

VK Barnet Volleyball Club

AGM Friday 9th July 2010 7:00pm
(minutes updated 29 September 2010, changes in blue)

At Lisa Hudson's parents
12, Hadley Road, Barnet EN5 5HH

Agenda

1. Apologies
Petra, Helen, Mark G, Marlous, Guilia, George, James, Robert, Martin, Ania, Thomas.
2. Minutes of the last meeting - not available. To be reviewed at a date in September 2010.
3. Reports:
Chairperson - Angela thanked Petra and all committee members, coaches, managers, refs and scorers for their contribution to the success of the club this year. She cited that the club was about a collective team effort, not just the individual and that all the work done by members was voluntary and it is a responsibility to support these efforts, rather than focus on criticism. The juniors had represented the club in the London Youth Games, the girls coming 9th and the boys 2nd. Well done to the participants and thanks to Sue, Ales and Petra for their organisation and coaching. Women's team came a most commendable 2nd (thanks to Sue for her coaching) and the Men's second team were unbeaten winners (thanks to Sean for his coaching) and the Men's first team again won the league (thanks to Eloise and Mark Gray). It is apparent that a small number of people do the bulk of the work and organisation. The chair highlighted potential problems with refereeing, coaching and finances for next season.

Treasurer – Joe distributed the balance sheets and reported there was a ~~surplus of £701~~ **deficit of £701**. This surplus was thanks to a £1,600 grant and masked an underlying loss of approximately £600. There is approximately £400 from debtors to go forward to next year's budget. The club needs to purchase equipment, kit, HVA entries and pay for court hire (at an increased cost) – an estimate of £5,500 which should be covered by 30 members paying £180 for the annual fees. A move towards standing order payment of £20/month for 9 months was proposed. It was also proposed that we stop hiring QE in mid May, which is a month before this season, to reduce costs. The club aims to work towards Clubmark accreditation.

Secretary Petra There was a delay in the start of the competition due to the hall not being ready. Matches therefore had to be rescheduled which made the competition season quite dense and a good spread of matches for teams over this season wasn't perfect. This meant as well that not many friendly matches could be organised during the course of the year for non competition member players. Luckily at the end of the competition there was a court available and various other teams were invited to play friendly matches and this was a success. 37 matches were played and 1 was forfeited by the opposite team, of which 18

were home matches. Men 1 and Men 2 champion, the women became second so all in all a good year for VK Barnet.

Junior section – Sue (see chairpersons report for recent successes.) Sue obtained funding from Tottenham, aimed at introducing local kids to the sport. A coach, Nitash, who is paid by Spurs in conjunction with Volleyball England has been running a club locally. Sue is currently trying to promote school development but there is a shortage of coaches. Sue outlined the need for qualified coaches to run extracurricular clubs in Barnet schools. **Diego and Peter** expressed an interest. Paul Westhead is running a Level 1 and 2 coaching course – cost £150. Payment for coaching is approximately £20 /hour. The funding is going to go towards equipment (3 balls already purchased) and court hire for a junior competition. Possibility of using St Michaels Girls School if QE are unable to reduce their cost for court hire. **Angela** offered to write to GLS for reduction in court hire and apply for local grants to promote junior development.

It was agreed that Juniors could attend Wednesday evening adult sessions by invitation only. Sean, as head coach, agreed to assess juniors to determine if they were of a suitable standard. As an alternative, there is the junior training on a Tuesday evening, held at QE 7pm.

