

# Suffolk IVC AGM 2019

## MINUTES

Meeting Date – Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 19:30

Venue – The Hare and Hounds, East Bergholt

### Those attending

Catrin Diverres	CD	Debbie Gant	DG
Gareth Jones	GJ	Jenny Lowless	JL
Graeme Mount	GM	Brad Rawlings	BR
Gill Reeve	GR	Phil Riches	PR

PR opened the meeting at 7:50 and declared the meeting quorate.

1) Apologies for absence

These were received from Adrian Duncan, Julie McMonagle, Gill Peters and Judith Scott (JS).

2) Adoption of Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Adoption of the minutes of the AGM on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 was proposed by GR, seconded by PR and carried unanimously.

3) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4) Officer's Reports

Reports from the Chair, ALO, Treasurer and Membership Secretary had previously been circulated by e-mail to save time and paper.

Chairman's Report (including Publicity and Website) -- PR said that he and GM had attended the aIVC conference in Halifax and that his report could be found on the website. The new WordPress website was up and running and he hoped to develop a set of management guidelines to make it easier for update by designated members. There was some discussion on how to get people to use the website and PR hoped to add some functionality to make it more useful for members and not just a taster for prospectives.

Treasurer's Report -- GR reported a bank balance at the end of August of £1,567, which after deduction of cheques received from members of £58 due to Best Western for the Christmas D&D, leaves a very healthy £1,509 compared with £1,173 last year. £140 would be required to subsidise Suffolk IVC members' attendance at the D&D. GR also pointed out that the committee had agreed to reintroduce the £10 Bring a Friend initiative from January.

Membership Report -- BR said that membership had risen dramatically for such a small club from 25 last year to 33 this (34 had been shown in the report but one member, Ian McFie, had dropped out since) and that there were also 3 prospective members. BR said that he expected at least 2 of the remaining 6 due to rejoin in November would not renew, as they had never been seen.

ALO Report -- GM summarised the position of ALO within aIVC. He applauded SIVC attendance at the 2018 conference in Halifax and pointed out that, as a small club, this entitled us to a rebate on the aIVC levy. He promoted attendance at the proposed 2020 conference to be held in Telford next June, pointing out that it is also a worthwhile social weekend with various events for those who do not wish to attend the conference meetings. He concluded by encouraging members to put on events in Suffolk and beyond and to offer distant events to other IVC groups.

5) Election of Officers

GM suggested that, on the assumption that last year's committee were all prepared to stand again that there should be a single vote. It was established that all were prepared to stand (including JS as confirmed by JL in her absence) and that there were no other candidates. CD proposed that GM's suggestion be adopted, GJ seconded and the officers were duly elected by a vote of all those present. Posts held are as follows :

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Positions Held</u>
Phil Riches	Chairman, Publicity and Webmaster
Brad Rawlings	Secretary, Membership and Bulletin Officer
Gill Reeve	Treasurer
Graeme Mount	ALO
Judith Scott	General
Jenny Lowless	General

6) Discussion of Future Activities of the Club

There were few suggestions at this time but GM said that he had a meal going in the bulletin in December, CD agreed to forward details to BR of the Bury Christmas Fair and GR wanted to do a pub meal at the end of November, Thursday 28th; there was some discussion on the venue and The Crown at Ardleigh was suggested and to be confirmed. BR said he was planning to continue his monthly rowing event in Dedham once the Boat House reopened in March and JL said that she and JS would arrange some more venues for club nights to go in the bulletin.

7) AOB

The date for the next Committee meeting was fixed as Tuesday, November 26 in Hadleigh; PR to establish the venue depending on availability of food.

The meeting was closed at 20:50