



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7 June 2022 8pm - 9.30pm

Attendees

Adam Dybowski	Ethan Herr	mary grace taylor
Adam Wrattng	Finley Bhatti	Mary Lean
Agata Norris	Georgia Starr	Michael Stone
Alex Ford	Harley Tilley	Mickey Earle
Alfie McGinn	Harry Loveland	niamh hardy
Alfie Redmond	Harry Simons	Nic Taylor
Alice Marshall	Hayden Salvage	Nino Rosa
Ana luiza Caplin	Heidi Sheridan	Noor Ahmed
Archie Potter	Iain Taylor	Oliver Beuille
Benson Siyawareva	Isaac Burgess	Oskar Riches
Billy Redman	Ivor Barlow	Rania Khallouqi
Brihanna Nichol	Jack Lee-Francis	Reece Wenham-Pullen
Caitlin Brown	Jacob Jones	Reuben Knight
Callum Chandler	James Bothwell	Richard Jennings
CAM Cooke	Jo Ford	Robyn Wisdom
Cecilia Bonomi	John Battung	Sasha de Witt
Celine Barroche	Josh Kennard	Sidney Dooley
Charlie Nadland	Joshua Barbary	Stuart Bulley
Charlotte Jordan	Juliette Raymond	Sunny Pryer
Charlotte Lake	Kasper Riches	Takuma Yarwood
Christian Frassinetti	Kai Nicholson	Tanya Riches
Claire Bond	Katerina Gkoufa	Theo Hicks
Clio-belle Lewis	Katie Nicholson	Theresa Farley
Cristina Flockton	Kodi Peters	Thomas Stringer
Damien Clark	Krisztian Takacs	Tija Paulauskaite
Dan Wright	Lewis Bunton	Tim Eady
Daniel Daly	Liam Kelleher	Tim Meech
Daniel Oliveros	Luca McCarthy	Tom Collins

Daniel Wadeson	Luis Venezuela	Vengie Sia
Darin Perry	Luka Mechergui	Veronika Barnes
David Annis Randall	Magali Burlet	Victoria Romanova
Dominic Riches	Mark Byerley	Viktoria Takacs
Elizabeth Hosford	Marta Ciszewska	Zachary Blake



Agenda

1. Approval of last minutes
2. Chair's address
3. Election of officers
4. Votes
5. Awards

Minutes

Approval of last minutes

The minutes from the AGM dated 1 September 2021 were approved unanimously.



Chair's address

Season Summary

We have more members than we have ever had, whilst this has challenges, it should be celebrated. We have around 100 junior members and 80 adult members currently registered on Spond.

Worthing Volleyball club managed to win both the women's league and men's division 1 this year which is a brilliant achievement.

Congratulations to:

- Angels who won the women's league and went on to win SEVA, the regional winners competition involving the top clubs from around the South East region.
- Demons who had some really close games this year, finishing mid-table and will be looking to get above Eastbourne next year.
- Devils who had a really tough start but their improvement over the season was incredible. I was lucky enough to coach a few of their matches this year and know they will be challenging for victories next season.
- Vipers who won the league without losing a match.
- Sharks who finished 3rd in division 1, their highest ever finish.
- Cubs, who finished 2nd in division 2 and will be looking to go one better next year.
- Jets, who finished 4th as a brand-new team, having to learn to play together from scratch and developing well as the season progressed.

National League

It was brilliant to have 3 teams enter the national cup for the first time. We demonstrated that we are ready to compete at that standard and with some better preparation next year we should look to progress even further in the competition. Whilst the committee do not feel we currently have the infrastructure to compete in the national league, entering the National Cups is an opportunity for us to have a taste of this level.

Juniors



Our juniors have excelled beyond our wildest expectations this year. Junior training has more participants than ever. Many of our juniors made the SEVA squads this year and we have two Worthing players, Heidi Sheridan and Adam Wratting, representing England.

Our u18 boys played in the national tier 1 competition, playing and matching clubs who have been entering junior competitions for years, and made the last 8 at the National Volleyball Centre.

Our other junior teams all entered in tier 2 Grand Prix. Our u18 women and u15 girls (who had enough players to enter several teams) showed real determination and talent winning games in all their Grand Prixes and challenging for overall wins.

Our u16 boys won their first matches in competition and our u15 boys entered several teams at each Grand Prix, with a Worthing team winning each event. We have also entered tournaments at Hampshire and Brighton, doing well in each. We now have also started our academy, a first for the club.

I would like to stop at this point and thank all our junior coaches:

Dominic, Charlotte, Kasper, Oskar, Sophie, Robyn, Zach and Mark for their incredible efforts, not just in giving up their time but also their patience, taxi services and commitment to offering coaching and competition for juniors. For those who played volleyball as a junior, you know how difficult and rare this can be.

If anybody is able and willing to help with these sessions please let one of the committee know.

Club administration and organisation

As a club we hosted both a referee's course and coaching course for the first time. It is fabulous to see more people getting involved in the coaching and refereeing and if any of you would like to get involved in the coaching, please speak to one of the committee.

A reminder for adult players: When we play home matches, the expectation is that home players help officiate either the preceding or following match. This can be scoring, line judging, first or second referee. This seems often to be left to the same people or some teams not being able to provide enough officials, this isn't good enough. Thankfully this year our juniors have really stepped up with loads of them coming down to officiate even when they don't have matches on. If you need to learn how to score or officiate so that you can contribute, please speak to one of the committee.



