

Aylesbury Vale Volleyball Club
Annual General Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held on 1st July 2016

	Agenda Item	Actions/Decisions
1.	Opening of AGM	
2.	Members Present	Steve Smith, Stefania Cuccotti, Kevin Pistak, Lisa Furness, Patricia Guest, Kasim Abddandash, Manola Martinelli
3.	Apologies for Absence	Trevor Dean, Marta Kolodzei, Phillip Mould, Tim Fountain, Bruce Archibald, Nadia Castro
4.	Approval of minutes from 2015 AGM	Kevin proposes that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. Pat seconded. All in favour.
5.	Matters arising	Stef to ask Phill for the HVA Code of Conduct. Steve to remind SMS about the balls in the ceiling. Steve to also ask whether they would be willing to fund a new net and also what can be done about the black logo/sticker on the floor. Proposal for team shirts for 2016/2017 season is that these are collected at the end of each match. Pat to do an inventory of what each member has taken home. Condition of membership is that everybody takes responsibility for whoever they bring along to training session (eg kids, spectators, etc).
6.	Chair Report	Attached as appendix
7.	Treasurer Report	Attached as appendix We might have to increase match fees to cover the fact that we are hiring the hall for 2.5 hours per match or revert to hiring for just 4 hours for 2 matches. Kevin to find out what needs to be done in order to remove old signatories and add new ones for the bank account (these would need to be members of the committee).
8.	Update/news from HVA AGM	Email from Phill attached as appendix
9.	Election of Committee Members	No new volunteers stepped forward ahead of the meeting. Steve is happy to continue as Chair and agreement was made that Steve would also remain as our Safeguarding Officer. Stef is happy to continue as Secretary. Kevin is happy to continue as Treasurer. Tim is happy to continue as Men's Team Coordinator. Pat would like to stand down as Ladies Team Coordinator. Lisa is happy to stand. Everybody in favour. Mano will continue as Website Coordinator. Fran would like to stand down as Social/Events Secretary. Kasim is happy to stand. Everybody in favour Pat will become Player Liaison Officer. Responsibilities of Team Coordinators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out reminders for matches and identify who is/is not available. • Ensure you have a team for each match and confirm match with fixtures secretary of the opposing club. • Make sure you have balls and medical kit for each match. • Complete the officiating rota for your team. • Collect match fees at each match. • Collect shirts at each match – members to take it in turns to wash them.
10.	Fee Structure Review	Agreement was reached that we would offer 3 membership/payment options this year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 180 in one instalment – this is the most cost

		<p>effective option</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. £200 payable in 2 instalments, one in September and one in January 3. £22 per month in 10 instalments. <p>Students can request a fee reduction and will be entitled to half price membership and £4 per session PAYG. PAYG remains at £25 membership and £7 PAYG. Everybody who comes to training will need to pay the membership fee so we are covered for insurance purposes. New members are entitled to a free session and then 2 sessions at £7 before deciding whether to join the club. Match fees – agreed that we will be collecting £48 per match for the next season. Stef to find out how long before a match we can cancel the hall and get a credit.</p>
4.	Team Entries for 2016/2017 Season	We will again enter a Vixens and a Pirates team into the HVA league.
5.	Training	<p>Sessions will continue to run as last season:</p> <p>7pm to 7:55 – free play Warm up/stretch at 7:55 ready for drills to start at 8pm. 8pm til 9pm – drills 9pm til 9:30pm – game play 9:30pm til 10pm – squad only play</p>
6.	AOB	<p>Stef to send email asking if anybody is interested in doing a coaching course.</p> <p>Consider doing a Go Spike Event next May in order to increase interest in the club. Stef to ask whether it's ok to hold an event not on a bank holiday weekend.</p> <p>Stef to check what age VE considers juniors and when we would have to have a safeguarding officer who has attended the face to face course rather than just online certification.</p> <p>The question was raised as to whether we would consider accepting junior players. Steve proposed we do not accept junior members (age dependent on what age VE says you need to attend safeguarding course). This is due to the fact that we do not have a big enough club to be able to accommodate so many different levels and abilities. Stef and Mano second. All in favour.</p>

Date of Next Committee Meeting: Not yet decided.

Chair Report

Aylesbury Vale Volleyball Club Chairman's Report

It has been an enjoyable year being chairman of this very special club. The AVVC committee has made a special effort this year to be active and unified in taking the club forwards. Whilst we may not have achieved all our goals, as a committee I feel we have established a solid base of trust, teamwork and improved levels of communication to enable the club to continue strongly into the 2016/17 season.

