

Present: Hamid Sanami (St. Philips), Jon Clarke (Committee), Dougie Burgess (Spalding VC) Paul Day and Guy Watts (Newmarket) ,Jean Jacquet (ARU) Ursula Lowe (CVC), Dino Ossala, Darcy Jamieson, Dilyana Mihaylova, Emanuela Bottani and Simonetta Andreazza (Rhinos), Delia Sayle (Cambourne Chargers), Antonella Santoro (CUVC), Jev Malevs (GNG Bedford)

Apologies: Damian Elcock (Harriers)

1.Introductions and Welcome to The Castle Inn, Cambridge 19.40 start

Minutes of AGM 22.9.2016 were available. The actions were gone through and approved.

2.Officers' reports

a) CHAIRMAN (H.S.)

There were no apparent issues left to resolve. Home teams should offer post match court time to visiting teams should matches finish rather early - with friendly volleyball, so away teams potentially have as much volleyball as journey time to the venue. Some clubs reported refereeing duties were difficult to allocate within a club and fell to the same person all the time.

HS (personal view) felt the committee was too negative offering financial assistance in getting the ladies league started. Most of the planning took place courtside with D.O. Rhinos V.C. put a lot of effort into resurrecting the Ladies league in January 2016 and running a mini tournament at Easter.

b) FIXTURES (J.C.)

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

J.C. started team lists and dates, collected results/score sheets and updated the website. There were 8 teams at the start of the season. Norwich dropped out - their

good will deposit will be returned once any claims for offsetting unplayed match hall hire have been made. Some matches were rearranged. Matches need to be played before the Walton Shield tournament.

Local league did not run for a sixth consecutive year and access to suitable match venues is still limited.

Fixtures for 2017-18 (men and women) should start in October. Once the fixture has been set, teams can rearrange them. Caution - notify JC AND referees of the changes asap. Some teams have to make a hall booking more than 2 weeks in advance. Teams can mutually agree to play at another venue AND be agreed with the allocated referees too. CVA ask that some club referees are qualified (but not necessarily registered with the EVA). This is to improve the quality of match officiating reduce disputes. Home teams must provide a scorer.

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

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

Income: £404.00 Expenditure: £274.75 Profit* £129.25

End of season current balance: £3788.78

* Rhinos overpaid £30, some expenses are not included - please see separate treasurer's report (2 pages).

Fines agreed at the AGM will show in next year's accounts. Chargers (DS) have put in an invoice for a lost booking - to be processed)

Norwich Goodwill Deposit will have hall hire fees deducted for costs incurred by Chargers for late match cancellation; £40 deposit to be returned.

The Walton Shield entry fee will come off the good will deposit for 2017-18. The league entry fee will stay the same at £40 (£20 for club representation at the AGM)

4. League and match reports / results (J.C.)

Result reporting moved to the website and seems to be more efficient. Teams should advertise the website <http://www.cambsvolleyball.org.uk/> to their players to check results and not just leave it up to team reps. 1 match was un-played. JC is chasing fines for missed referee duties and will liaise with DB.

Newmarket (PD) would prefer FIVB score sheets to be used - improve quality of match reporting. JC - this is not a CVA rule requirement.

2017 (Men)	Winners	Runners up
County League	Newmarket	CVC
Spring Cup	Newmarket	CVC
Spring Plate	Rhinos	Harriers
Walton Shield	CVC	Chargers

The Walton Shield ran this year after a two year break at the University Sports Centre as 2 volleyball courts are needed. Historically, the winners of the ladies league are also invited to play.

8 Men's teams have expressed an interest for the league 2016-17: Cambourne Chargers, Cambridge VC, Peterborough Harriers, Newmarket, Rhinos, Spalding, St. Philips and Werrington. This will require 14 matches (home and away). Matches should be played October to March, April is a buffer month. The Walton Shield can then be played in May/June 2018.

A women's league is offered in 2017-18 following the same lines are the men (5 home and 5 away matches, refereeing duties and good will deposits / fees/ fines). 6 teams have expressed an interest: Anglia Ruskin Uni, GNG Bedford, Cambridge Uni, Cambridge VC, St. Philips and Rhinos VC.

5. Deposit and Fines

There are still some outstanding fines (St. Philips - refereeing) JC/ DB will write to teams who need to top up their deposit. There is still a £20 discount on league registration if teams attend the AGM. Fixtures for men's and women's leagues will be based on money first (topping up fee) Payment by bank transfer fee.

Score sheets A4 (available from the CVA website) could record in with extra match detail - number of referees, running out of time, late arrival of visiting team, shortened warm-up, accidents etc. Timekeeping during the warm-up is very important. Scorers can also read the EVA handbook. Some teams shadowed scorers with some experience last season as a training exercise.

JC suggested than the £20 fine for lack of two match referees could be used to pay a newly trained referee who was keen to help out the club.

6. Women's League

JC confirmed the committee were initially approached with a request to fund the initial set up of a women's league. The committee have a remit to run fixtures for local (men's / women's) teams which are funded equally.

The committee thanked Dino, Dilyana, Estlle and Simonetta from Rhinos VC for kick-starting the league. DO then gave a short summary of what happened this year.

