

Suffolk IVC AGM 2016

MINUTES

Meeting Date – Monday, October 10th, 2016 at 19:30

Venue – The Waggon and Horses, Acton Square, Sudbury CO10 1HJ

Those attending

Catrin Diverres	CD	Shirley Horne	SH
Jenny Lowless	JL	Bill Mackintosh	BM
Graeme Mount	GM	Brad Rawlings	BR
Gill Reeve	JR	Phil Riches	PR
Judith Scott	JS		

SH opened the meeting at 7:32 and thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting quorate.

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Angela Bell, Denise Clegg, Hazel Mackintosh, Julie McMonagle, Jacque Roote, and Jane Theobald.

2) Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the previous AGM on October 29th, 2015 were adopted.

3) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4) Officer's Reports

Treasurer's report -- BM circulated his latest report showing a balance of £980 at year end, up from £749 last year; income from subscriptions being £325 and the main expenditure £84 for website development. There was some discussion on the future of the aIVC levy.

Membership report -- BR said that membership had dropped to 33 compared with 37 last year, mainly because there are not enough events to cover the wide open spaces of Suffolk. It was suggested that use of a Meetup group might help, as it had Ipswich Outdoor Group. It was agreed that BR would pass details of new members to a local committee member for a chat.

Publicity and Web -- PR presented a graph showing the hits on Google Ads. This was encouraging and it was suggested that with only £6 left PR should add another £30 to continue. The personalised letter system had gone down well with everyone. SH suggested advertising in the local free magazines but BR pointed out that they can only be used for organised events, not just to advertise the club, and that following the various availability dates and methods of communication can be difficult.

Events -- JS and JL said that they had organised various club nights through the year in Bury St Edmunds but had difficulty recently because of illness and holidays.

Chair -- SH said that she had put on many events through the year and would now be concentrating more on ones around the borders of the county to invite involvement with other IVCs.

5) Formal Acceptance of the new Code of Conduct

It was unanimously agreed at the committee meeting of April 11th to accept the new aIVC/Essex Code of Conduct subject to ratification at the AGM. GM had reservations but the motion was carried unanimously.

6) Election of Officers

There having been no nomination forms received in advance there was some discussion on who was available for the positions required. BM accepted reluctantly and would be unable to commit to appearing at meetings regularly; similarly GM living in South Woodham Ferrers felt he could fill the position without having to travel to Suffolk regularly for meetings. GR was keen to become involved

and BR offered to discuss the club more fully at the next meeting in East Bergholt. BM offered a vote of thanks to CD for her continued efforts with events and JL proposed another for SH for her hard work for the club in recent years; both were unanimously approved.

The following nominations, their proposers and seconds are as follows :-

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Chairman	Phil Riches	BR	SH
Secretary	Brad Rawlings	CD	JL
Treasurer	Bill Mackintosh	BR	SH
ALO	Graeme Mount	BR	PR
Membership	Brad Rawlings	CD	JL
Bulletin	Brad Rawlings	CD	JL
Publicity	Phil Riches	SH	JS
Website	Phil Riches	SH	JS
General	Judith Scott	CD	BM
	Jenny Lowless	CD	BM
	Gill Reeve	CD	BM

A block vote was proposed and the above were accepted unanimously.

7) Discussion of Future Activities of the Club

There had been considerable discussion under item 4 on various ways forward.

Regarding immediate activities, GM offered his birthday bash in Chelmsford and asked if it could be offered to Essex IVC. BR had been offered a new date by Kersey Mill for the D&D and had booked two places for his own use and offered it as a club event; it was agreed at this late stage to offer it as the Club's D&D. GR had suggested the 'sausage throwing' event at Harwich on Nov 5th but was currently unable to host it; she said that she will find out more about the Harwich and Parkeston Beer Festival (23rd – 26th Nov). SH suggested having club nights in different areas for local focal points; BM and PR offered to find something in the Ipswich area.

8) AOB

The next Committee Meeting was confirmed as previously agreed to be on Thursday, November 17th, at The Corn Exchange in Bury St Edmunds.

The meeting was closed at 21:15