Hertfordshire League

The competitive club teams had differing success this season in the Herts league. The men's team (Pirates) struggled for players at times and came 8th (last) in league 2. The ladies' team (Vixens) fared better and finished mid-table in 4th position. Both teams were knocked out in the cup by the eventual winners; the men by MK city in the quarter finals and the ladies by Harriers in the semi finals.

Committee work

This year the committee has been frequently active via e-mail discussion on issues regarding coaching and policy decisions for the club.

Thank you to Manola for setting up an excellent new website www.aylesburyvolleyball.co.uk and I urge all members to go to the site and provide feedback and content for the site to make it even better.

We appreciate Patricia and Tim for being team coordinators – this is usually a thankless task, but we do appreciate your efforts, without which we could not play the competitive matches.

Kevin has been carefully overseeing the finances and was able to release some funds to purchase some new training and match balls to upgrade our equipment.

Lisa has been player liaison officer this season. It is a role that is very important to the club so that members feel they have someone to go to and raise issues in confidence if they wish. The whole committee is approachable but sometimes people prefer one person to approach. Thank you to Lisa for taking on this important role, and as the club moves forward we hope this position will develop and become more active.

Francesca took on the role of social representative, but life took a different direction for her this season. On behalf of the committee, I wish her the best of luck for her imminent child birth and I am sure she will have many amazing and joyful times to look forward to.

Finally, the person who is really holding this club together is Stefania. She is an amazing secretary and keeps tight control on all aspects of the organization of this club. Her responsibilities include fixtures, hall bookings, match arrangements, Volleyball England communication, HVA communication and general organization of all matters with the committee and the club as a whole. Without her efficient communication and industrious approach, the club would not be functioning today. Thank you, Stef, so much for everything you do (and please keep doing it).

Coaching

We have been fortunate enough to have Trevor coach for us at most of our training sessions this season. He is not paid for coaching and gives his time willingly to help improve the level of play within the club. We really appreciate this, and I call on all members to give Trevor your attention, support and full effort and commitment during the training sessions in the 2016-17 season.

AIMS FOR 2016-17 SEASON

Many of the aims and objectives for the subsequent season will be discussed and set at the AGM. However, there are a number of issues that should be considered (by myself as chairman if I get re-elected or to my successor):

- Re-write the constitution that was last edited in 2007.
- Motivate and improve the commitment of members to play in the competitive teams – we want to have people fighting for team places and not struggling to get people to play.
- Increase member numbers through advertising, promotion of the club and offering well-organised training sessions.
- Review the training sessions to ensure we are catering for members as best we can.

Thank you to everyone who continues to be a member of this club; without your support we cannot exist and I look forward to an exciting and fruitful 2016-17 season.

Steve Smith
AVVC Chairman

Treasurer Report

Aylesbury Vale Volleyball Club 2015-2016 Treasures Report

Expenses	England Volleyball Assoc. Fees	£89.50
	HVA Fees (not cleared)	£55.00
	SMS Training	£1999.20
	SMS Matches	£2181.60
	Ladies Cup Match	£52.50
	Volleyballs	£806.88
	Website Development	£390.00
	Winch Handle	£24.06
	Padlock	£8.99
		£5607.73
Assets	#1 Account (as of 25/05/16)	£6688.45
	#2 Account (as of 09/05/16)	£154.42
	Deposit (20/06/16)	£270.00
	Deposit (30/06/16)	£347.00
	Float	£79.25
	Ladies Match fees outstanding	£39.30
	Men's Match Fees outstanding	£????
		£7539.12

Membership numbers for 2015-2016	Full membership	20
	Special consideration	8

These numbers are based on registration however some of the "Full" members did not pay fees in each half of the season as a result of discontinuing participation.

Cash Flow projection – if we were to have equal numbers next season at the same rate we should generate (Full £200 x 20 = £4000.00) + (Special £25 x 8 = 200 + £7.00/session attended) = 4200.00 + session fees/drop-ins.

Report from HVA AGM

Email from Phill Mould, HVA Secretary.

I haven't received the minutes from the HVA AGM yet but:

Possibly a mixed league next season, will depend on interest.

EVA have tightened up on safeguarding, I think you said you were aware of this. But does make junior sessions a bit harder unless somebody has done the EVA course.

EVA looking to run officiating courses regionally to support clubs.

Looking to reconfigure how the divisions work, specifically the way div 1 is officiated and enforcing top 2 up and bottom 2 down.

I expressed Vale's view regarding the shortening of set lengths, to assist clubs (VK Barnet) who struggle to complete matches in their court time. But the general consensus was that we should assist. Maybe starting sets at 4 points each when at their venue. I feel their pain.

That was about it.