

AGM 05/09/2023 7:00pm

Attendance:

Ahds Ari, Alex Farr, Alfie Burgess, Andrew Carr, Andy Edwards, Ben Parker, Chris Edwards, Dave Carr, Dave Cowley, Igor Skit, Larry Visescu, Leah Perkis, Leo Gurney, Marta Latosinski-Tran, Nick Hillier, Owen Riddet, Paul Sharp, Tammy Giobson

Apologies for absence:

Honey Strange

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the list of apologies.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The chair presented the minutes of the previous AGM. DCarr reviewed and proposed that they be entered in to the record

3. Chair's Report

The Chair presented their report (attached)

In addition, the following points were discussed

- There were lots of compliments from the attendees at the tournament
- There was some discussion over retention of new players. A rough estimate would be that about 50% of the new players stay. The possibility of a player liaison officer as a separate role from the coach to engage with new members and encourage them to stay
- The club needs to make sure that all coach's and the welfare officer have up-to-date DBS checks

4. Treasure's Report

- Broken even across the year through fees
- Outstanding money £450 from individuals that need to pay
- Spoken to individuals who owe money to the club
- Around 30 who owe money currently
- Some players owing are beginners that have joined a few training sessions
- Expenses have increased a lot due to Woodlands hire cost this year
- Taunton's have also increased sports hall hire this year
- Making a healthy profit from training sessions on Tuesday's
- Still have to pay a retainer for Woodlands to keep the sports hall over the summer
- Has cost over £5K this year for all training venues
- Paid for Larry's Volleyball England coaching registration and the referee course
- Bought – three outdoor nets last year, next year another two outdoor nets to get
- Sold a lot of match shirts which is good!
- Paid by members - £6,269.00
- Previous tournament – made a profit of £800
- This year's tournament – BBQ took in around £855, now have around £2,500 in the bank account
- Training costs this year – possibly continue with the costs from last year, keep the Tuesday's as cheap as possible for the beginners of the club (£4)

- Invested a lot of money last year in volleyballs and kit
- Stick with monthly emails for costs each month
- Do have pay pal now but would rather not use that for payments each month
- Suggestion to continue to not charge coaches for training or matches
- AE – Woodlands likely to raise costs again in October, will impact local league SADVA costs
- AF – opportunity for all training at Woodlands?
- AE – has attendance numbers for training to look into venue costs
- TG – following up on Itchen price for hall

5. Coach's Report

AE presented their report as head coach (attached)

In addition, the following points were discussed

- DCarr said that 81 people are listed on regular list for social trainings, 41 now regularly attend socials and the Treasurer is sending 140 invoice emails each month to club members
- There is a possibility of Roke NG playing in HVA this year – unsure due to the availability of enough players with some now becoming university students etc
- Ladies HVA team – unsure if we would have a team for this year, would rather spread them to other clubs playing in county before we are ready to build up the players to get to county league. Aim to get ladies into county level next year
- AF (Ladies Team) – frustrating numbers at training each week for match play etc, suggestion to give them match play against similar ability men
- AF (Ladies Team) – Happy with their positive attitude this year and motivation
- LV (Roke NG) – happy and very impressed with the men's attitude and progressing really well across the season
- LV (Roke NG) – would like to have more game play for the new players coming in to give them experience before throwing them into full game play
- Mixed league teams – traditionally used as giving inexperienced players more game exposure, not sure as to how many mixed teams we will enter this year currently. We do have enough ladies for two teams but we will see whether they commit to the teams!

6. Social Secretary's Report

- Absent
- Social media posts are being seen more

7. Election of Officers

- Andy Edwards was elected as Chair (AF proposed, LV seconded)
- Leah Perkis was elected as Secretary (AE proposes, PS second)
- Dave Carr was elected as Treasurer (PS proposes, BP second)
- Tammy Gibson was elected as Child Welfare Officer (AF proposes, AC second)
- Honey Strange was elected as Social Secretary (AE proposes, DC2 second)
- Paul Shap and Dawid Ciapala were elected as Social Media Officers

8. AOB

- PS – would like to say what an amazing job the committee have done this year!
- DCowley – proposes that we look into nominating a player liaison officer

- AF – proposes that ‘child welfare officer’ is changed to ‘welfare officer’ to cover all members of the club
- Tammy – asked about club coaching plans going forward
- AE – DCowley and Beata Piotrowicz have asked about doing an assistant coaching course, any support would be great with coaching
- LV – sticking with coaching men’s second team
- AE – sticking with lead coaching role
- AF – happy to continue coaching the ladies team, on occasions he isn’t available
AE happy to step in and coach
- AE – declares AGM closed

Chair's Report

It was another solid year for Roke Volleyball, with more new faces joining the club across the season, and the existing teams performing well in the local league

Despite the "inconsistent" weather, the summer sessions on the common managed to play almost every Tuesday and we attracted a few new faces to the club. Our summer tournament was also a great success: we had a record 35 teams enter and lot's of complements from the attendees

We could do better at retaining some of the new players that do come through the door and, as ever, it'd be great if we could increase our coaching staff

On the national level, Volleyball England are looking to be more integrated with the county associations and pushing for those associations to be more linked up with the clubs. It's not clear what this means in terms of daily operations, but Volleyball Englands have introduced a new web portal for club registration, and that may be extended to be useful for clubs in terms of their own members

Thanks as ever to the committee and the club for all of their support and enthusiasm for our sport

Coach's Report

The Monday sessions for team training are now fully established and pulling in enough of the team players to be effective. The move to bring in both the men's 2nd team and ladies team on dedicated nights has been a success. We also had a number of players attending Southampton Volleyball Club's NVL trials

The Tuesday club sessions continued to have really healthy numbers of attendees, and are still attracting new faces, partly by word-of-mouth and partly through the website. The club is feeling very healthy

In terms of competitions, the ladies team improved on the previous season, taking 2nd place in the ladies' local league. The men's first team came 2nd again and the men's second team improved, taking 5th place (they also doubled the number of league points, despite the teams playing fewer games in the season). In the Hampshire league, the men's team had a tough year, finishing in 13th place