanimously. Russel is to write a brief report on their plans for the Junior sessions and the funding provided.

Friendly Matches

Kings Langley would like to arrange friendly matches, Sundays 3 – 7pm for both mixed and ladies for their developmental players. Please contact Duncan if interested.

Venue issues

VK Barnet are still struggling with their venue and are having to take it month by month, please bear with them if they have to change venue / date at short notice.

Conduct

Several discussions took place around conduct. All coaches and referees are reminded to adhere to the HVA Code of conduct.

One of the rules of Volleyball is that all players must know the rules of the game. Captains in particular must understand the rules and control the conduct of their teams.

All referees are encouraged to keep the flow of the game going, but to also not be afraid to use the full range of sanctions available to them including Yellow and Red cards where appropriate.

Meeting closed: 21:45

As agreed at the HVA AGM, held in June 2017. The HVA is fully committed to supporting affiliated clubs and agreed to focus its support on Junior development.

With this in mind, the HVA will continue to hold a funding pot so that clubs can bid for funds to support development activities.

In the past the pot has been used to provide all HVA clubs with score pads, RSS have used funding to upgrade their net and referee stand, Red Eagles have purchased Volleyballs, MK City have purchased junior Volleyballs, Welwyn & Hatfield have purchased a net and recently funding has been approved to purchase equipment to develop and enhance their junior sessions.

If your club wishes to submit a bid to the pot, of up to £500, email any member of the HVA committee in the first instance, outlining your bid.