

Minutes from the VK Barnet Volleyball Club AGM 2019
Saturday 5 October 2019 at 11am
Southgate School, Sussex Way, Cockfosters, Barnet EN4 0BL

Attendance list :

Eric Hill (Acting Chair)	Sean Poole	Jackie Poole
Giulia Massera	Antongiulio La Corte	Maria Bachou
Lucas Ward	Riza Davisen	Vlad Moglan
Alex David	Nicholas Hacque	Maria La Corte
Oliver Underwood		

Proxy Voters :

The following members submitted Proxy Forms to the Chair prior to the meeting, granting Eric Hill permission to vote on their behalf on all issues, as he sees fit :

Tibor Szenimelveisz	Jim Dickin	Paddy Hiew
George Ivanov	Joe Azizollah	Daniel Mermelstein
Claire Crutchley		

1. Apologies

Apologies were received prior to the meeting from the following members :

Angela Cunningham (Chair)	Joe Azizollah (Treasurer)	Corinna Ska
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It was noted that Lisa Hudson (Secretary) had tendered her resignation earlier in the season. Eric Hill took on the position in a caretaker role for the remainder of last season.

2. Agreement of Minutes from the last AGM

The minutes from last year's AGM were accepted unanimously.

3. 2018/19 Team Results

In the HVA leagues, Men's 1 unfortunately had to withdraw from the league due to a lack of players (at the time of withdrawing there were only 1 or 2 senior male players left at the club).

Men's 2 was a development team composed of Southgate Junior players. They completed the league and finished in 4th place, out of 8 teams, a very acceptable result considering the inexperience of the team and many of our juniors got their first real taste of competition!

The Ladies' team suffered in the same way that the Men's 1 team had, namely a lack of senior players. At the time they withdrew from the league there were only 3 senior female players and the team was being held together by the inclusion of several Southgate Junior players.

The club entered teams into the National Junior Championships for the first time ever, with particularly pleasing results.

The U18 boys' team got to the last 16 in their competition, most notably beating Richmond 2 in the first round (the Richmond team, coached by the England Cadet's Head Coach, contained 4 England Cadet players).

The U18 girls' team also reached the last 16 in their competition but on the way, they won through an extra round of games, due to the number of entries.

The U16 girls' team reached the last 32 of their competition after coming up against pre-tournament favourites Boswells 1 & 2 in their opening round.

The U15 girls' team emulated the U18s teams by reaching the last 16 in their competition.

In the London Youth Games, the club once again made up the Enfield and Barnet teams. Barnet boys achieved their best ever result by bringing home the bronze medal in 3rd place whilst the Barnet girls' team unluckily missed out to eventual winners Wandsworth, finishing in 5th place. They were the only team at the competition to take a set off Wandsworth. The Enfield boys' team finished in a creditable 13th place, considering that the team was a developmental one with some of the players competing in their first ever volleyball matches! Unfortunately, due to late withdrawals of players, we were unable to field an Enfield girls' team.

4. Reports

- **Chair – Angela Cunningham**

The acting Chair gave a verbal summary of Angela's report.

The club unfortunately lost the support of the Met. Police volleyball club earlier on in the season as there were very few of their players attending the club any more. Met. Police had been paying for the court hire so this was a substantial loss of income to the club and, with adult attendance at the club in general in such a decline, the club became not viable to run as an adult club. With the junior section thriving, the decision was made to continue the club as a junior club only, with the hope that the adult section may be resurrected in the future.

- **Treasurer – Joe Azizollah**

A brief summary of club accounts from the Treasurer was presented by the acting Chair.

The year had been a difficult one, not just financially. The opening balance for the season was £2,861. Outgoings during the year included :

- Payment of a coach for the club training sessions; - Coach registration fees; -HVA league and cup entry fees; - Hall hire; - Coaching course for junior coach.

Income from club training sessions amounted to just £240 for the whole season.

The closing balance for the season was £2,785. This shows just how important the money received from the Met. Police was in keeping the club afloat and what a great loss it will be for the club going forward.

- **Acting Secretary and Welfare Officer – Eric Hill**

Eric was pleased to report that there had been no incident referrals during the season.

- **Acting Head Coach – Sean Poole**

Aside from the results mentioned above, Sean summarised why the season had been so successful for the junior section.

VK Southgate Juniors has always welcomed junior players of all levels. Year on year, numbers of attendees remains consistent, despite players at the top end leaving and going off to university, we have a steady influx of beginners and intermediate players.

Our sessions provide for everyone from complete beginners to players playing in our HVA League team. In addition to this, players who excel are signposted to higher level clubs to challenge and develop them alongside the training that they are doing with us. As an example of this, we currently have boys playing for Lynx VC in the London League; Girls playing for Herts Ladies VC in National League Division 1; 2 players training with the England Cadet squads; Countless players playing at Universities around England and Wales and 3 former players having been awarded Volleyball Scholarships in the USA.

Sean also explained that because of procedural changes at Volleyball England this season, VK Southgate would only be entering an U18 girls' team in the National Championships. Briefly, ALL junior players in the competitions have to register with VE and pay a £10 registration fee *on top of* costs for each round of the competition. This could result in some of the less experienced players paying £25+ just for a few points of court time and the coaches felt that this would not be right. The club will, however, be arranging more friendly type matches for players at all levels. We have extended our Saturday morning session from 2 to 4 hours to accommodate this.