4. Elections

		Nominated	Seconded
Chairperson	Angela	Tracey	Sue
Fixtures Secretary	Ales and Eloise	Tracey	Roger
Treasurer	Joe	Eloise	Steve
Club Secretary	Diego	Angelo	Angela
Head Coach	Sean	Peter	Roger
Ladies coach	Steve	Angela	Tracey
Website manager	Martin handing over to Russell		
Men 1 manager	James	Roger	Steve
Men 2 manager	Angelo	Sean	Sue
Ladies manager	Tracey	Eloise	Sue

5. **League and Cup entries.** After lengthy discussion looking at various options, it was voted (11-1) that the men's 2nd team would be promoted to the first division alongside the men's first team. The two teams in Div 1 will have 6 named players each, based on ability and selected by **Sean**, and others are able to play up to a maximum of two times before staying with that team. Ladies are also available to play for the men. The ladies will enter one team in the league.
6. **Refereeing and scoring duties.** The HVA ruling stipulates that M1 refs have to be qualified to level 4 – two possible courses were circulated. One run by Charlie Orton on the 2- 3rd Oct and one by Glynn Archibald 11- 12 Sept 2010 (details attached). The following

players agreed to sign up for the refereeing course: Roger, Russell, Diego, Peter, Lisa, Angelo, Steve, James. It was agreed that all match players must take responsibility for scoring and refereeing and it was suggested that that be part of their agreement to play for the club.

7. Hire of Facilities QE costs £117.08 per week and is booked in blocks of 10 weeks to avoid VAT. Angela to write to GLS for reduction in court hire. Other halls were investigated last season but none offer two courts at a comparable price.
8. Coaching Sean nominated as Head Coach and to liaise with other coaches in the club when he is involved in playing/coaching to take training on the second court.
9. Subscriptions. A new standing order system of £20/month for 9 months (Jan – May) was agreed and voted. We need 30 full paying members to cover expenses. There will also be the option of paying up front as we need to be able to pay GLS in advance. Everyone to pay in full, no student allowances. Juniors to pay £50 for the season. Only individual mitigating circumstances will be considered by appealing to the committee for reduction in fees. Non match players may pay a casual fee of £8/session. It was also agreed that we would charge £2 adult and £1 juniors to play outdoors at Totteridge. Members present to nominate a club player to collect the money on the night and pass to Joe – (Joe does not wish to be responsible for the collection outdoors). This additional income to help with the purchase of new balls for next season.
10. Equipment New posts were bought from Hendon. Thanks to Donald, Petra Sue and Lisa for organising this. The bolts at QE will need to be replaced as the new posts require deeper bolt holes – Sue liaising with Matt at QE to ensure these are ready for the start of the season. Tracey to bill GLS, Lisa to provide headed notepaper. Balls – Sue has already bought 3, Ales also hoping to buy some. Sue has done an inventory at QE and it was agreed that balls need to be numbered and signed out when borrowing or taking along to away matches. Russell to look into acquiring sponsorship for men's kit. It was suggested that if we do purchase new kit, players can have the option of buying their own shirt at £20
11. Match results and goals for next season. M1 and M2 winners, W1 2nd. Promote M2 to div 1 and develop juniors within the borough.
12. Summer Tournaments and Fund raising. It was agreed that we need to fund raise and reintroduce the Totteridge Summer tournament. A group agreed to set up an organising committee to meet within the next fortnight: Sue (I/C), Eloise, Russell, Angela, Diego, Lisa. Sean agreed to run the BBQ and Ales to coordinate the junior section. Donald has offered 10 outdoor nets. The 19th Sept was a possible option at the tennis club. Aim to get flyers out over the summer. Two teams are playing in the mixed tournament at Harriers. *(since the AGM I have remembered the HVA are running an indoor tournament for all Herts clubs at Hatfield sports centre on the 19th Sept – please check with Mick Warnes)* Sean has offered to organise some fund raising in the form of VK hoodies, polo shirts, t shirts – a very positive response was received from those present. He is also offering to organise a Quiz night and

Race night – possible venue Totteridge Tennis club. Sue knows a Thai caterer. Lisa asked Angela to reinstate the car treasure hunt.

13. AOB Nominations for Club Member of the Year: Sean, Sue, Angelo, Tracey, Diego and Petra. The outstanding winner was Petra. The M1 shield is being looked after by James Caterer and the M2 shield by Robert Poole.