

Present: Jon Clarke, Damian Elcock (Harriers), Ursula Lowe (CVC), Hamid Sanami (St. Philips), Martin Weber (C.U.), Laure Coulomb and Alex Gontarczyk (Rhinos)

Apologies: Ben Child and Paul Day (Newmarket), Dougie Burgess (Spalding VC) Cornelius Roemer (C.U.)

1. Introductions and Welcome to the Red Lion Pub (upstairs room), Barton Road, Cambridge 20.15 start

Minutes of AGM 9.9.2013 were available and approved.

2. Officers' reports

a) CHAIRMAN (J.C.)

The CVA has run as a skeleton operation organising fixtures for the last seven years. There is not enough manpower to accommodate any junior development and coaching courses. CVA reports to the Eastern Volleyball Federation (EVF), who then reports to Volleyball England (V.E.)

The CVA has put some funds into subsidising a coaching course CVA in Suffolk, Frances Balaam (CVC) and Roberto Zanchi (Rhinos) attended. They also subsidised a one day, level 4 coaching course in Spalding offering 50% sponsorship as an incentive.

There is a move by V.E. to push personal registration. It will allow them to find out who is playing at grass roots level. The motion to charge £10 per player was not carried at the Emergency General Meeting (EGM). There will be a normal motion at the next Annual General meeting. V.E has had funding reduced post 2012 Olympics and need to generate some income. The V.E. website has details of benefits,

Most matches were finished by the end of the season. JC and DE collected the results, checked them and the website. The Spring Cup and Shield were completed. The Walton Shield went smoothly as well.

Women's league - three teams (CVC, Rhinos and UCCW) played a triangular and attended the EVF days at Sportspark , UEA , Norwich. UCCW will be playing BUCS this season with regular matches on Wednesdays.

Local league did not run for a third consecutive year.

b) FIXTURES (J.C.)

Thank you once again to John Chambers from Spalding for the work he has done in setting up the league website. <http://www.cambsvolleyball.org.uk/>

Website reporting seemed to be better. Results /photo of score sheet were emailed to J.C. The website was then updated. There were 55 matches and 5 un-played matches. A few of the matches were rearranged - important to notify the referees too.

3. Financial report and accounts (B.C. presented by J.C.)

Copies of the accounts were explained and circulated to those present. The accounts were voted for and accepted.

Income: £290.00 Expenditure: £775.41 Deficit £485.41*

*this included the 12/13 cup final

End of season true balance: £3709.39

Any fines agreed at the AGM will show in next year's accounts.

Coaching was sponsored this year. Some Level 4 refereeing will be sponsored next season.

4. League and Match reports / results (JC)

Fixtures generally run October to March with April being a free month left for catch-up. There were some fines during the season BC will notify those teams about the sum to be taken from the good will deposit.

- League - Winners Newmarket + Runners up - Spalding
- Walton Shield - Winners Harriers + Runners up Newmarket
- Cup- Winners Harriers + Runners up Bloc Party
- Plate Winners Spalding 2 + Runners up CVC

County Men: 8 teams currently (CVC, Harriers, Newmarket, Rhinos, Spalding, St. Philips, Werrington, C.U. will rejoin the league.) Bloc Party have not reconfirmed interest yet.

JC will email fixtures to teams in at the end of the month (likely to be 14 league matches home and away). A rule book and score sheet will also be sent out.

Need to be stricter on referees and filling out the CVA one page A4 score sheet. Home team should report the result. There were 3 missing score sheets (2 point fine).

Hiring the Perse School Sports Hall to host the Cup, Shield and Plate finals cost around £400 this season. To increase team attendance at these events there was a proposal to include the fee in the league registration for 2015-16.

Proposal by J.C. / seconded D.E. 'to increase the league entry fee to £40 per team for 2015-16 to include entry to the Cup, Shield and Plate competitions' Motion carried unanimously

Proposal by J.C. / seconded D.E. 'to fine the home team three league points where a score sheet is not provided' Motion carried unanimously

5. Deposit and Outstanding Fines (BC - presented by JC)

The rules for fines have been put into the league rules for lack of referees or cancelling matches at short notice. Fines are listed on the website. (Harriers £40, Werrington £10 and Rhinos £10). This will be taken from the good will deposit. BC will write to teams who need to top up their deposit.

6. League officiating

It is important for the referees to have some knowledge of volleyball to keep the match flowing and reduce the need for disputes. To improve the standard of refereeing it is proposed that every club has two qualified referees per club.

<http://www.volleyballengland.org/getintovolleyball/refereeing/indoor#> Spalding VC have organised a course for 4.10.14 and CVC hope to host a course in Jan. 2015. University students can also take the BUCS referee course which is less expensive.

Proposal by J.C. / seconded D.E. 'every club in the league is required to have at least two qualified level 4 or above referees by the start date of the league'

Motion FOR: 5 AGAINST: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

One vote per team allowed, teams not represented at the meeting will have an email vote.

7. Committee elections

Chair and Treasurer intend to step down and will remain in post to keep the CVA going.

The CVA can co-opt more members to volunteer to take up positions on the committee if interest is registered.

Proposal by J.C. / seconded D.E. 'to allow Paul Day to shadow the committee this year with a view to taking on an active role next season' **Motion carried unanimously**

Post	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Chair	J.C.	J.C.	J.C.	Jon Clarke	J.C. stepping down (will carry on this for this season only)
Treasurer	B.C.	B.C.	B.C.	Ben Child	B.C. stepping down (will carry on this for this season only)
Secretary	U.L.	U.L.	U.L.	U.L.	Ursula Lowe
Fixtures secretary	D.E.	D.E.	D.E.	D.E.	Damian Elcock
Junior development Officer *	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

*school sessions tend to be around 3pm when adults are at work

AOB

- a) First league match is 11/10/14 CVC (Home) vs St. Philips
- b) Women's Teams from Rhinos and CVC will have a friendly match (best of 5 sets) dates t.b.c.

The meeting closed at 22.20