

COAVER VOLLEYBALL CLUB AGM

Minutes of meeting dated 14th April 2026

Present: Martin Oram (Chair), Nick Maye, Shaun Carter, Nikki Batho, Phil Batho, Gary Bidder, Neil Burnett, Jacqui Dart, Mark Fairchild, Tim Goode, Katalin Fulop

Apologies: Alexis Saffin, Dave Rolls

Chairman opened meeting 12.30

1. Minutes of previous meeting (9 April 2025) No matters arising.

2. Chairman's report

A good summer with 41 teams competing in the Evening League (38 in 2024). Started the season early and only missed one evening due to bad weather (Rich).

Tournament winners were Coaver Cabanna, who beat Pip n' mix in a hard-fought final. Afghan United were third and Lubbly Jubbly fourth. Trophies were distributed on the day.

The D2 Cup winners were Practice safe sets, Miss hits were runners up, The 3 ninjas third and Paw Patrol fourth.

The D3 winners were Wellbeing Wolverines, Volley Dollies were runners up.

The end of season BBQ was well attended.

League tables are attached with Lubbly Jubbly taking the D1 title, edging out Afghan United by one point. Practice Safe Sets won D2 and Wellbeing Wolverines won D3. Trophies will be presented at the start of the new season.

Special thanks to both the league organisers, coaver staff and to team organisers for ensuring another successful & enjoyable season.

3. Sports Team award

Sports Team of the year – an award to reflect the team that have contributed most to volleyball, sportsmanship, fair play, encouraged others, played in the right spirit and contributed well in an organisational sense. Alternatively, individuals who have made a major contribution.

Following a vote, it was agreed that this year's award would be a joint award to Volley Dollies & Nate Smith (Tangerine Dreams). Trophies to be awarded at the start of the new season.

4. Financial Statement

We have a healthy bank balance of £3,452, an increase of £641. In the main this is because trophy stocks were utilised, reducing our outlay in 2025. In addition, we received £225 from the Junior organisers in lieu of a share of funds collected from participants in recent years.

Bank Fees are now charged at £3 per month.

The annual BBQ accounts for the majority of costs incurred, alongside website registration fees.

It was agreed that the £50 collected in fines be donated to the Coaver Club charity.

5. Election of officials

The Committee and Chairman were elected as follows;

Martin Oram (Chairman), Leroy Venn & Mark Fairchild are Authorised Signatories. Other Committee Members: Rich Merrifield, Shaun Carter, Gary Bidder, Nick Maye. Committee members play a role in the organisation of the league and league events.

It was agreed that we would seek additional league organisers – any offers greatly appreciated!

6. **2026 League Structure & Fees**

Playing structure – to remain as per 2025. We will re-iterate that Division 1 players cannot play down. Rules will be circulated to each team. Division 2 and 3 will run separately to enable play up from one to the other. Junior teams must have an adult presence for safeguarding purposes.

Season start Date – proposed warm-up session on Thursday 14 May and league matches to commence on Thursday 21 May. End of season – Thursday 3 September, including free BBQ.

Catering – will be available as in 2026 (organised by Kelly)

Entry Fees - £25 per team for the season (an increase of £5 to fund better quality balls & pumps)

Entry will be on a first come first served basis, with a waiting list for late entrants in case of withdrawals. Updates will be posted on a regular basis.

Start times – timed matches as in 2025

Kit checks – Nick Maye / Shaun Carter, to be assisted by Nikki, Phil and Jacqui if available.
Permanent markers to be used for kit.

Tournament date – only two available dates this year, the preferred date is Saturday 18th July (to be confirmed with Kelly Browning), to avoid clashes with Whitfield and Exmouth Beach. The Club will open from 12 – 9pm, with catering to be arranged by Kelly.

Communications – Chairman to initiate via facebook group and Coavervolley.com. Entries will open later today.

Junior sessions are to continue (Rachel).

Important messages:

Fines to be implemented for teams failing to abide by net rota (including 3 players min) and failure to give 24 hours notice when unable to play.

Reminder to all teams that music is not to be broadcast and teams found to bring their own alcohol will be removed from the league forthwith.

All teams must help to ensure the site is clear of litter and teams / players must be respectful to each other at all times.

7. **Constitution**

No changes proposed.

8. **Any Other Business**

None

Meeting closed 13.10

Martin Oram
14 April 2026

Circulation - All present and website