

Charles Stanley Westward League
Notes from AGM by Zoom on 15th July 2023

Present: Keith and Jayne Reed (EVH), Karen Eccles and Richard Warne (Plymouth Harriers), Martin Exley-Deane Peers (Tavistock AC), Dave Phillips (Exeter Harriers), Katherine Webster (NRR), Steve Blackford (COPAC), Bethany Wallis (Exeter University), Dave Varney (Newquay & Par), Jeff Curd (Tiverton), Becky Lee (EVH), Miranda Flanagan (Cornwall AC)

Apologies –Alan Rowling, and Emma Stepto (Cornwall AC), Darren Williams (Chair and Plymouth Musketeers), Wendy Goldthorpe (Teignbridge Trotters), Nathan Sheehy (Exmouth Harriers), Leigh Robinson (Plymouth Harriers), Emily Young (East Cornwall), Mike Hindle (Newton Abbot)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Keith welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance. Unfortunately Darren Williams was unable to chair but had passed on his apologies as well as his thanks and welcome.

2. Secretaries report and review of season

Keith had not done a written report prior to the AGM but was able to report another successful season. We introduced a new venue in Newnham Park which proved popular. Thanks to Cornwall AC for putting on the final fixture in Redruth.

Thanks were offered to all the host clubs, team managers and athletes/officials who supported the league. We were not adversely affected by weather although Westward Ho! was affected by some flooding on the roads.

3. The Financial statement

The statement was circulated. Unfortunately we did lose a significant amount due to the increase in venue costs. Newnham cost £850 and it was our turn to pay for the Newquay venue (paid every other year). The statement and the fees for 2023/24 were agreed.

A discussion took place on fees and proposal was made by Steve Blackford that they should rise to £60 for each club and the athlete fee should be £1 for all age groups (including U11). This was seconded by Martin Exley-Deane and agreed by all. Charles Stanley have agreed to a sponsor the league once again this new season. Dave Phillips proposed the admin fee paid to Keith and Jayne Reed should rise to £750. This was seconded by Steve Blackford and unanimously agreed.

4. 2023/24 Structure and Admin including fixtures

The basic structure will remain the same for the new season. A proposal to begin the 2024/5 season in September was not supported.

The only change will be to add in team prizes for U11's (3 to score) following a proposal by Steve Blackford seconded by Dave Philipps.

The original proposed dates were discussed and the usual date of 3rd Dec would clash with a Mob Match in Cornwall. Agreed to move to 10th December.

The dates for 2023/24 are as follows:

Sunday 8th October – Newnham Park (Plymouth)

Sunday 19th November - Newquay

Sunday 10th December - Exeter

Sunday 14th January – Westward Ho! (with North Devon League fixture)

Sunday 11th February – Plymouth (Central Park)

Sunday 3rd March – Redruth

The November 19th fixture will incorporate the Cornwall AA Champs (one week later than usual) and the 10th December fixture will include the Devon AA Champs. We may need to swap the last two if Central Park has issues with works.

5. Trophies and Awards

It was agreed to spend the same amount on the trophies (with the addition of the U11 teams) and continue to give winner T-shirts (cost is covered by sponsorship).

6 Adoption of Constitution and Rules for 2023/24

No amendments are required to the constitution or the rules except for the U11 teams. New copies will be circulated.

7. Election of Officers

Chair – Darren Williams (proposed by Martin Exley-Deane and seconded by Miranda Flanagan)

Secretary – Keith Reed (proposed by Dave Phillips and seconded by Karen Eccles)

Treasurer and Results Sec. – Jayne (proposed by Dave Phillips and seconded by Karen Eccles)

All were duly re-elected unanimously

8. AOB

None raised.

Keith closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 12.45