

Minutes from the VK Barnet Volleyball Club AGM 2023
Friday 20 October 2023 at 5.30pm
Southgate School, Sussex Way, Cockfosters, Barnet EN4 0BL

Attendance list :

Sean Poole (Chair)	Jackie Poole (Treasurer)	Ellie Chow
Eric Hill (Secretary)	Christy Chang	Peter Todev (Jordan)
Noah Loberman	Caterina Ercolano	Alireza Younespouran
Seb Szyperski	Jensen Lee	Mariola Stasiak (Wictoria)
Chloe Sedzro-Williams		

Proxy Voters :

None

Apologies

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

Gareth Lane (nominated Welfare Officer)

Thomas Flesch

It was noted that the meeting was quorate.

Agreement of Minutes from the last AGM

The minutes from last year's AGM were produced to the meeting and were approved.

Reports

Chair – Sean Poole

Attendances:

Attendances at training sessions for the period September 2022- March 2023 were very consistent week by week and the sessions were operating at full capacity. We did increase the capacities of all sessions at the start of the year to 30 participants and as this seems to have worked successfully, we have been able to keep numbers at the same levels for this season.

Dropouts:

Dropouts were low for the third year in succession which is always a good indicator to the coaches that they're delivering the right sort of sessions. We were able to place several participants from the waiting lists during the season due to participants dropping out for various reasons.

I'm pleased to say that the main reasons for dropouts during the year were either clashes with other activities (unavoidable) or upcoming exams (that should always take priority over volleyball!!).

Half-termly Tournaments:

Last year's decision to run in-session tournaments twice termly rather than just once per term was very well received by all participants so this will continue this season.

Finances:

Club finances continue to be healthy. Many thanks to our Club Treasurer Jackie for keeping a close eye on the books and she will go in to further detail whilst delivering her report shortly.

Communication:

Communications within the club are working well, mainly due to the hard work and diligence of our Club Secretary Eric. Please continue to monitor all Club communications and respond accordingly as delays in responding merely increase Eric's workload unnecessarily, particularly when he has to chase people for payments (for example).

Incidents/Accidents:

I am pleased to report that there were no Safeguarding incidents nor any serious accidents or injuries reported during the season.

VK Satellite Clubs:

VK Juniors Head Coach Sean runs School volleyball sessions at St. Ignatius College in Enfield and here at the club's home venue, Southgate School. Both clubs are thriving with new members joining on a weekly basis. Several participants from these sessions have transitioned across to join the main Club sessions which is excellent news.

Treasurer – Jackie Poole

The Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 August 2023 were produced to the meeting. Jackie took the Members through the statements and explained that the main income was from Members Fees. We charged £3.50 per hour for the volleyball sessions and received a total of £9300.75 for the year ended 31 August 2023

Our main expenditures were school hall hire and coaches fees. We paid school hire costs of £1701. We paid the coaches a total of £6277.50 (Sean is paid £30ph and the assistant coaches Jackie and Eric are paid £15ph). Eric is also paid an additional fee for processing each registration form and his administration fee for the year was £577.50

The coaches are registered with Volleyball England and have to pay an annual registration fee which covers insurance when coaching. We also paid for Sean to do a safeguarding course. This amounted to £98.13 in total.

We also bought some new equipment this year which amounted to £179.02 (including chocolates for end of term tournaments).

We also had to cover bank charges of £5 per month.

This year we made a surplus of £907.60. The Club's aim is to break even each year

On 1 September 2022 we started with a bank balance of £3207.49 and at 31 August 2023 we had a balance of £4121.43. We started the year with cash of £32.50 and ended with £26.16 in cash. It was noted that HSBC classify us as having a charitable bank account as we aim to break even and not make a profit. It was noted that the club needed to retain some cash as we had to pay for school hire each term in advance before we have collected any members fees and to enable us to replace equipment when needed.

Secretary – Eric Hill

The 2022-23 season continued to see high demand for the 72 places across the 3 sessions initially and through the year the number per session increased from 24 to 28. Which helped get more juniors off the waiting list and into the sessions.

Session 1 Yrs7-9 had a slow turn over and only 8 left the session, with total attendance of 37 had been through the session and 6 were still waiting.

Session 2 Yrs10-11 had the higher turn over and 10 left the session, with total attendance of 39 had been through the session and 22 were still waiting.

Session 3 Yrs12-13 had the highest turn over and 16 left the session, with total attendance of 45 had been through the session and 16 were still waiting.

By the end of the year we had 166 juniors registered to join (170 last year). With the new season, some have finally been placed. We have now increased session registrations up to 30 if possible.

Biggest challenge is getting confirmations of places by parents, and payment by the deadline. So each half term there are many chase texts and last minute responses. I would impress on all parents to reply promptly when requested, to ease the need for multiple chases, and overburden the administration process.

The website was also updated each half term with latest session details. I would like to thank Russell Curtis for continuing to host the club website and register the domain name. We are applying GDPR and destroying records of those Members that leave the Club.

Welfare Officer – Gareth Lane

It was reported that there had been no issues during the year.

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 Jensen Lee and voted for unanimously.

Club Secretary

Nomination for Club Secretary – Eric Hill

Proposed by Jackie Poole, seconded by Ali Younespouran and voted for unanimously

Treasurer

Nomination for Treasurer – Jackie Poole

Proposed by Eric Hill, seconded by Chloe Sedzro-Williams and voted for unanimously

Welfare Officer

Nomination for Welfare Officer – Gareth Lane

Proposed by Sean Poole, seconded by Noah Loberman and voted for unanimously.

Fees

The Management Committee again confirm that there shall be no annual membership fee and after reviewing the current finances of the club, confirm that Members will continue to pay £3.50 per hour, namely

£5.25 for every 1 1/2 hour volleyball session they attend;

£7 for every 2 hour volleyball session they attend;

It was noted that we had not increased the fees for 3 years and that this is excellent value compared to the cost of participating in other sports.

All fee proposals were accepted by unanimous vote

8. Coaches Fees

It was reported that the Finance Committee had recommended that coaches fees should be increased to reflect the increase in the cost of living and after benchmarking with other clubs. It was noted that coaches fees had not been increased for 4 years.

It was proposed that the head coach's fees be increased from £30 to £33 per hour and the assistant coaches' fees increased from £15 to £18 per hour with effect from 1 September 2023.

The proposal was accepted by unanimous vote.

9. Any Other Business

Peter Todev asked if it was possible for the members to play matches against other teams. It was explained that the coaches did not have the time or facilities to arrange matches and transport the members to other clubs and that this would require support from parents. Our club's aim is to develop players volleyball skills so that they can then join other clubs to play matches or play for university teams when they leave school.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Chair