**Kings Langley Volleyball Club 2018/19 AGM minutes - 9/6/19**

**All apologies**

Marta, Keith, Adrian, Alex, Olga, Danny, Joe, Keyi, Nieves, Joe

**In attendance**

Jackie Freeman (JF), Duncan Soutar (DS), Christian Schwarz (CS), Christopher Gordon (CG), Trevor Dean (TD), Martin Jones (MJ), Richard Bonfield (RB), Thierry Quijo (TQ), Guyles Lengyel (GL), Jana Hoyte (JH), Emma Crump (EC) , Karen Cleveland-Marwick (KC-M), Duncan Worrell (DW), and Angelo Evangelou (AE).

Last year’s AGM minutes were agreed.

**Financial report**

As on 30th July 2019, we have the following in our accounts:

Metro Bank: +£6.391.65

PayPall: +£276.69

TOTAL : +£6,668.34

We already paid for fixing the 3rd court at Garston, August rental, 12 new shirts (6 men and 6 women), 2 new balls bags and meetup 2nd half of year fee.

We are still missing or waiting the following invoices from RSS: 1st half of season £900.00 and 2nd half of season £3240.00. So, if we receive the invoices and pay (£4,140), our cash flow is at +£2,528.34 (no profit this year).

I suggest no to spend this money or decrease the fee for next year as we never know if RSS will invoice us. Also, for season 19/20 hopefully we will have a coach.

**Ladies report (JH/KC-M)**

* Felt there was a good team spirit
* Had such a varied squad throughout the year
* Potential for two ladies teams
* Had to select when we invited all to matches
* Didn’t get as much training time together

**Chargers (DS)**

* Had a lot of different players throughout the year, so it was hard to build a spine to the team
* Felt there wasn’t enough training together
* Had players dropping out at the last minute
* Got more competitive throughout the season

**Knights (RB)**

* Really positive season
* Let it slip to the Falcons at the end
* Could only have gone slightly better by winning the league
* No shows at the last minute were an issue

**Kings (DW)**

* Did really well by getting to a cup final and finishing 2nd place – most successful season in a while
* Few players drifted in and out due to personal commitments
* Lack of progression from other sides – very few played up or got playing time
* Felt there was a trade off of inviting more people along vs the match time they got by coming along

**Rooks (MJ)**

* Organised a few friendlies
* There’s a mixed league opportunity next season in Herts league or there’s the Bucks league
* Lot of game time for juniors at matches like Reading tournament etc

**Coaches (TD and AE)**

* Felt frustrating that people were still not picking up the basics midway through the season
* People had come on a lot as a result of the Thursday night sessions by playing alongside players of varying quality
* Not enough dedicated time in the second half of the season for training

**Social (RB)**

* Gone really well – great numbers and making money for the club
* There needs to be a more concerted effort to convert people who attend into members
* We should get the third court up and running

*Action: TQ to enquire about fixing the fittings for the net posts*

**Welfare (JF)**

* Am now trained up and have attended courses
* Edited and we now have our own safeguarding form
* Our consent form for parents should now be linked to the registration form

*Action: JF to send form to AE and AE to link to registration form*

**Competitions (DW in absence of JC)**

* Meeting is difficult and chaotic
* Would be useful to have fixtures spread out and closer to the end of the season with training weeks slotted in
* Getting people to sign-up in June really helped when thinking about teams to enter

**Secretary (AE)**

* Digitisation of registrations helped this year
* There was a suggestion of having more regular meetings to raise issues and make the AGM shorter (potentially in August [before fixtures meeting], December [to review season], Feb [in lead-up to final run of the season] then finish with the AGM in June for key business)

**Chairman’s report (DW)**

* Really proud of everything the club has achieved over the past year
* Only possible because of the number of people stepping up.

**Next season**

**Elections/re-elections**

* Social secretary: RB (1st DW, 2nd AE)
* Treasurer: TQ (1st CS, 2nd MJ)
* Welfare: JF (1st TQ, 2nd KC-M)
* Fixtures: JC (1st EC, 2nd KC-M)
* Secretary: AE and CS (to assist) (1st DW, 2nd JF)
* Chair: DW (1st JF, 2nd KC-M)

**Teams**

* RB suggested having a junior team that could be entered into the Bucks mixed league
* DW informed us that there have been discussion about a mixed league starting in the HVA
* GL and TQ asked about entering a national league team
* We would like to keep the same number of teams as last year and possibly enter a mixed team which would provide additional playing time for those not getting game time in the ladies or the men's teams
* However, a decision can only be made once we know how many people are registering to play next season

*Action: AE to organise meeting in August once we know registrations to elect junior officer alongside other team managers and the number of teams we will enter*

**Coaching**

* DW said a parish councillor has approached DW and some others in the pub with an offer of some sponsorship and support – this could be used to fund a coach to take sessions at the club
* RB suggested that this takes us in a very different direction at a club where you divide volunteers with paid positions and could create some friction
* AE suggested training some other people at the club and sharing the knowledge we have
* JF and KC-M thought some workshops would work well
* TQ felt that we could build the club more by getting a paid coach in and having a national league team
* Many expressed thoughts about an alternative training space with more capacity

*Actions: TQ to look into cost of coaches, DW to explore the funding option with the councillor, TQ to enquire about getting Garston venue on the weekends*

**Officiating**

* DW and Andrew Marwick have recently become qualified refs
* Been a much better year with regards to volunteering for scoring
* There have been a number of volunteers and DW suggested refunding credit amounts to those people against their membership fees

**Venue(s)**

* Still have access to RSS for next year but unsure of plans – likely to reopen
* Should get in early with a 4-8pm booking
* Look into a second venue for spare capacity
* Third court at Garston was raised again

**Equipment**

* We have enough other equipment but could do with more balls

*Actions:*

* *DW to look into fixing the handle for the second post*
* *TQ to order some more match balls so they’re more evenly distributed amongst team managers etc*
* *AE to setup document for an audit of what equipment we have*

**Fees/subs**

* There is an aim to reduce the subs at our August meeting depending on numbers
* There should be more transparency on finances
* Free initial session remains
* Discussion was made over not using Paypal but then after discussing the cost and hassle of manually managing payments, it was decided to stick with Paypal for social sessions
* Juniors who are members don’t pay on Thursdays
* There will be a strict enforcement of the No Pay, No Play rule. Any exceptions to the rule should be discussed with the committee for sign-off on those exceptions.