

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a S.W. Executive Committee Meeting held at Bath Sports Centre on Saturday 17th April 1982 at 10.30 a.m.

There were present.

Messrs K. Nicholls                      Mrs S Sessions.  
A Benson  
R Abbott  
R Insley  
K Denton  
P Moss  
R Richards

82/10 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 16th 1982 were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

82/11 Matters Arising - Mr Nicholls informed the meeting of a contact of his with the Calne Area - Mr Richards to check on possibility of a Calne League.

82/12 Apologies were received from

Mr G Reynolds,                      Miss W Kelman  
Mr J Brehaut

82/13 Officers Reports

(c) Secretary's Report - Mr Richards gave a brief verbal report on the level of affiliations - 84 clubs to date as apposed to 88 in 1981. He believed that the fall in the number of registered clubs was due to the lack of growth in the current area leagues and that no new leagues had been set up during this season. He had high hopes of the development of the North Devon and Cornwall Leagues which should he hoped provide an increased number of affiliations next season.

Discussion took place on the EVA proposals concerning registration of players in Local Leagues. Mr Richards read a letter from Mr Pinhorne of Poole stating the opposition of most Poole area clubs to the imposition of the local affiliation

Mr Moss suggested that as this was EVA policy the only way it could be changed was by representations at the EVA AGM and at SW AGM.

Mr Richards to write an article in the next newsletter on this matter.

(b) Treasurer Mr Richards reported that he had spoken on the telephone to Mr Brehaut who was reasonably satisfied with the financial position but was concerned that we had as yet received no regional portion from the EVA and that this may cause difficulty when the bills for sports halls came in towards the end of this season.

(c) Competitions A Ladies report from Miss Kelman was distributed and approved.

Mr Moss reported that the Mens division one was complete but that a disputed fixture between Telephone Sports and Bristol Polytechnic was preventing him from completing the League Table. The arguments provided by both teams were put forward to the meeting and the matter was discussed in full. It was agreed that the match should be declared void.

There was no report on the Mens Division Two  
Results of the Two leagues were as follows

Ladies	1	Poole Thumpers
	2	Bemi
Mens Division	1	Abergavenny
	2	Portsmouth

Discussion took place on next seasons restructuring of Division One as a  
Regional Qualifying League.

The proposals outlined in Miss Kelmans paper were accepted and it was  
agreed to forward them to the EVA. It was agreed to add to section 9  
a paragraph (e) "all new applications to be approved by the S.W.  
competitions committee"

Rule changes - the following changes were agreed.

- (i) The minimum recommended booking time was four hours for 3 set  
triangular matches and six hours for 5 set triangular matches -  
it is to be emphasised that this is playing time not to  
include setting up and warm up time
- (ii) the points awarded to be one point per win plus one point per set  
game
- (iii) the fines to be increased in accordance with scale suggested by  
Mr Moss.
- (iv) No women to be allowed to play in future mens leagues in the S.W.

Mr Moss to draw up the amended rules and to send them to clubs with  
competition entry forms for the coming season.

South West Finals - the paper produced by Mr Richards on guidelines for  
organisation of South West Finals was approved.

South West Championships - Mr Moss reported that there had been 18  
mens teams and 9 ladies teams in the entries. Mr Moss to contact  
Mr Richards concerning the booking time and fees. Sportset posts to  
used as the fourth set of posts and Mr Nicholls to contact Mr Jones  
concerning their approval by the EVA.

- (d) Coaching no coaching report had been received. Mr Richards reported  
that the Bristol Club Coach Award Course seemed to have insufficient  
numbers and its fate would be decided during the following week.  
The forms for the Advanced Coaching Awards had been sent to all clubs  
and publicity had been given in the S.W. and National Newsletters and  
in the EVA magazine.
- (e) Centre for Excellence Mr Nicholls described the background to his  
dispute with certain Speedwell players and the Speedwell Club. He  
proposed to change the Centre of Excellence from one coaching experienced  
player, to a new set up where young players with potential would be  
coached - this was approved and will start immediately. Further he  
suggested that from September he would run one day courses for players  
with potential from all over the area - it was likely South West Sports  
Council would be able to assist with their travelling expenses. He  
agreed that there could be provision for ladies within these plans.  
Mr Nicholls also announced that a coaches clinic would be held during  
the last weekend in July
- (f) Officials

No Report had been received.

(g) Junior Development

Mrs Sessions reported that it was with much regret that she had cancel the Sports Hall bookings for the U16 and U20 Championships because lack of entries.

It was agreed that the teams who had entered the competitions should arrange their own dates to play the competition.

Mrs Sessions was concerned that Mr Brehaut had not, as requested paid for the Yate Sports Centre - causing an additional £30 on the bill as the bill had not been paid before April as requested a deposit would have to be paid to the Bath Sports Centre for the cancellation of the U16 Tournament.

82/14 Area Reports

(a) Stroud - Mr Abbott reported the concern of the Stroud Association over the setting up of the unofficial Gloucester team by the North Gloucester Association. This was to be discussed at the AGM of the Stroud Association on April 30th. Mr Richards expressed his hopes that a proper County Association would be set up in Gloucester.

Mr Abbott reported on the general progress of the league during the season and on the £200 sponsorship obtained from a local garage.

Mr Abbott to send a copy of the new Stroud constitution to Mr Richards following the AGM.

(b) Swindon Mr Denton reported on the general progress which he said had been slow only six teams has entered their league this season and it was difficult to persuade the teams involved to take part in committee work in order to develop the league. It had been hoped to run a County league, a League Social and an inter League Tournament but these plans had to be dropped through lack of response

A successful Grade 3 referees course had been run by Mr Jones for the Swindon Association.

The England U20 versus Wales Mens International was to be held in Swindon as part of the Hambro festival on Friday June 11th and this would be followed on Sunday 13th by the Hambro Tournament in which England U20 team would take part.

(c) Avon - Mr Insley reported on the poor administration of the association during the season caused by a number of people who had offered their services not carrying out their duties - Avon had been forced to withdraw from the County Cup and a large number of league matches had not been played

A new executive had been elected and Mr Insley had hopes of better organisation during the coming season.

Concern was shown by Mr Nichols over the selection methods of the Avon County team. Mr Insley to take the problem to the Avon Volleyball Association Executive meeting.

(d) Poole Mr Benson reported on the generally healthy state of affairs in Poole and spoke of the attempts of the local association to promote junior development particularly through the Kemp Welch school tournament and with coaching help and advice.

82/15 Grant Aid

Mr Richards reported that Avon could not receive its Grant Aid until Bristol University had affiliated. The same applied to Poole where Longfleet Combined, Barclays Bigshots and NewForst CRS Southern were not affiliated.

It was agreed that the Stroud District Association should receive a grant of £40 and that Mr Richards would ask me Brehaut to send a cheque to Stroud.

82/16. Spring Cup Mr Richards gave a brief report on progress and spoke of his hope that the Bath Development Committee would be able to promote Volleyball in the Bath area. Discussion was left until the afternoon meeting.

82/17 Development 1982-83

Mr Abbott requested a referees Grade 3 course for Stroud.  
Mr Denton requested a preliminary coaches award course for Swindon.  
Mr Moss suggested that the Executive should look at the possibility of running volleyball organisers siminar.

82/18 Dates of future meeting.

A.G.M. - Sunday June 6th 10.45 at the Sports Hall Dorset Institute of Higher Education, Cranford Avenue. Weymouth.

A provisional date for the next SOUTH WEST Executive meeting was Saturday October 2nd 1982 at 10.30 a.m. at Bath Sports Centre.  
Mr Richards to contact Mr Hayes on this matter.