

Present: Jon Clarke, Petra Schwalie (Uni Blues), Ben Child (Newmarket), Ursula Lowe (CVC), Damian Elcock, Manuela Whittaker and Silvia Janurova (Harriers), Simon Holroyd and Bronwyn MacInnis (Bloc Party)

Apologies: Steve Flowers (Stocken), Massimo Lai (CVC), Bruno Falconi (UCCM)

1. Introductions and welcome Maypole Pub, Cambridge 19.50 start

Minutes of EGM 18.8.2010 were available and approved.

2. Officers' reports

a) CHAIRMAN (J.C.)

Gave an overview of the role of the CVA:

- To provide fixtures for clubs in the local area
- Knock out competitions
- Single day tournament (local, women, mens (mixed))
- Should provide training for all aspects of volleyball
- To develop junior volleyball (though proving difficult - Peterborough have tried to get some started. Tendring is a national hotspot)

Over the last four years, the CVA has run as a skeleton operation organising fixtures. There is no perceived need from clubs for reffing or coaching. It has been quite a difficult year for fixtures - and less time available to chase up. It is recognised an administratively heavy league can curb enthusiasm.

County Men 10 teams in conference - 13 matches (playing some teams 2x and other teams 1x reducing travel).

- Lots of matches were rearranged and became difficult to manage
- 9 walkovers (Spalding 3, Students, St Pips)
- 65 matches and 18 missing score sheets (St Pips, CVC2)
- MVP - teams had to be chased for their nominations
- The referee should check for MVPs before signing the score sheet

Women's league, four teams. Each team played home and away fixtures - 6 matches. There was also a cup competition for 4s. Relatively few problems.

Local league plays on a Friday evening. The collector of results was in Australia this year. Now down to three teams.

Spring Cup - good final, organised by Damian at Voyager's School

Walton Shield - was well supported

b) FIXTURES (D.E.)

John Chambers (Spalding) had previously organised a website for the league www.cambsvolleyball.org.uk which seemed not to be up to date from halfway through the season. The results are all on there but the website is only as good as the information received. The score sheets and referees need to be accurate. Again all clubs will be asked to update their details - as some seem to be out of date within a month.

Might be worth introducing fines for:

- non-submission of score sheets
- yellow cards
- red cards
- not having 6 players
- not having the required referees.

3. Financial report and accounts (B.C.)

Copies of the accounts were explained and circulated to those present. The account was transferred from a Building Society to Lloyds.

Income: £1315.00

Expenditure: £1178.85

Profit £136.15

Lloyds TSB Balance £3450.45

End of season true balance: £3038.45

B.C. also endorses a deposit system - to avoid chasing. Can offer 'help' to other clubs to promote youth volleyball.

4. League Structures 2011-12

Womens: Uni Blues to withdraw - competition not strong enough and will play more EVF. There is the possibility that ARU may want to play. Harriers ladies may also have a team but would prefer to play high level mixed than low level women's. Run on a home and away basis. Consider triangular matches if teams are coming from further afield e.g. Lakenheath (Elaine). Northampton League also reduced. Maybe a day tournament (shared costs) could be considered in October when the universities are back so the 'levels of ability' can be checked before committing.

Local: Leys school report there is not enough competition for their age group. If there are only 2-3 teams it could be the end of the local league, which has been running for 20 years. If the booking is lost, it will be difficult to get it back due to great demand. Bloc Party came through this route. The local league players from Peterborough do not drive and cannot sign up.

County Men: 10 teams currently (Bloc, CVC, Harriers, (Nations), Newmarket, Rhinos, Spalding, Stocken, St. Philips, UCCM, Werrington)

D.E. suggested each team plays each other Oct.-Jan. then top 5 and bottom 6 play off in a cup. If Nations don't join, then continue with the conference system - about 13 matches per men's team.

5. Deposit and Fines proposal

a) deposit and fee for county men

£100 deposit was suggested for last minute cancellation and rearrangement (home club has the say). Where team loses money (48 hours cancellation needed). Any fines agreed for the season. Deposit minus fines will be paid back at the end of the season

Proposal 1 ST D.E. 2 ND .B.C.	For	Against	Abstain	Carried
" £100 deposit for County Mens teams"	8	0	0	✓

b) Proposal for fines

Home team to provide line judges and scorer

Officials - 2 referees needed.

Home score sheets 2/3 penalty league points (The score sheet is the most important for recoding MVPs and agreeing the score).

Proposal 1 ST D.E. 2 ND .B.C.	For	Against	Abstain	Carried
" £10 one referee and £20 two referees"	8	0	0	✓

c) Referees fees - it was noted that Harriers pay 40p a mile to referees.

Proposal 1 ST D.E. 2 ND .B.C.	For	Against	Abstain	Carried
" Referees will no longer be paid for referee duties as over the season costs will be averaged out per team"	8	0	0	✓

In the 2013-14 season, 1 referee will have to be qualified. Training will be offered 2011-12 and 2012-13. Approximate costs are £800 for 2 days. A minimum of 12 people would need to pay £75 each.

All clubs have an obligation to send competent people to referee matches. UCCM have been problematic with referees- high turnover of students and beginners don't know the rules and can't apply them.

d) Keep £1000 in bank as a buffer, leaving £2000 to use

- a. Encourage clubs to apply for funding to CVA (not for new balls but for development)
- b. Youth development through clubs rather than the CVA
- c. Put on coaching and referees courses - would be well supported by clubs
- d. Potential subsidy from EVF
- e. Pay for 2 members and 3rd goes free (Harriers would like to have 3 qualified people)

Proposal	For	Against	Abstain	Carried
'that CVA make 2K of 3K available for clubs to apply for funding for certain payments (decided on by committee - refereeing/coaching)	7	1	0	✓

6. Committee elections

All members were elected unopposed.

post	2010-11	2011-12
Chair	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke
Treasurer	Ben Child	Ben Child
Secretary	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe
Fixtures secretary	Damian Elcock	Damian Elcock
Junior development Officer *	Vacant	Vacant

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

AOB

- a) Bloc party are looking for a new venue for training and matches. Chesterton, Manor and Cambridge Regional College were suggested.
- b) The old rules booklet is about 20 years old. Each year the rules have been circulated by email. An updated, abridged e-version will be sent round at the start of the new season and posted on the website as a pdf. It will need to be ratified in a committee meeting first.
- c) University team to avoid match rescheduling as terms are quite short and there are not many spare Sundays. Suggested that changes to rules above (eg deposit) would reduce team cancellations and avoid the need for teams to become "non-rearranging".
- d) Send out a welcome pack e.g. 'reporting results' and 'rules' at the start of the season
- e) All teams need to provide 2 people to contact for matches (and ensure details are updated throughout the season)
- f) Home teams need to send out invitations to matches in a letter (email). Away teams and referees need to RSVP the invitation and confirm match date/time.

The meeting closed at 21.55.

Next committee meeting: t.b.a.