

# Cambridgeshire Volleyball Association AGM Minutes

Tuesday 8th December 2020 on Googlemeet at 19.30

## **Present:**

Hamid Sanami (St. Philips), Jon Clarke (Newmarket), Roberto Zanchi, Dino Ossola, Simonetta Andrezza, Darcy Jamieson, Alejandro Rocataliata, (Rhinos), Jean Jacquet (ARU) Frances Balaam, Ursula Lowe, (CVC),

## **Apologies:**

Paul Day, Guy Watts (Newmarket), Ben Cook (Spalding), Damian Elcock (Harriers)

## **1.Introductions / Welcome 19.30 start**

Minutes of AGM 11.07.2019 were available. The actions were gone through and approved. Thankyou to Roberto Zanchi for setting up meeting link – there were some initial hiccups joining and staying in the first online meeting.

## **2. Chairman's report ( H.S.)**

Thank you to the club members who were present at the meeting and those who sent in their apologies for the AGM. There has been very little activity due to coronavirus-19. Sanitising the ball and player bubbles have made volleyball sessions more stop /start. The aim is to try to finish off last year and plan for 2021-22.

All competitions were cancelled – January starts were expected and missed.

BUCS had an exemption from DCMS to continue on wellbeing grounds.

Rhinos managed some 3x3

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## 3. League Results and match reports (J.C.)

An email was sent out with league results.

'The CVA committee hopes that all of the Cambs. League clubs and club members have been safe over the past months of Covid-19 pandemic times. The League is working and planning to try to resume some level of regional volleyball for the 2020-2021 season, more details will follow soon from the committee regarding the AGM which will be online this year.

The 2019-20 season is herewith finalised for records sakes. A number of events could not take place and no Cup competitions were completed. The Leagues will be finalised as positions gained by teams at the time lockdown was imposed. Some teams will not have played the same number of matches, however with the Men's competition there was already an outright winner and the Women's competition went to the result between the two top ranked teams;

Walton Shield: no winner

Women's Cup: no winner

Women's Plate: no winner

Men's Cup: no winner

Men's Plate: no winner

Womens League Champions 2019-20: Rhinos 1

[League positions at lockdown (matches played): Rhinos1 (5), CVC Wildcats (8), Dream Team Peterborough (5), ARU (6), Rhinos 2 (6)]

Mens League Champions 2019-20: Werrington United

[League positions at lockdown (matches played): Werrington (5), Newmarket (6), Rhinos (6), St Philips (5), CVC (4), CamChi (4)]

Records will be updated on the website (<http://www.cambsvolleyball.org.uk/index.php>) although no medals are to be awarded this year.'

Thank you once again to John Chambers from Spalding for the work he has done in maintaining the league website.

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## **4. Financial report and accounts (H.S)**

There are no concerns financially. The balance is healthy £470 profit. No medals were purchased and Hall hire for the Walton Shield was not needed. It's a good idea to spend some money.

Suggestions included junior development, training (coaching / refereeing) and potentially volleyball posts for halls to expand availability of hall hire, also cost of painting lines for volleyball courts.

## **5. Deposit and Fines**

No fines were issued up to the point when the season stopped. Returning teams should be able to roll into the new season without asking for a new fee. Good will deposits can be returned on application.

## **6. Women's League (D.O.)**

Simonetta Andrezza - reported it was still a struggle to get new teams to join the league. It's important to provide this opportunity for women's volleyball. Next season Rhinos will have one national league team and a county level one.

All teams appreciated playing over the ladies' height net and games were enjoyable.

## **7. Trophies**

Photos of 'winners with trophies' is the way forward. Some trophies may be renamed / repurposed.

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## 8. Committee elections

All members were elected unopposed.

Post	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Proposed by
Chair	Hamid Sanami	Hamid Sanami	Hamid Sanami	Dino / Roberto
Vice Chair	Darcy Jamieson	Darcy Jamieson	Alejandro Rocataliata,	Dino / Hamid
Treasurer	Dino Ossola	Dino Ossola	Dino Ossola	Hamid/ Darcy
Secretary	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe	Jon / Roberto
Fixtures secretary	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke	Hamid/ Ursula
Women's rep.	Dino Ossola	Dino Ossola		
Junior development Officer *		n/a	Please refer interested parties to Frances Balaam at CVC	

## AOB

### **a) Putting money back into the league**

There is no resistance to spend money on good causes. It needs to be advertised formally Funding needs to be for CVA members. Lots of different ideas including supporting volleyball qualifications, grants (hall hire and team fees are a heavy burden on clubs) – reviewed by committee and publicised so its all fair and equitable.

### **b) Junior Volleyball.**

Frances Balaam reported that junior volleyball training is 3x a week. More new coaches are needed.

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Jean Jacquet said there was scope for making money as a long net, the length of the hall can be used ( as in badminton) so lots of juniors can play and train at the same time. Investment is a few hundred pounds for some brackets and a net. Juniors will become the senior players of the future so there is a legacy.

## **c) Non-league teams to enter the Cup**

Spalding VC have expressed an interest in the competition. The Walton shield is not always full. It was suggested that one team per club is allowed in each competition (£10) to avoid potential multiple team entry from any one club

## **d) Refereeing and Coaching**

The volleyball level 2 coaching course was cancelled as there were not enough participants. Thank you to Dino Ossola for researching hall bookings, galvanising interest and identifying costs – which was inevitably time consuming.

## **e) Expansion of the CVA**

Alejandro Rocataliata - there were big opportunities to reach out and expand the CVA through advertising and marketing.

Dino Ossola - can put a proposal together and circulate to everyone.

Jean Jacquet - has a resource which may be useful

Jon Clarke – university/ many college students who are not good enough for the first team could join county teams. Pub teams can also be included (like local 5 aside football). In the last 20 years both Peterborough and Cambridge had thriving local leagues. Teams were run by keen volunteers who may then join established clubs. Fees become more expensive when teams drop out. Volleyball needs more grass roots build up. CVC runs beginners' sessions. Babraham schools play on Friday evenings.

Roberto Zanchi – this will need a lot of work to set up and monitor. Volleyball needs a critical mass to be sustainable.

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## f) September 2021

Team reps should confirm league entry and pass on contact details for the 2021-22 season, usual times for matches. Please send forms to Dino Ossola [dino\\_ossola@yahoo.it](mailto:dino_ossola@yahoo.it) and cc to Jon Clarke at [jhc30@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jhc30@cam.ac.uk) and [ursulalowe17@gmail.com](mailto:ursulalowe17@gmail.com)

The meeting closed at 21:45

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