

# Leicester Athena Volleyball Club

## Committee Meeting

<b>Date</b>	Saturday 1st February
<b>Time</b>	10:00 - 11:30
<b>Location</b>	St Martin's Coffee House

### Agenda

1	10:00	5m	Welcome	Paul
2	10:05	15m	Finance report 2.1 new kit: volleyballs, shirts 2.2 additional training slots (junior sessions. LR Sport, sponsorship) 2.3 new bank/CIC/Xero	Alysia
3	10:20	5m	Safeguarding and Player Welfare	Sam
4	10:25	10m	Squad Updates 4.1 NVL 4.2 Regional 4.3 Local 4.4 Junior	Sarah Paul Charlie Paul
5	10:35	20m	Future Plans 5.1 Teams for 2020-2021 5.2 Coaches 5.3 Court time	Paul
6	10:55	10m	Social Events 6.1 Junior outing 6.2 Club events	Sab Kristy
7	11:05	20m	Summer Tournaments 7.1 Athena summer tournament 7.2 Summer tournaments 7.3 Junior tournaments	Charlie Sam Paul
8	11:25	10m	Any Other Business 8.1 Coaching clinic 8.2 Sitting volleyball	Charlie
10	11:35	0m	Close	

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<b>Apologies</b>	Sam

## Minutes

### 2. Finance Report

Alysia presented an update on the current finance position. We are on track in terms of expenditure and income is forecast to be slightly high as we have more members than expected. The deficit at the end of the year is likely to be around £200.

Paul asked that we amend the Finance Policy to state that reserves must be 2.5 times the annual budget. The current level on £1,000 is too low considering the liabilities we have with regards to training slots. The committee agreed.

**Action:** Paul to update Finance Policy

#### 2.1 New kit

Sportsway are delivering the new NVL kit next week and Sarah will order the regional and local league kit. Twelve of the NVL shirts were free (due to errors by Sportsway) and the club paid for 3 spare shirts. Paul to order a set of 6 volleyballs.

**Action:** Sarah to order local and regional league kit from Sportsway once she has confirmation from the captains.

**Action:** Paul to order 6 balls from Sportset.

#### 2.2 Additional training slots

The Wednesday evening slots are becoming very busy as we have over a dozen juniors attending as well as the local league players. Paul asked New College and the Arena if they had other slots but only New College had anything, which was 2 hours on a Saturday morning. Only 1 or 2 from local league can make that slot and the reaction from the junior group was mixed. Paul will review in a couple of weeks time.

#### 2.3 New bank account and CIC

Paul and Alysia have been waiting until the new year is out of the way but will meet soon to investigate creating a Community Interest Company to create greater structure for the club.

### 3 Safeguarding

Paul has raised an incident related to poor practice from a parent and it is being logged. Sam to review and determine what action to take.

### 4. Squad Updates

#### 4.1 NVL

The NVL team are currently lying 6th out of 9. It was always going to be a year of consolidation after reaching Div 2 and the team are playing well and have been unlucky not to turn around a couple of tight sets. Sarah is trying to organise another scrimmage game against DMU.

#### 4.2 Regional

The Regional league team have won 6 matches out of 8, which is a huge improvement on last year. The squad have settled into a solid group of 9 players.

#### 4.3 Local

The local league team have played 4 matches and not won a set. However, they are still very inexperienced and are improving as individuals and as a team. The standard of play is showing some real promise for the future.

#### 4.4 Juniors

We are currently getting around 12 juniors to training, ranging from 11 years to 17 years old. Eli has been helping out coaching the juniors and the atmosphere is fabulous.

### **5 Future Plans**

#### 5.1 Teams for 2020-21

It is hoped that we move from 3 to 5 teams next season to give players better opportunities to play and develop. Ideally, we will have a junior team that can compete in the local league plus a Div 3 team with DMU to the regional league players to make the step up and to allow DMU players to gain NVL experience.

A lot of factors have to be considered before then, not least our relationship with DMU.

**Action:** Paul to contact Ryan at DMU for a catch up, as he is about to leave for a new role.

#### 5.2 Coaches

With the increase in teams and the increase in juniors, the club needs more coaches. Currently, the following coaches are involved:

- NVL - Gordon MacDonald (assisted by Roland)
- Regional - Paul Kaerger (assisted by Sarah)
- Local/Juniors - Paul Kaerger (assisted by Eli)

Paul feels that we need to identify/develop 5 coaches to support the club's growth.

#### 5.3 Court Time

Paul explained that court time remains a major constraint. Very few schools seem to have sports halls that have the right level of volleyball equipment (specifically, anchor points for quality posts) and those all seem to be booked out.

Kristy said that Sunday mornings are difficult for many NVL players and asked if New College have availability in the early evening, after the regional league team's training session.

**Action:** Paul to ask New College for availability on Sunday evenings

### **6 Social Events**

#### 6.1 Junior outing

Sabine is going to organise another junior social event, likely to be to Treetops Golf

#### 6.2 Social Events

Kristy is planning to organise an end of year event for the AGM, awards and social event.

### **7. Summer Tournaments**

#### 7.1 Athena Summer Tournament

Charlie is going to lead the planning of this again. DMU may be able to offer a venue at a more competitive price than University of Leicester.

**Action:** Charlie to contact last year’s participants to see if they are interested this year and to ask for feedback.

### 7.2 Summer Tournaments

Sam is looking into which tournaments are out there and which we want to enter.

### 7.3 Beach volleyball

Not discussed.

## **8 Any Other Business**

### 8.1 Coaching clinic

University of Leicester arranging a clinic for setters and coaches and is likely to take place in March. Paul to promote it within the club once he has more details.

### 8.2 Sitting Volleyball

University of Leicester is also arranging a sitting volleyball session in February. Paul to promote it within the club once he has more details.

Meeting closed at 11:40

## **Outstanding Actions**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
01/12/2018	Paul and Alysia will look for a new bank in the new year.	Not started yet
13/04/2019	Paul and Alysia will add first aid kit and another set of substitution paddles to the budget	Not done. There is some flexibility for first aid kit.
13/11/2019	Paul to update finance policy to say that “upfront payments = non-refundable”	Done
01/02/2020	Paul to update Finance Policy to show reserves limit to be 2.5 times the budgeted annual total expenditure.	
01/02/2020	Sarah to order local and regional league kit from Sportsway once she has confirmation from the captains	
01/02/2020	Paul to order 6 balls from Sportset	
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