This has been the first season of our new kit from Broadwater sports. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at training and even social games representing the club so well. There will be a coat and a beach vest added shortly. The webshop can be found here: <http://broadwatersports.co.uk/product-category/club-shops/worthingvolleyballclub> ideal for birthdays and Christmas!!!.

Finally, Spond! Please make sure you are responding to your invites as soon as possible. It is possible to change to accepted or declined if your situation changes at short notice! It makes our job a lot easier in planning events and training. Also, it would be great if all our junior members could make sure that both you and a parent / guardian is registered on Spond, this helps ensure there's no surprises such as lack of transport!

Acknowledgments

The committee would like to acknowledge the following contributions that have helped make our season so successful:

- **Chiropractic First Hove** generously purchased our Junior Kits. 2 sets of twenty shirts that the club could never have afforded itself and that have really contributed to our juniors feeling part of a team.
- **Rainbow International** for sponsoring our awards tonight (specifically the amazing personalised water bottles).
- The anonymous sponsor who has funded our 35 pizzas this evening. Again, something the club would struggle to afford on its own but has made it a great evening.

Finances

The club is in a very stable position financially. At the time of this meeting, there is just over £6000 in the bank account, plus a small amount in another account which was left to us by the Lay family in memory of Andy. This money was used to fund our new junior nets in the hall and is reserved for special purchases needed to safeguard the future of the club

It is important that everyone keeps up with their monthly payments. This is a reminder that the club subscription is 12 **monthly payments**, even if you decide not to play for a month or two, or on the sand during the summer. We are still the cheapest club in Sussex. If there are any further questions arising Richard can be contacted via Spond message.

Election of committee members

The chair thanked the committee for all their support in running the club over the last year:



- Team secretaries for organising teams, managing fixtures and writing match reports.
- Dominic for organising the membership and various events for the juniors.
- Sophie for her work on social media and supporting the juniors.
- Robyn for everything she does as our welfare officer, as well as her coaching.
- Richard, the ever-consistent hand on our finances.
- Agata was thanked for her stint as social secretary and brilliant Christmas do. She will be stepping down this AGM.
- Dan who is finally stepping away from the committee as our SVA liaison.

Current committee:

Chairman	Mickey Earle	<i>Standing unopposed</i>
Treasurer	Richard Jennings	<i>Standing unopposed</i>
Head Coach	Mark Byerley	<i>Standing unopposed</i>
Secretary	Dominic Riches	<i>Standing unopposed</i>
Safeguarding Officer (New title)	Robyn Wisdom	<i>Standing unopposed</i>
Social Media Secretary	Sophie Downham	<i>Standing unopposed</i>
Social Secretary	VACANT	Charlie Nadland was nominated by Agata, seconded by Mickey and elected unopposed.
SVA Liaison	VACANT	Robyn Wisdom nominated by Dan Wright, seconded by Dominic and elected unopposed
Team Secretaries		These will be assigned once we have sorted out teams for the new season.

Votes

1. Adoption of new constitution: The draft constitution was circulated with the invites and agenda. **There were no questions, and it was adopted unanimously.**
2. Authorisation of payment for coaching: As the club has grown over the last 18 months the demands on our head coach Mark's time has increased. The executive committee calculated that, each week, he was providing coaching for 6 hours on Sunday, 4 on Tuesday, 3 on Friday plus planning time and the tournaments and matches he takes groups to. We were aware that he has turned down paid coaching work so that he can spend more time working with the club's players. Consequently, the committee decided to start paying Mark a small monthly retainer to support him

in the work he is doing for the club. We are currently in a position to afford this, and Mark understands that were this to change, his payments would stop. **There were no questions, and it was adopted unanimously.**

3. Increase of junior subscriptions: As part of the new constitution the increase in junior subscriptions (from £5 per month to £7.50 per month) is required to be ratified at this AGM. There were no complaints from junior members or their families at the time. **There were no questions, and it was adopted unanimously.**

Awards

Player's Most Valuable Player (Voted for by the players on each team)



Vipers - Cameron Cooke



Sharks - Oskar Riches



Jets - Takuma Yarwood



Cubs - Jack Lee-Francis



Angels - Theresa Farley



Demons - Heidi Sheridan

Devils - Lucia Wylie



Tigers - Alex Ford



Warriors - Sidney Dooley



Dragons - Luis Venezuela



Lions - Charlotte Jordan



Panthers - Adam Wrattin

Coaches' Awards



Women's - Jo Ford



Men's - Tom Collins



Juniors - Luca McCarthy

Juniors - Tom Stringer



Juniors - Niamh Hardy



Juniors - Tija Paulauskaite

Club award (to recognise contributions towards the running and community spirit of the club)



Zach Blake



Michael Stone

Additional Awards



The calmest, coolest player on court: Darin Perry



Most enthusiastic 'Loves a cheer' award: Charlie 'Eggy eggy eggy' Nadland.



The sick note award: Juliette Raymond

Meanest Parents in the club: Kasper Riches forced to attend the AGM on his birthday.

Most consistent jump serve: Raj Belen

Speedy Gonzales award: Ethan Herr

Award for most flexible use of time as a concept: Tara, JoJo, Katarzyna, award not given due to low turnout out of nominees.