

Suffolk IVC Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting Date – Thursday, June 16th, 2016 at 18:30

Venue – The Corn Exchange, Bury St Edmunds

Those attending

Shirley Horne	SH	Bill Mackintosh	BM
Brad Rawlings	BR		

The meeting was opened at 18:35

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jenny Lowless, Judith Scott, and Phil Riches (PR).

2) Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on May 12th were adopted.

3) Matters Arising

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

4) Officer's Reports

Membership -- BR said that there was no change at the moment, with 34 members and 4 prospectives. SH asked for a geographic distribution of members and after some discussion it was decided that there were now very few members in Bury and that it would be a good idea to try club nights and the associated Committee meetings in areas more likely to attract members in areas such as Ipswich and Sudbury rather than Bury where attendance has been very low for some time. The next meeting would be at Horringer as planned and SH to find the name of a pub at Sproughton near Ipswich as a possible future venue.

Treasurer -- BM distributed the latest report and a forecast as requested showing the aIVC levy; it was understood that the 'small club' rebate would no longer apply.

5) Google Ads

PR apologised for his absence but confirmed that he was looking at the 'word cost' of Google Ads for the near future. SH asked BR if he could obtain a copy of the new Essex IVC poster.

SH was concerned at the falling membership and lack of retention of 'new' members. A request for a copy of a poster from the Essex Publicity Officer had been refused but she hoped that PR might be able to do something similar for distribution to libraries, theatres and leisure centres etc.

6) aIVC Conference

BR and SH confirmed that they had returned their forms and payments. BR had found all the B&Bs full and had had to book in at a local hotel. There was some discussion on the subject of accommodation in Cambridge. BW said that a claim for travel would only be accepted by aIVC for one member and BR to submit for himself and split with SH. BW asked if it would be possible to ascertain the financial state of other small IVC clubs such as Peterborough.

7) Events

BM gave BR details of his proposed Garden Party on July 17th to go into the bulletin. BR confirmed his proposed rowing event in Dedham on July 30th and said that he was looking at offering a Real Tennis event at Prested Hall in the near future.

8) AOB

SH related that the former Suffolk Secretary and her partner recently attended an Essex IVC

event and stated that they were both members of Suffolk IVC (as per Alan Kitchen). BR confirmed that Allie Warren's membership had ceased in October 2015 and that that Peter had never been a member of Suffolk and that he would contact Alan Kitchen to advise.

SH mentioned the possibility of a Christmas dinner and dance and offered to find a new location, as she and HM (?) had been dissatisfied with the 2015 location. BR said that he had been very satisfied with Kersey Mill and would be happy to run the event if it were still being held there.

The meeting was closed at 19:30

Future Committee Meetings are as follows :-

	Monday, July 11 th	The Six Bells, Horringer
	Monday, August 15 th	Venue TBA at Sproughton
	Monday, September 19 th	----- " -----
AGM	Monday, October 17 th	----- " -----