

Present: Hamid Sanami (St. Philips), Jon Clarke (C.U.), Dougie Burgess (Spalding VC) Paul Day (Newmarket), Scott Beech (Norwich) ,Andrew Nightingale and Ursula Lowe (CVC), Dino Ossala, Marco Chiapello and Darcy Jamieson (Rhinos), Anuj Punnowe and Christy Varghee (Cambourne Chargers)

Apologies: Cornelius Roemer (Uni)

1.Introductions and Welcome to the Red Lion Pub (upstairs room) Cambridge 19.55 start

Minutes of AGM 17.9.2015 were available. The actions were gone through and approved.

2.Officers' reports

a) CHAIRMAN (H.S.)

The CVA has run as a skeleton operation organising fixtures for the last nine years. There has been no junior development. Most matches were finished by the end of the season but some overran into late April and May. J.C. collected the results, checked them and the website (The Spring Cup and Shield were not completed. The Walton Shield did not run - continuing difficulty in finding a suitable day and venue.

Women's league - two teams (CVC and Rhinos) attend the EVF days at Sportspark , UEA , Norwich.

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

Some Level 4 refereeing courses were sponsored this year - book through the English Volleyball Association

<http://www.volleyballengland.org/getintovolleyball/refereeing/indoor#> (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.

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 10 teams at the start of the season. Bloc Party dropped out. Previously there was a north and south division for matches, now all teams play home and away. Cambridge University only have 10 week terms and have to fit in all the matches. Some matches overran - which delayed the Plate and Cup matches. The end of league Walton Shield has not run for 2 years due to the loss of the Perse Sports Hall (double volleyball court). The aim is to set the date for 2017 early.

- League - Winners Norwich + Runners up - Newmarket

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

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

Income: £350.00 Expenditure: £355.49 Deficit £5.49

End of season true balance: £3659.53

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

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

There were some fines during the season. DS will notify those teams about the sum taken from the good ill deposit so it can be topped up. Norwich won the league by 1 point.

Cambridge University have stated they will not play in the CVA league but will concentrate on BUCS.

7 teams have expressed an interest for the league 2016-17: Cambourne, Cambridge VC, Harriers, Newmarket, Norwich, Rhinos, St. Philips. This requires 12 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 2017.

The home team need to report the result to JC. Check the score sheet is filled in properly. Both teams take a photo of it. Results are only posted on the website once the score sheet has been provided. It also helps to resolve any post-match issues - which can be noted on the score sheet at the time of the match.

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. Fines are listed on the website. JC 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.

Spalding VC will not play in the league next season but play in the other tournaments. The club's good will deposit will be held in trust, anticipating a return to the league when new members are recruited. Spalding VC will pay £10 entry for Cup/plate.

6. League Officiating

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.

Timekeeping during the warm-up is very important. Scorers can also read the EVA handbook. Ben Child - former treasurer (Newmarket VC) produced an A4 score sheet for ease of use.

Perhaps there should be a proposal for 2017-18 to have one qualified referee per match. This could be reviewed at the next AGM. There will be an honour agreement for eh score sheets in the 2016-17 season. JC should be copied into any rearranged / cancelled matches as a courtesy.

7. Committee elections All members were elected unopposed. Paul Day was cop-opted onto the committee for operational purposes.

Post	2010-14	2015-16	2016-17
Chair	Jon Clarke	Hamid Sanami	Hamid Sanami
Treasurer	Ben Child	Dougie Burgess	Dougie Burgess
Secretary	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe	Ursula Lowe
Fixtures secretary	Jon Clarke/ Damian Elcock	Jon Clarke	Jon Clarke
Junior development Officer *	Vacant - school sessions tend to be around 3pm when adults are at work		

AOB

1. Cambourne Chargers will join the league
2. Team reps need to confirm league entry and pass on contact details for the 2016-17 season, usual time for matches
3. Send details of the teams treasurer to Jon Clarke at jhc30@cam.ac.uk for ease of billing
4. 'Let's Go Girls' has some funding for women into coaching. Facebook and <http://www.livingsport.co.uk/our-work/lets-go-girls/> . Regular meetings.
5. RAF Lakenheath Volleyball hosts a tournament 22-23rd October for men's and women's 6 a-side teams. Entry fee £100 per team which included dinner on Saturday. Contact rafvball@gmail.com
6. Rhinos Chairperson Dino will investigate the possibility of increased participation of omen in volleyball for matches - a league - which can run form Jan. 2017. CVC to be involved. Could also be opened wider e.g. Norwich and Bedford. Also need to plan for a Spring League in 2017. CVC did not host a league in 2016 - booking court time difficult and club teams trained until the end of April/ early May.
7. Hamid will pass on information about the Eastern Volleyball Federation to new teams.

Sat. 15 th Oct, 2016	Sat. 29 th Oct 2016
Sun 20 th Nov. 2016	
Sun 8 th Jan 2017	Sat. 28 th Jan 2017
Sun 26 th Feb. 2017	
Sat. 25 th March 2017	
Sunday 7 th May 2017	

The meeting closed at 21.55

Next committee meeting: t.b.a.