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On a more worrisome note , I see that podcasts are still being put out containing misinformation and in some areas personal abuse. This needs to be stopped. While adults like us can put this rubbish to one side, it's not setting a good example to our Colts, who have better access to it than us. The youngsters have enough issues at school and the workplace, without having to put up with trolls while playing our sport.

I later stated at the meeting that the constant barrage of lies on the podcasts were particularly upsetting for my family , especially my grandchildren, who probably have much better access to the web than me.

I would also refer you to the last item on the Colts Manager's report that expresses the point of "Evolution not Revolution "

A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

7) The Match Secretary made his report to the meeting. Chris expressed his disappointment at the cancellation of the President's Torquay game and also the large loss on the Exonia game

The Fixtures Secretary gave her report. Jill said that it was too early in the season for there to be anything to report.

The Competitions Secretary reported that a good numbers of entry fees were being received and suggested that this year would be well supported.

The Leagues Secretary made his report. Anthony pointed out there were , at this early stage of the season there were already issues with the returning of match score cards.He made it clear that if that persisted then penalties would have applied in the interests of all clubs. A full copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

8) The Liberty and Over 60's Manager gave good report on the Liberty win over Dorset which he described as a great win. He also reported on the thumping win over Dorset by the over 60s. We all wish them good luck in the next rounds.He also queried the timing of our AGM. Ken said that as our financial year ends on 1st April each year, the accounts take about eight weeks to prepare, by which time the outdoor season was under way for the summer making the holding of the AGM before September impossible George suggested that if there was a possible solution to existing date, there should be a proposal to change it.

One point came to light regarding the Over 60s league start times which was clarified by the officers concerned.

Adam Fielder presented his three reports together and those reports are on the website and copies are attached to the minutes. He and Heidi expressed their thanks for the payments from the county to the Colts made possible by the clubs. He also expressed the concerns of new young talent coming in to the game to follow in the successful progress of our Devon Stars. He asked for any suggestions for a solution.He emphasised the proper way forward is to try "Evolution not Revolution "

9) Any Other Business

a(The amalgamation of the Men and Ladies was discussed at length. To date there had been no response from the ladies.Chris Beer suggested that if

those clubs present agreed , he would approach the ladies in each individual club to see whether they would be happy to come under the umbrella of the DCIBA for the foreseeable future until a ladies secretary is appointed. The secretary suggested that a male could do the job and he would be happy to help in the foundations needed.

b) It was asked whether the names of the male members agreed to be sent should be individually submitted by the players themselves or the list sent by the club secretary. Ken replied that it would have to come from the club secretary.

c) Ken spoke and said that he never expected to have addressed a DCIBA meeting on this subject. He said that it could no longer be tolerated that podcasts and followed by verbal interactions that were fuelling false views of the DCIBA (which has been in operation for over fifty years) and has caused great harm to DCIBA and/or it's officers and has caused great embarrassment in having to respond to other counties and individuals on what is happening. Ken asked the meeting that if any club should have any cause to support this behaviour toward us they should say now. To use a colloquial expression "Put up or shut up"

There was no response from the meeting.

10) THE PRESIDENT CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8-15PM.

THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MID-DEVON BC
ON MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2025 TO START AT 6-45PM AS USUAL