

## **AGM 06/09/2022 7:10pm**

### **Attendance:**

Ahds Ari, Alex Farr, Alfie Burgess, Andy Edwards, Beata Peotrowicz, Ben Kinchin, Damian Lewis, Dan Attwood, David Cowley, Dawid Ciapala, Emily Blackhurst Camelo, Chris Edwards, Isaac Wynne, Jacek M, Jon Vamplew, Kacper Mastalerz, Larry Visescu, Leah Perkis, Leon Fernandes, Mairead Edwards, Marta Latosinska-Trad, Michal Pleban, Oskar Lewandoswski, Paul Sharp, Pawel Zelazewski, Sam Frizzell, Tammy Gibson, Temi Ivuera.

Apologies for not attending:

Andreea Revnic

Dave Carr

Andrew Carr

### **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. TG reviewed them and verified they were accurate. TG proposed they were entered into the record and AE seconded.

#### 3. Chair's report

The chair presented their report (attached).

#### 4. Treasurer's report

In DCarr's absence, the chair read out the treasurer's report and presented the summary of the accounts. These were accepted by all in attendance. AF asked about funding support for courses. AE said that the club, SADVA and HVA could offer support that would cover the entry fee for referee grade 4 courses and coaching "assistant coach" courses.

#### 5. Coach's report

AE presented their report (attached).

#### 6. Social Secretary's report

DCowley gave a summary that the club had run a bowling night and a night at the board games cafe as well as attending the Salisbury volleybal tournament in August. DCowley also announced that they would be stepping down from the role.

#### 7. Election of officers

- Andy Edwards was elected as chair (TG proposed, LV seconded).
- David Carr was elected as treasurer (AE proposed, PS seconded).
- Tammy Gibson was elected as child welfare officer (AE proposed, AF seconded).
- Leah Perkis was elected as secretary (PS proposed, AF seconded).
- Isaac Wynne was elected as social secretary (DCowley proposed, AE seconded).
- Dawid Ciapala will take up the non-official role of social media officer with Paul Sharp to assist with social media posts.
- Covid Officer – decided as a club to not elect new Covid Officers at the present (low risk numbers and continue to hand sanitise as currently doing so).

## 8. AOB

LV – possibility of buying a camera to record training sessions? Has said he will look at camera options and present these to AE and DCarr before purchasing.

PS said that the committee had done an outstanding job this year!

Chair's Report:

*'2021-22 saw a full return to training and competitions after COVID restrictions were lifted, and it's hard to deny that Roke VC came back to life stronger than before. Once training started up again it was interesting to see that rather than a return of the former club members, attendance was dominated by new members, particularly from college students.*

*Anecdotally, I've seen that COVID has triggered an amalgamation of clubs across Hampshire, with some of the smaller ones disappearing while the larger clubs grow in membership and pick up both experienced and novice players. It's great to see Roke as one of those clubs that has continued.*

*This growth has enabled us to enter two men's teams in the local league, which is something we've not had for many years, and I'm pleased to say we'll be doing the same for the coming season as well. The ladies' team has also picked up new players and I hope is coming back into a period of strength in the local league*

*Thanks as ever to the committee and the club for all their support and enthusiasm for our sport'.*

Coach's Report:

*'It was great to have so many fresh new members join the club, and that were keen to take up volleyball. I think we had around 50 new faces through the door this season and we've retained about half of them for the new season, and we're still seeing new members join throughout the summer as well.*

*Our club philosophy of being open to everyone, and of aiming to give everyone an opportunity to play competitive volleyball also meant that we were able to field 4 teams in the local league last season:*

*The men's first team narrowly lost out on defending their title, with the top three teams going into the final fixture all able to win the league, we lost out by a single league point. The team also competed in the county league, where we finished mid table, which was in line with the team's target.*

*The ladies' team started the season strong and finished mid table. Given the team also took in 5 new players across the season, I am happy with that result but keen that the team push on and develop more this season.*

*The men's second team had an enthusiastic and exciting return to the local league, with most of the team experiencing competitive volleyball for the first time. It was great to see a whole new generation falling in love with the sport*

*In terms of plans for the future, we are going to diversify the coaching of the teams, with Larry taking on the men's second team, and Alex taking on the ladies' team, leaving Andy to focus on the men's first team and the club night sessions on Tuesdays.*

*As we did last season, we are also running the club nights on the Tuesdays (open to all) and the team training sessions on the Mondays. The plan is for the Monday sessions to get up and running in September and then for us to start bringing in the ladies and the men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team into those Mondays in some way – please be patient, we're still working out how to do this effectively'.*