<http://www.rhinos.org.uk/women-league>

Six teams (ARU, Bedford, Cambridge Uni, Cambridge VC, Rhinos. St Philips) expressed an interest and 17 matches were played altogether. Some teams were very short of players at match time and spare players were used to fill the gaps.

The women should have a similar league to the men: home and way matches, good will deposit, reffing duties and fees. 5 teams keen: ARU, Bedford, Cambridge Uni, Cambridge VC, Rhinos. St Philips expects to have recruited more players by the time the league starts - potentially six teams in the league. Bedford would like to referee all their home games. Cambridge University would like to play all their league games after BUCs have finished late Feb./ March

7. Committee elections

JC proposed a motion to create a post on the committee for a Women's League representative - to continue to support this development. This was accepted unanimously by all present. All members were elected unopposed. (Paul Day can still be cop-opted onto the committee for operational purposes.)

Post	2016-17	2017-18	Proposed by
Chair	Hamid Sanami	Hamid Sanami	JC/PD
Treasurer	Dougie Burgess	Dougie Burgess	HS/DO
Secretary	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe	DB/JJ
Fixtures secretary	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke	GM/DB
Ladies League rep.		Dino Ossola	JC/UL
Junior development Officer *	Vacant - school sessions tend to be around 3pm when adults are at work		

AOB

1. Castle Inn rather noisy - aim to find a quieter pub - an earlier weekday evening at The Red Bull, Newnham or The Panton Arms (near the Botanic Gardens)
2. Update email list and send AGM notice to all club reps - in case invitation missed or website not checked in time.
3. Team reps need to confirm league entry and pass on contact details for the 2017-18 season, usual times for matches
 - a. Send details of the teams treasurer to Jon Clarke at jhc30@cam.ac.uk for ease of billing (JC to circulate to committee)
 - b. When payment (good will deposit/ league entry fee is received, league matches will be confirmed
4. Eastern Volleyball Federation - dates for Sports Park, UEA, Norwich
<https://sites.google.com/site/easternregionvolleyballseries/home>

Sun. 8 th Oct 2017	Sun 24 th Feb. 2018
Sat. 28 th Oct 2017	Sat. 27 th Jan 2018
Sun 19 th Nov. 2017	Sun 11 th March 2018
Sun 7 th Jan 2018	Sunday 6 th May 2018

5. Some one day Level 4 refereeing courses can be booked through the English Volleyball Association <http://www.volleyballengland.org/courses> (Bristol, Wolverhampton, Manchester and Chelmsford Oct-Dec. 2017.)

Details disappear from the website when courses are full - 16 candidates maximum. Copy of certificate showing achievement is needed as evidence to claim some sponsorship (50%) back from the CVA. Cambridge VC is likely to host another course this coming season and Rhinos VC promised to help.

The meeting closed at 21.10. Next committee meeting: tbc around the 3rd week in September 2018

Attachments:

Treasurer's report - 2 pages

Attendance register - 2 pages

Cambridgeshire Volleyball Association

Accounts for the season 2016/17

Income:

League Entry Fees: 170.00

Rhinos overpayment: 30.00

Fines: 104.00

Goodwill Deposits: 100.00

Total Income: **404.00**

Expenditure:

Medals: 94.75

Walton Shield 180.00

Total Expenditure: **274.75**

Treasurers Report

The season 2016/17 showed a small profit of £129.25 which includes Goodwill deposit transactions re Chargers and also includes the Norwich Goodwill deposit of £100 which the AGM will need to decide what to do with. Norwich have offered it in compensation for withdrawing from the League mid-season.

Rhinos also overpaid by £30 due to misreading of invoice, their league fees for 2017/18 will be reduced accordingly.

Expenses accounted for with for league, cup and Walton Shield. AGM room hire fees not included.

Next year's fines of £30 and Walton shield entry fees of £120 will show in 2017/18 accounts and are shown in the Goodwill section in 2016/17.

The bank balance includes £ 650 in Goodwill deposits.

It would be very helpful if all clubs paid their subscriptions promptly for 2017/18 season.

Club Fees

	League Entry	Goodwill Payment	Old Fines	Payment Due	Payment Received	Date Received
Chargers	20	100		120	120	24/10/16
CVC	20			20	20	05/10/16
Harriers	40		54	94	94	28/11/16
Newmarket	20		20	40	40	03/10/16
Norwich	20			20	20	04/10/16
Rhinos	20		30	50	80	14/10/16
Spalding	10			10	10	02/10/16
St Phillips	20			20	20	20/12/16
Total	170	100	104	374	404	

Goodwill Deposits

	Start	New Fines	Returned	Walton Shield	Status
Chargers	100	0		20	80
CVC	100	0		20	80
Harriers	100	20			80
Newmarket	100	0		20	80
Norwich	100	0			100
Rhinos	100	0		20	80
Spalding	100	0		40	60
St Phillips	100	10			90
Total	800	30		120	650

Balance Sheet

Opening Balance **3659.53**

12-month income: 374.00

12-month expenditure: 274.75

CVA Annual: **PROFIT 129.25**

Lloyds Current Balance: **3788.78**

