

Emergency General Meeting Minutes

MEETING

4th March 2019

Apologies

Annetta Minard, Andy Jones, U18 Junior Men's Squad, Shane McCabe, Rebecca Morgan.

Minutes

Welcome

- As interim chair, **Dave Gunter (DG)** welcomed and thanked everyone to the EGM and explained the impact and one of the biggest changes the club has had in its history.
- **DG** thanked **Geoff Allen (GA)** on behalf of the club for his dedication and commitment for over 40 years to Wessex Volleyball as chairmen.

Chair Nominations & Vote

- **Wayne Tinsley-Veale (WTV)** discussed the nomination process in the club constitution.
- Club had received one vote for a new chair, **DG** seconded by **Roy Pankhurst (RP)**.
- **WTV** asked the members for any objections and there were none.
- **DG** assumes position of Wessex Volleyball Club chair effective immediately.
- **DG** said he was privileged to accept the role but wanted to make members aware to continue the club and build on what has been achieved it is going to need the help of the entire club and welcomes recommendations for how this can be done.

Club Update:

- **DG** introduced to the members the boards short term focuses. BU Agreement, Welfare and Safeguarding, Finances and Next Season Planning

Club Update – BU Agreement:

- **Dan Hunter (DH)** explained to members the goal of formalising a formal partnership between Wessex and BU for the first teams and explained the long running partnership with the University to date.
- The ongoing discussions involve how to organise the first teams from player recruitment, coaches, financial planning but also a vision for the years to come.
- Currently focussed on finalising an agreement for how Wessex and BU will work effective 2019/2020 season.
- **DH** highlighted the concerns that were highlighted across the NVL that Tier 4 VISAs (student visas) explicitly state they cannot play outside of BUCs. This would affect a large number of the current university scholars and were working with the university to see how we best resolve this in the best interests of the athletes impacted.

Club Update – Welfare and Safeguarding:

- **DG** informed the members that **GA** also stepped down as the club's welfare officer.
- **WTV** assumed the position but asked if there were any other qualified members within the club who could help ensure the club safeguards its members.

Club Update – Finances:

- **WTV** confirmed **Lynn Allen (LA)** was to stand down as Club Treasurer at the end of the season and would be happy to work with a person/group to handover this responsibility.
- The club are looking for a person/group who can advise on the best, simplest way of managing the club's finances and someone who would take on the role of Club Treasurer on the board.
- **DG** explained this is a hugely important area of the club and asks for members with expertise in this area to get in touch.
- **Peter Lambert (PL)** agreed to undertake this position on the board and was co-opted.

Club Update – Next Season:

- **WTV** will be discussing with all the club coaches to confirm the teams they will be willing to coach for next season.
- All NVL teams must confirm they want to re-enter the league for the 2019/2020 season and have sufficient play numbers by May.

Club Update – Club Future Development:

- **DG** informed the members Annetta has begun to come up with a development plan for the club and that he would be taking on responsibility to ensure those who volunteered to help in that now start meeting so this can get started.
- Members at the EGM highlighted their disappointment since the previous club meeting that they were not invited to get involved despite registering their interest.
- **DG** acknowledged this and ensured that the club would become more open so that members would be clear how they could get involved.

AOB:

- **DG** invited members to join a working group with the board to help with the short-term priorities so that the club continue to operate for the 2019/2020 season. Members who agreed to help undertake this:
 - Alice Butista
 - Ali Kelly
 - Kamila Maciejewska
 - Antonella Aguilina
 - Helen Rushby
 - Jared Furbank
 - Rhys Lambert
 - Michelle Honeybun
 - Andy Langridge
 - Karen Lambert
 - Colin Angel
 - Matt Hunter
- **DG** asked members to help the board gain insight into how the members feel the club operates. Members were divided into groups representing all aspects of the club to discuss:
 - What's good and why?
 - What could we do better, what needs improving and how?
 - What do you want from Wessex Volleyball Club?

The member ideas from this can be viewed [here](#)