

# **Suffolk IVC AGM 2021**

## **MINUTES**

Meeting Date – Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 19:30

Venue – Zoom meeting (hosted by Phil Riches)

### Those attending

Steve Archer	SA	Catrin Diverres	CD
Mark Kiddy	MK	Julie McMonagle	JM
Jacqui Roote	JR	Jenny Lowless	JL
Bill Mackintosh	BM	Graeme Mount	GM
Gill Peters	GP	Brad Rawlings	BR
Gill Reeve	GR	Phil Riches	PR

PR opened the meeting at 7:35. The meeting was declared quorate.

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Kathy Lee, Shirley Horne, Judith Scott (JS) and Hazel Mackintosh.

2) Adoption of Minutes of the 2020 AGM

PR screened the minutes for people to view. Adoption of the minutes of the AGM on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was carried unanimously.

3) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4) Officer's Reports

Reports from the Chair, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and ALO had previously been circulated by e-mail to save reading them out at the meeting; PR asked if people had had time to read them.

Chairman's Report (including Publicity and Website) -- PR mentioned the popularity and usefulness of the Zoom quizzes, the eventual get-together at the Ipswich Sports Club in July and the proposed Christmas dinner. He thanked all members who have supported the club with events during the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report -- GR reported a bank balance at the end of August of £1,251.97, which showed receipts from membership of £240 and mentioned the 3 month extension to membership. There were also the costs of the July social event of £140, IT expenses of £145 and IVC levy for 2020 of £106.

Membership Report -- BR said that membership had surprisingly improved to 31, with 4 prospectives. He mentioned that he would be passing the job of membership Secretary to GR.

ALO Report -- GM briefly described the role of ALO and offered help to anyone joining events with another club and encouraged people to join in with inter IVC away events. He also hoped for the possibility of a change to the Zoom format for the aIVC of the last 2 years. GM noted at the meeting that aIVC held insurance for cyclists and recommended that anyone interested should look at the aIVC website.

5) Election of Officers

BR said that there were no new people standing for committee and PR established that all the current members were willing to stand again; the only change being that GR was standing for Membership in place of BR. PR proposed a block vote and the officers were duly elected unanimously by all those present. Posts held are as follows :-

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

6) Motion to Change Article 7 of the Constitution

**Current wording** -- Any person other than a current Member of another Club belonging to the Association of Inter-Varsity Clubs, applying for Membership of the Club for the first time shall first apply to the Committee. The Committee will have the authority to accept or refuse this application without assigning any reason. The Committee shall decide the appropriate procedures to provide applicants with the opportunity to try out the Club by attending events for up to three months. Alternatively, if an applicant wishes to apply for immediate Membership this may be accepted on a provisional basis for three months. This is 'Fast Track' to Membership. The Committee shall decide on appropriate procedures to administer 'Fast Track'. Before the end of this period, the applicant may request a refund and leave the Club. Also, before the end of this period the Committee may refuse continued Membership and provide a full refund.

**Suggested Wording** -- Any person other than a current member of another club belonging to the Association of Inter-Varsity Clubs, applying for Membership for the first time, shall apply to the Committee. They will have the authority to accept or refuse this application without assigning any reason. Upon receipt of a completed application form and subscription, an applicant becomes a member. During the first 3 months of membership the applicant may request a refund and leave the Club. Also, before the end of this period the Committee may refuse continued Membership and provide a full refund.

The change was proposed by Gill Reeve and seconded by Phil Riches. After some discussion and clarification by BM and others some minor changes were made to the wording and the motion was carried unanimously. The precise accepted wording to be copied to aIVC follows :

**New Article 7** -- Any person other than a current member of another club belonging to the Association of IVCs, applying for membership for the first time, shall apply to the Committee, who will have the authority to accept or refuse this application without assigning any reason. Upon receipt of a completed application form and subscription, an applicant becomes a member. During the first 3 months of membership the applicant may request a refund and leave the Club. Also, before the end of this period the Committee may refuse continued membership and provide a full refund.

It was noted that the change would also improve the situation with regard to insurance and voting. BR mentioned that it would be necessary to change the club handbook and the 'Welcome Letter', as well as the Constitution. GR offered to review the rest of the Constitution with a view to simplification and this was agreed bearing in mind that changes would all need to be ratified at an AGM or EGM as per article 45a.

7) Discussion of Future Activities of the Club

GM said that he would be reinstating his R&R events and would be offering his birthday bash to the club on December 6th. JL noted that the first of the pub nights previously offered by herself and JS would be in November and that others would follow after Christmas. MK suggested pool and darts and GR said that we would look at the possibility of doing this at The Hare and Hounds in east Bergholt. JR said that she proposed a day in Bury on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to view the Abbey gardens. MK also proposed that the club should look into doing an orienteering event.

8) AOB

GM said that the aIVC Newsletters would soon be issued and asked for members to provide feedback on the proposal by Pete Howe of Birmingham IVC to hold the 2021 conference in Birmingham, midweek instead of at a weekend; details to follow in Newsletters.

The meeting was closed at 20:35