

# Wessex AGM Minutes

7<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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## Apologies

Dan Hunter, Matt Hunter, Ken Hunter, Claudia Summers, Andy Jones, Shane McCabe, Carole McCabe, Niamh McCabe, Megan McCabe, Mike Garrett, Angus Courtiour

## In Attendance

Dave Gunter, Helen Rushby, Wayne Tinsley-Veale, Anthony Roberts, Richard Grinyer, Karen Lambert, Peter Lambert, Holly Angell, Colin Angell, Rachel Angell, Josh Honeybun, Michelle Honeybun, Andy Langridge, Natasha Chedgy, Roy Pankhurst, Anette Minard, Geoff Allen, Jared Furbank

## Minutes

- Chair **Dave Gunter (DG)** welcomed and thanked everyone to the meeting and talked through the agenda items to work through.

### 1. Matters arising from previous AGM (no minutes available)

- **Dave Gunter (DG)** gave an overview of work done by Working Group since EGM including **Peter Lambert's (PL)** work in finance and **Wayne Tinsley-Veale's (WTV)** work in Safeguarding.

### 2. Reports;

#### Chairperson – Dave Gunter (DG)

- **DG** introduced new operational structure including opting new people into the club board and co-opting non-executive board members.
- **DG** highlighted recent purchases and investments made by the club
- **DG** emphasised six new coaches to join the coaching team this season.
- **DG** confirmed all training sessions and venues are booked for the upcoming 2019/20 season – **DG** thanked **Dan Hunter (DH)** for his work on this.

#### Going forward...

- **Annetta Minard (AM)** to consolidate strategic plan going forward.

- **Anthony Roberts (AR)** to prepare electronic welcome handbook for new club members and **DG** confirmed the board wishes to centralise pre-season information so it can go out to members in late July/August.
- **DG** explained the club aim of establishing a Men's 2 team for 2020/21 season to create an outlet for U18 boys.
- **DG** highlighted aim to work towards being a cashless club via app-based payments and strengthening team management.
- Wessex would like to run 'club' coaches' workshops for current club coaches and other members who are interested in upcoming seasons.
- **DG** to develop job roles further which will then be issued to club members.
- **"More people doing less rather than few people doing lots"** is something the club needs to work towards.
- Looking to increase Wessex representation at South West Junior JoVoTo events, which are entry level events for U15's.
- The club is looking to improve the beach offer. Beach will have more coverage now it is confirmed for Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022.
- Standardised playing kits to be introduced for 2020 season; **AR** to continue looking at kit going forward. Along with possible re-name to Wessex (Dragons, Warriors, Wasps TBD by membership). This would mean a strong brand could be developed and used in club merchandise)
- With regards to club merchandise, a self-ordering shop is to replace the current system with a minimum expectation that member's purchase a Wessex training top (2020 season).
- Club Events are to become standardised including a Welcome event and an End of Season Awards event.
- **DG** highlighted potential to link the welcome event to making members aware of funding opportunities (in particular the Mark Pitman fund) and used to raise money for the fund.
- **Geoff Allen (GA)** explained the Mark Pitman fund is designed to support eligible players financially throughout the season.
- **AR** noted that standardising such events will help to improve the social side of the club.
- **GA** highlighted the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Poole/Bournemouth Volleyball Association (Volleyball Dorset) and that Wessex Volleyball Club should be a part of this.
- **Natasha Chedgy (NC)** highlighted the recent partnership with Bournemouth University and **DG** confirmed this agreement has been finalised and awaiting BU legal department to sign off.

#### **Treasurer – Peter Lambert (PL)**

- **PL** thanked **Lynn Allen (LA)** and **GA** for smooth transition of financial information.
- **PL** thanked **WTV**, **DG** and **Matt Hunter (MH)** for help with finances since the EGM.
- Confirmed transferring of bank signatories completed and in process of finalising on-line banking access for others to enable dual approval for payments.
- Gave an overview of financial position of the club for 2018/19 season for both Adults and Juniors.

- Confirmed the club is in a strong financial position.
- Going forward, collection of membership fees and match fees to be monitored more closely.
- **PL** suggested having a co-ordinator for each playing group to assist with following up outstanding fees.
- Attendees thanked **PL** for all of his work in bringing accounts up to date.
- **PL** confirmed this season is to be used to consolidate financial position.
- **AM** highlighted importance of player's fees being spent on corresponding season to ensure players are not funding future seasons.
- **PL** confirmed that financial information will be more transparent for members going forward.

#### **Welfare Officer – Wayne Tinsley-Veale (WTV)**

- **WTV** confirmed all coaches involved in previous seasons have their DBS certificate and there are enough people with a Safeguarding certificate to cover sessions.
- Stronger position than in previous seasons.
- **DG** to remind the five coaches on the coaching course to complete their safeguarding and DBS certificates.

#### **Secretary – Roy Pankhurst (RP)**

- **RP** explained his position within the club and his role as liaison with Bournemouth University, Volleyball England, Volleyball Dorset and South West League.
- **DG** and attendees thanked **RP** for his work in setting up the Level 1 coaching course and the Grade 4 Refereeing Course.
- **RP** thanked **DH** for his help with other secretarial tasks throughout the season.

### **3. Election of officers to board**

#### **i. Chairperson**

- Elected at EGM, no election

#### **ii. Treasurer**

- Elected at EGM, no election

#### **iii. Vice Chairperson – Nominations:**

- **DG** nominated Dan Hunter, seconded Anthony Roberts – Elected with role to be defined

#### **iv. Welfare Officer – Nominations:**

- Wayne Tinsley-Veale initially agreed to continue this position temporarily.
- Michelle Honeybun (MH) expressed an interest later in the meeting – Elected

#### **v. Junior Development Officer – Nominations:**

- **DG** nominated Annetta Minard, Seconded WT-V – Elected
- **WTV** and Jared Furbank (JF) agreed to assist **AM** with this position.

**vi. Secretary - Nominations**

- No nominations
- DG mentioned building this role in to the Vice Chairperson role, however a secretary does need to be found

**4. Non-Board Positions**

**i. Social and Event Secretary - Nominations**

- No nominations

**ii. Fundraising Officer – Nominations:**

- No nominations
- **GA** confirmed he is happy to work with someone going forward on this as he receives relevant emails from Volleyball England, Active Dorset etc
- Attendees agreed on need for regular fundraising opportunities to include juniors

**iii. Marketing Officer - Nominations:**

- No nominations

**5. AOB**

- **AM** to take the lead on DISE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence) qualification.
- **DG** confirmed four junior members would like to be involved with this and is going to continue communicating with Volleyball England regarding delivering the qualification.

Meeting ended 1045