Suffolk IVC Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting Date – Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 at 19:30

Venue – The George, 52 High Street, Hadleigh IP7 5AL

Those attending

Graeme Mount GM Brad Rawlings BR Gill Reeve GR Phil Riches PR

The meeting was opened at 7:35pm

1) Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Jenny Lowless.

2) Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the April 26th meeting were adopted.

3) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not included later in these minutes.

4) Officer's Reports

Membership -- BR said that membership stood at 26 (having acquired a new member, Andrea Race) with 3 prospectives in the pipeline. GM said that he was trying to encourage two Essex members moving to Norfolk to join, which BR said would probably be too far away but would increase our area coverage; GM commented that it would keep them in the IVC.

Publicity and Web -- PR said that he had temporarily turned off Google Ads to see if there was any effect and is now in the process of developing a new website using Wordpress as previously advised. This would enable the membership list to be kept on the website but would be difficult at this stage to see how to password protect the right bits for each person. Renewal of www.suffolkivc.org.uk web hosting is due at the end of the month, GR wrote a cheque for PR to the value of £60 which covers the expense.

<u>Treasurer</u> -- GR distributed the monthly accounts showing a still healthy balance of £1,153.29, although GM pointed out that he still had to pay in his membership fee. PR signed his renewal letter and said that he would pay on-line. GR's local bank in Harwich is closing, so transfer may be irrelevant; it was however agreed to try and arrange for one signature only approval on cheques up to a value of £30.

ALO -- GM said that there was nothing to discuss not included in GDPR and Conference.

5) Data Protection - GDPR

BR said that only half of the membership had responded to the request for consent to hold data but PR said that this was no longer necessary, as it was covered by renewal letters for current members. PR offered a suggested new Application Form and some ideas were put forward for rewording plus the addition of a sentence to allow retention of records if a member should leave; GM advised having another look at the aIVC suggested wording.

6) AIVC Conference

It was confirmed that BR and GR would be the delegates. BR said that those also going were Janet Benfield, Julie McMonagle, and Mark Kiddy.

The Birmingham IVC motion exhorting AIVC to actively look for new member clubs was agreed unanimously in principle. However it was felt that membership should not be limited to 2/3rds acceptance at the AGM only.

7) Events

BR said that he was planning on doing a rowing day on a monthly basis as far as possible and had a few theatre events in the bulletin; also that Jenny and Judith had booked Bury club nights for the next three months. GM said that he had a gig to advertise for next weekend in Kelvedon and PR said that he had a 60s/70s evening in Ipswich at the end of July.

8) <u>A</u>oB

GR suggested again that it would be a good idea to reinvest some of the club funds in the members. There was considerable discussion followed by BR's suggestion that PR's event in July should have a £10 refund to any member bringing a paying non-member. The idea was agreed and PR said that he would take it away and think about the wording and other issues for the bulletin entry {which would be required by July 27 at the absolute latest}.

9) Next Committee Meetings

BR had been to East Bergholt to look at The Red Lion and found that it was still in a state of disrepair. BR reported that The Carriers along the road were amenable to the idea of SIVC holding a meeting with one or two eating, and that it wasn't too far from Bury on the A14. It was agreed to try it for the next committee meeting at 7:30 on Thursday, July 19th.

The meeting was closed at 8:55