Present: Jon Clarke (C.U.), Ben Child (Newmarket), Ursula Lowe (CVC), Hamid Sanami (St. Philips), Markus Frey (Rhinos)

Apologies: Damian Elcock (Harriers)

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

Minutes of AGM 11.9.2012 were available and approved.

### 2.Officers' reports

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

The CVA has run as a skeleton operation organising fixtures for the last six years. There has been no junior development. 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 friendlies and attended the EVF days at Sportspark, UEA, Norwich.

Local league did not run for a second consecutive year and access to suitable match venues has been reduced.

# 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/

J.C. started team lists and dates. D.E. continued to collect results/score sheets and updated the website. The system half worked J.C. and D.E. had to liaise and chase results. Often results came in at the end of the year. There were 5 walkovers (9 last year), 2 missing score sheets incurring fines and some referees were missing.

- League Winners Spalding + Runners up Harriers
- Walton Shield Winners Spalding + Runners up Rhinos
- Cup- Winners Newmarket Jockeys + Runners up Newmarket Privates
- Plate Winners St Phillips + Runners up HMP Stocken

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The women's league finished with Rhinos (1), CVC (2) and UCCW(3).

B.C. has set up a twitter account @cambsvbresults to encourage teams to report match scores and any potential issues with refereeing or cancellations/ rearranged matches.

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

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

Income: £390.00 Expenditure: £76.05 Profit £313.95\*

Lloyds TSB Balance £4194.80 including good will deposits

End of season true balance: £3909.80

\*Expenditure for the hire of the hall for the Walton Shield - Perse School £225 and Newmarket £60 are expected. This reduces the profit to £28.95

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

Once again there was a surplus. There was some discussion on how to use some of it up. Ideas included junior development (H.S.), cheaper fines, organising a referee course, collecting collect sensible suggestions about how to use the money from clubs.

# 4. League Structures 2013-14

Womens: Keep matches casual as there are only three teams - same as last season. No fee. Harriers ladies will continue with National League for a second season.

Local: No teams have expressed an interest to date. Hall time needed (Kelsey Kerridge, Leys or Perse). Perhaps 1 hour, Jan-March 014 for 8 weeks. If teams want to run a league, CVA will fund it.

County Men: 8 teams currently (Bloc Party, Harriers, Newmarket, Rhinos, Spalding, St. Philips, Werrington). CVC Men to join. Teams from Stocken, UCCM and Nations have withdrawn.

JC will email teams to collect interest for the 2013/14 season.

#### 5. Deposit and Fines

The rules for fines have been put into the league rules for lack of referees or cancelling matches at short notice. It has been difficult to co-ordinate fines, teams have argued and JC and DE have arbitrated. Fines are listed on the website. (Harriers £10, Werrington £20 and Bloc Party £10). Werrington are £10 in credit for next year.

There was some debate whether attendance at AGMs should be compulsory to attend and a £10 fine for non-attendance

A proposal was accepted unanimously to give a £20 discount on league registration if teams attended the AGM.

### 6. Committee elections

All members were elected unopposed. Advance notice that committee members intend to step down within a season or two which will allow other CVA members to volunteer.

Post	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Chair	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke
Treasurer	Ben Child	Ben Child	Ben Child	Ben Child
Secretary	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe
Fixtures secretary	Damian Elcock	Damian Elcock	Damian Elcock	Damian Elcock
Junior development Officer *	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

<sup>\*</sup>school sessions tend to be around 3pm when adults are at work

### <u>AOB</u>

- a) Rules and amendments will be placed on the website as a pdf and sent out with the fixtures list
  - a. Teams need to have 6 players ( players are not tied to a team)
  - b. The rules can be amended to include a phantom player e.g. play with 5
- b) Extending the season was considered, allowing April for teams to catch up on matches finishing with the Walton shield in mid-May. It depends when teams stop training indoors.
- c) Need to avoid self reffing and introducing bias into matches. Consider offering a referee course improve the overall standard in the league http://www.volleyballengland.org/getintovolleyball/refereeing/indoor#
- d) J.C. is to compile a 'History of the CVA' and will be grateful to receive information teams wish share about their club or clubs which may no longer exist.

The meeting closed at 21.40

Next committee meeting: t.b.a.