

**Present:** Jon Clarke, Ben Child (Newmarket), Ursula Lowe (CVC), Damian Elcock,

**Apologies:** None

## **1.Introductions and Welcome to the Maypole Pub, Cambridge 20.00 start**

Minutes of AGM 27.6.2011 were available and approved.

## **2.Officers' reports**

### **a) CHAIRMAN (J.C.)**

As the meeting did not have enough members present to be quorate, voting on potential action points would be completed via email.

The CVA has run as a skeleton operation organising fixtures for the last five years. The season has been successful and is still ticking over. There were nine walkovers - more than expected. University Men did not play any away matches. There were lots of rearranged matches. The Plate and Shield have a successful format and Stocken had some medals after winning.

Women's league - three teams (CVC, Rhinos and UCCW) played friendlies and attended the EVF days at Sportspark , UEA , Norwich.

Local league did not run this year and the Friday evening hall slot has been taken another club. CVC and Rhinos are keen to have matches for beginners but more teams and a venue are needed. Casual matches could be played and contact details can be circulated.

### **b) FIXTURES (D.E.)**

'This season is the first since we introduced the website and defined fines for failing to honour refereeing commitments. We also introduced points fines for forfeited matches and score sheets not sent in. Despite all these changes we still had a significant number of issues with respect to fixtures this season.

9 matches out of 74 were forfeited. This was particularly disappointing for the team at Stocken, who play home games only since two of their fixtures were forfeited by the opposition. This left them with significantly fewer games than other teams (This was made up in averaged points for the missing games).

For 12 matches no score sheet was received. The committee had put in place a simplified score sheet which could then be scanned and emailed in, but still score sheets remain an issue. The impact of this is several fold. If there is a dispute over a match and there is no signed and completed score sheet it is difficult for the committee to make a judgement on the issue at hand. Individual players miss out on MVP votes; each year the voting is very close so teams could be hampering the chances of their own players to win this award. We have now introduced cash fines for failure to provide refs, this is determined by information recorded on the score sheet. This season we have based this only on sheets received, but I would propose that moving forward that if a score sheet is not received it will be assumed that no refs attended.

As I would have expected numerous matches had to be rearranged, and as long as teams can come to a mutual agreement then that is good for all, but teams allocated to referee must be included in those discussions to make sure that the change is agreeable to them as well, rather than teams assuming that they will still be able to attend.

Aside from these issues, the league was once again completed on schedule, and the vast majority of games took place without any issues. Common feedback this season has been the standard of refereeing, and I have asked that under any other business we discuss the county organising a basic refs course later this year or early next.

Peterborough Harriers now have a Women's team in National League Division 3, so if there are any players in other clubs who would like to play National League I can provide you with contact details for the team manager. Training is on Wed. 19.30-21.30 at the Voyager School Peterborough, PE4 6HX

I'd like to thank John Chambers from Spalding for the work he has done in setting up the league website (and hope he will continue this for the 2012/13 season) and my fellow committee members for helping to make the league run relatively smoothly.

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

Copies of the accounts were explained and circulated to those present.

Income: £360.00      Expenditure: £317.60      Profit £42.40

Lloyds TSB Balance £4080.85 including good will deposits

End of season true balance: £4123.25

**4. League Structures 2011-12**

**Womens:** Keep matches casual as there are only three teams - same as last season. Harriers ladies now have an National League team.

**Local:** Not running therefore keep casual and arrange locally.

**County Men:** 8-10 teams currently (Bloc, Harriers, (Nations ?), Newmarket, Rhinos, Spalding, Stocken, St. Philips, (UCCM too difficult? ), Werrington, RAF Brampton)

JC will email teams to collect interest for the 2012/13 season. Could be 2 x 5 teams conference and play offs between leagues. Need to have score sheets which record whether referees have turned up. BC will edit score sheet and circulate. A decision made to abolish votes for MVP next season.

**5. Deposit and Fines**

The relevant information could have been recorded on the score sheet and a few are still missing. Teams can't remember the details and there have been some time consuming disputes to deal with and arrange top up of deposit before the start of the 2012/13 season. Discussions between teams for rearranged matches need to include the allocated referees too.

For the 2012/13 season a revised score sheet will be used. It will have instructions to remind teams and referees how to fill it in. It was agreed that the emailing of teams that are fined needs to happen as soon as possible after the match. The discussion on how to do this seeing as the score sheet does not need to be sent immediately and some teams don't seem to like reporting their results by email, was inconclusive. Further decisions on this will need to be made by the committee: perhaps DE will send fine updates to BC monthly who will then send personal emails to the teams who are fined

**6. Committee elections**

All members were elected unopposed.

| post                         | 2010-11       | 2011-12       | 2012-13       |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Chair                        | Jon Clarke    | Jon Clarke    | Jon Clarke    |
| Treasurer                    | Ben Child     | Ben Child     | Ben Child     |
| Secretary                    | Ursula Lowe   | Ursula Lowe   | Ursula Lowe   |
| Fixtures secretary           | Damian Elcock | Damian Elcock | Damian Elcock |
| Junior development Officer * | Vacant        | Vacant        | Vacant        |

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

**AOB**

- a) Provide teams with a bullet point check list of responsibilities (BC)
- b) Perhaps see if a club is prepared to liaise with the EVA and run a UK L1 coaching session. Usually involves 3 days and costs are around £150 - 200 pp. CVA may be able to subsidise part of this and offer an incentive.  
[http://www.volleyballengland.org/getintovolleyball/coaching/courses/ukcc\\_level\\_1](http://www.volleyballengland.org/getintovolleyball/coaching/courses/ukcc_level_1)
- c) Consider offering a referee course Level 4 (late Nov. or late Jan.) This would improve the overall standard in the league (some clubs e.g. Harriers and Newmarket already have a few experienced and highly qualified people to rely on) <http://www.volleyballengland.org/getintovolleyball/refereeing/indoor#>
- d) Need to avoid self refereeing and introducing bias into matches. May be worth considering unequal referee commitments to save on travel geographically. Some debate as to whether this was less of a problem if the referees were capable.
- e) CVA does not sponsor NVL teams but the EVF has some funds for National League teams to access (contact Paul Bohanon)

**The meeting closed at 21.01.**

**Next committee meeting: t.b.a.**