The acting Chair thanked Sean for all his continued hard work coaching the junior sessions.

Note: Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Head Coach have resigned since the last AGM so reports are not available

5. Changes to the VK Barnet Volleyball Club Constitution

The following changes to the Club Constitution were proposed to realign the club to represent what it is now – a (smaller) junior club.

Regulation 3 (Membership) shall be amended to read as follows:

Membership shall consist of Officers and Members of the Club.

Members shall be Members of the Club who have registered with the Club for the relevant season starting on 01 September by completing a registration form and who pay fees when attending Club volleyball sessions.

All Members will be subject to the Regulations of the Club Constitution and Handbook and by registering with the Club will be deemed to have agreed to comply with these and any other codes of conduct adopted by the Club and notified to the Members
Regulation 5 (Officers of the Club) shall be amended to read as follows: The following Officers of the Club will form the Club Management Committee: Chair Club Secretary and Fixtures Secretary (Club Secretary) Treasurer Welfare Officer Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee. The following Officers of the Club will form the Club Finance Sub Committee: Treasurer Chair Club Secretary Officers will stand down annually at the AGM and new Officers will be elected to replace them. Existing Officers may seek re-appointment at the AGM.
Paragraph 1 of Regulation 6 (Team Officers) shall be amended to read as follows: The Head Coach will elect a team captain for each team within the Club.
Paragraph 3 of Regulation 7 (Management Committee) shall be amended to read as follows: The quorum required for business to be conducted at Management Committee meetings shall be 3 and decisions shall be made by a majority of votes. In the event of deadlock the Chair shall have a casting vote.
Paragraphs 3, 4 & 5 of Regulation 8 (Finance) shall be amended to read as follows: The Finance Sub-committee will be convened by the Treasurer and held at regular intervals no less than 3 times per year. The financial year of the Club will end on 31 st August. A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.
Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of Regulation 9 (Annual General Meeting) shall be amended to read as follows: All Members over the age of 16 shall have the right to vote at the AGM and decisions shall be made by majority vote (including proxy votes and votes of parent/guardian/carer representatives). The quorum for AGMs will be 9 (including proxies and parent/guardian/carer representatives) Members may appoint a proxy by notice in writing (a proxy notice) which: States the name and address of the Member; Identifies the proxy; States the meeting at which the proxy will be exercised; Is signed by the Member; Is delivered to the Club Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting; Either directs the proxy how to vote on specific issues at the meeting or allows the proxy discretion in voting across all issues at the meeting. Members under 16 may be represented by a parent/guardian/carer at AGMs and such representative shall be entitled to vote on the Member's behalf or to appoint a proxy. The Management Committee has the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) outside the AGM. The Management Committee must call an EGM as soon as practical if the Club Secretary receives a written request to call an EGM from at least 20 Members. Procedures for EGMs shall be the same as for AGMs
Paragraph 4, line 3 of Regulation 10 (Discipline and Appeals) shall be amended to read as follows: “a Disciplinary Panel consisting of a minimum of 3 members of the Management Committee”

The changes were voted for *en-bloc* and were accepted unanimously.
Sean to update Club Constitution accordingly.

6. Elections

No additional nominations were received at the AGM for any of the posts.

- **Chair**
Nomination for Chair – Sean Poole
Proposed by Eric Hill, seconded by Lucas Ward.
- **Club Secretary**
Nomination for Club Secretary – Eric Hill
Proposed by Jackie Poole, seconded by Giulia Massera.
- **Treasurer**
Nomination for Treasurer – Jackie Poole
Proposed by Eric Hill, seconded by Maria Bachou.
- **Welfare Officer**
Nomination for Welfare Officer – Jim Dickin
Proposed by Sean Poole, seconded by Maria Bachou.

7. Teams

Teams this season to be entered into the HVA league (1 team in Ladies' Division 1 and 1 team in Men's Division 2) and into the National Junior competitions (Under 18 Ladies only).

8. Fees

The Management Committee propose that there shall be no annual membership fee but that Members will be required to pay:

- £3 for every 1 hour volleyball session they attend;
- £6 for every 2 hour volleyball session they attend;
- Match Fees shall be £6.

All fee proposals were accepted by unanimous vote.

9. Any Other Business

Eric pointed out that match fees are charged for both home and away matches to cover the cost of home matches. With smaller squads at matches, the money collected at just home matches doesn't cover the court hire costs.

Coaching fees – the following coaching fees were voted for and accepted unanimously :

- Head Coach - £20 per hour;
- Senior Assistant - £15 per hour;
- Junior/Assistant - £10 per hour.

Alex asked about players qualifying for team selection.

Eric explained that for HVA matches, selection is based on ability level, level of opposition, availability and attendance at training and it is ultimately the Head Coaches decision. It is the policy of the club to try to provide opportunities for all members to play in matches, hence the proposed additional friendly matches on Saturday mornings, as mentioned in the Acting Head Coaches Report above.

Eric called for a vote of thanks to Angela, Joe and Corinna for all their hard work within the club this year.

Jackie called for a vote of thanks to Eric for all the work he has done as acting club secretary this year.

Meeting closed at 11:50am

Club Secretary

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