

Leicester Athena Volleyball Club

Committee Meeting

Date	Saturday 13th April 2019
Time	10:30 - 12:00
Location	St Martin's Coffee House
Attendees	Paul Kaerger, Charlie Surrige, Kristy Logan, Alysia Gallagher, Paulina Bodnak, Gordon MacDonald, Petra Szollosyova, Anna Gomes-Alves, Kamila Trepczynska, Ioana Mititelu
Apologies	

Minutes

Outstanding Actions

Date of Meeting	Action	Owner	Status
01/12/2018	Paul and Alysia to meet in the new year to go through the budget and check that costs and income are still on track.	Paul, Alysia	Done
01/12/2018	Paul and Alysia will look for a new bank in the new year.	Paul, Alysia	Not started yet
01/12/2018	Paul to contact his student friend	Paul	Nothing materialised
01/12/2018	Paul is to contact VE to ask why lower leagues play triangular matches	Paul	Not done
01/12/2018	Paul to write up Safeguarding policies and procedures	Paul	Done. On the website.
01/12/2018	Kristy to ask Cosy Club if more people can be added	Kristy	Done
01/12/2018	Milena and Kristy to check to see who would be interested in a weekend away	Kristy, Milena	Done. Date set of last weekend in May
01/12/2018	Paul to revisit the sponsorship brochure and identify some potential targets	Paul	Done. Brochures printed
01/12/2018	Paul to develop a blueprint for a junior team	Paul	Not done
01/12/2018	Charlie and Kristy to develop a club survey	Charlie, Kristy	Club survey has been written but not started yet
01/12/2018	Petra to investigate both suppliers and decide whether they can offer a better service than Sports Way or Kitlocker	Petra	See below
01/12/2018	Charlie and Kristy have agreed to create more video content for social media	Charlie, Kristy	Done

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01/12/2018	Paul to order some leaflets from Vistaprint and Kristy to put up posters at her work	Paul	Done. Will use them leaflets over the summer

1. Finances

Caroline has pulled the current year's budget into a format for reporting and Alysia has revisited the figures. Alysia says that we will be close to balancing the budget this year. There are still several outstanding invoices. Alysia reminded people that the standing orders are to run for 12 months.

Alysia and Paul have not yet looked for a new bank account that does not have fees.

Action: Gordon will check to see what his wife uses for the Brownies.

2. Training slots for 2019-2020

Meeting discussed the paper presented by Paul on the main options. Gordon said that NVL Division 2 matches are typically played on Saturdays so there is less chance of matches clashing with training. We agreed the following:

- National League to train at New College on Sundays from 10 until 12.
- Regional League to train and play matches at New College on Sunday from 2 until 4.
- Local League to train and play matches at the Arena on Wednesdays from 7:30pm until 9:30pm.

Action: Sarah to look for venues for National League home matches.

Action: Paul to revisit the outline budget based on these decisions.

All agreed that NVL fees remain as they are this year.

3. Kit Suppliers

Paul and Sarah have been talking to a new supplier. This is a new company set up by Sarah's cousin and they are keen to work with us to develop a club offering. This will cover team kit and leisure items. Gordon would prefer to keep the current NVL kit but, if a deal could be had to have a back up kit for a good price, then it would be worth looking into.

Paul suggested having the same kit design but different colours for the three teams. Jottsport use Mizuno kit but they have not had a catalogue for next season yet.

All agreed to look into replacing the local league and regional league kit for next season through Jottsports. If Jottsports can do a good deal, we will use them for a second kit for the NVL squad.

Action: Paul to check what deals are available with Jottsport .

4. Pre-season Bootcamp

Eli Bromova has suggested to Paul that we go on a weekend away for a pre-season bootcamp. Kristy and Gordon were more concerned about developing fitness over the summer. All agreed that players need to ensure they stay fit over the summer and prepare well for the new season.

Action: Gordon is planning to pull together a pre-season strength and conditioning programme which any member can take part in.

5. Summer Tournaments

The club will run an end of season tournament at Regent College on Sunday May 12th from 10am until 12. Theme will be superheroes. Everyone to bring cakes and drinks to make sure it is a party.

We will enter some teams to Ashcombe again this year. It will be held on 22/23 June this year.

Action: Sarah, Charlie to check to see how many players are interested in going to Ashcombe.

Charlie has been looking into hosting a grass tournament. Leicester Uni are willing to hire out use of some grass courts at a cost of £250 a day. Volleyball England would be happy to lend us grass court nets. Gordon said that an indoor tournament would be preferable and that they were a good money maker for Leicester Volleyball Club in the past.

Action: Charlie to investigate costs and logistics of hosting a small tournament in the summer as a test event.

8. Any Other Business

- The AGM will be held on 14th June at Peter's Pizzeria. There will be the opportunity to go out into the night afterwards

Action: Kristy to book a room.

- Clubmark: Paul would like to look at whether working towards Clubmark would benefit the club moving forward.

Action: Paul is to meet with Sarah Treanor of Leicester Hockey Club to look at what they have done and assess how it has helped their club.

- Kristy asked if it was possible to share match schedules. Teamstuff does not allow people to see match schedules of other teams. Paul said Teamstuff is good but it has limits, for instance, you cannot set roles up for line judging and pull in members of other teams (i.e. asking regional league team to line judge and score a local league match.)

Action: Sarah is to look into a tool that allows us to share schedules and birthdays etc so that we see everything.

- Paul would also like to investigate redesigning the website and making it more interactive but this may incur a cost. People seem to like the website but it was a bit dull and dated looking.

Action: Paul to investigate a different website

- Gordon raised conduct of teams at matches. There have been instances where an Athena player has refereed one of our own matches and received a lot of comments and criticism. We have a culture of supporting everyone and if someone steps up to referee or score, then we must respect and support them.

- Gordon said that DMU are interested in inviting Athena NVL to training sessions occasionally.

- Gordon asked that we add in funds for a second first aid kit and substitution paddles into the budget.

Action: Paul and Alysia will add them into the budget.

Action: Sarah will look into making our own substitution paddles.

- Charlie said that we are starting to attract some junior players to local league training and that puts a strain on Paul as coach. She asked that NVL players help Paul with delivering training on Wednesday nights. Petra had already discussed doing this with Paul when DMU matches allow.

Meeting closed at 12:15