

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of an Executive meeting held at Bath Sports Centre on 2nd October 1982 at Lo.30 a.m.

There were present.

Miss W Kelman	Chairman
Mr R Richards	Secretary
Mr J Brehaut	Treasurer
Mrs S. Sessions	Junior Development Office
Mr B Jones	Officials Secretary
Mr P Moss	Competitions Secretary
Mr A Moseley	Coaching Secretary
Mr A Benson	Executive Member
Mr A Thomas	Weymouth
Mr J Sprott	Weymouth
Mr D Williams	North Glos
Mr S Davies	Stroud
Mr R Abbott	Stroud
Mr T Fisher	Cornwall.

82/19 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on April 17th were agreed as a true record.

82/20 Matters Arising.

Mr Jones noted that the Sportset posts had still not been put up for approval.

82/21 Apologies

were received from

Mr G Reynolds	Sports Council
Mr G Greer	Avon
Mr K Moore	Swindon
Mr D Rimmer	N. Devon.

82/22 Affiliations Report

Mr Richards handed out a copy of the latest affiliation records for the SW Region which showed 24 clubs to date.

There was concern that some clubs playing in the SW League were not yet registered.

Mr Richards read to the meeting the contents of a letter that he had received from Mr Reynolds of the Sports Council, in this letter Mr Reynolds regretted that the N.Devon and Cornwall associations had not replied to his offer of Grant Aid for their associations and their individual clubs.

A discussion took place upon this matter and Mr Richards emphasised that the Sports Council were prepared to consider any application for grand aid from areas and were particularly interested in helping with the development of new clubs and would possibly be able to help them pay their affiliation and registration fees.

82/23 Treasurers Report

Mr Brehaut outlined the state of financial affairs of the South West Association. The meeting was satisfied that the South West Association would be able to get through the 1982/83 season and still give grants to its member areas. However if the portion of affiliation fees was not returned to the region it would be unable to function in the following season.

82/24 Competitions

A. Leagues Mr Moss reported that three leagues had been set up and were now underway - seven teams had entered the South West qualifying league, ten had entered the mens open league and ten ladies in the open.

Mr Moss was concerned that the EVA had changed a number of National dates of Cup and League competitions and this has meant problems for some teams playing in SW League as the dates now clashed with dates arranged for SW League matches. Mr Moss hoped that clubs would be able to co-operate in putting this matter right.

Discussion took place about the right or otherwise of the Welsh Clubs to enter the English National League - it was agreed that Mr Moss should contact the EVA Competitions Commission on this matter.

B. Cups

The following were agreed as provisional dates for the South West Competitions in 1983.

South West under 16 Championships.	Sunday March 6th
South West under 20 Championships	Sunday April 17th
South West Senior Championships	Sunday May 8th
South West Finals and AGM	Sunday June 5th.

C. South West Finals

Discussion took place on a possible venue for the 1983 South West Finals Mr Jones felt that a new Association based at the Verwood Sports Centre near Poole would be interested in this event and he promised to come to the January meeting with further details.

Mr Moss raised the possibility of Junior teams from outside the region playing in South West Junior Cups to increase the number of entrants. This was agreed but only on condition that two cups would be available an open cup and a South West Regional Cup for the highest placed teams qualifying for those categories. Mr Jones kindly agreed to donate an open cup for the under 20 and Mr Moss kindly agreed to donate an open cup for the under 16.

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Referees

Mr Jones informed the meeting of his resignation as a senior staff official this was caused by the slowness of the office in sending out officials courses results which had caused him some personal embarrassment. He was still willing to act as the South West Officials Secretary. Mr Jones had received applications for courses from North Gloucester and from Weymouth and hoped to proceed with these courses when the two areas could show that enough people were available to take the course. He mentioned the new EVA Rule Book and discussion took place on this matter. Mr Jones was concerned about the decisions made by the EVA Competitions Commission on discipline and the fact that these had not been agreed to by the Referees Commission. Miss Kelman agreed to take this matter to the EVA Executive and discussion took place on the extent to which changes in the rules for National competitions affected the rules for that season for the regional competitions

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Coaching

Mr Moseley had received requests from North Gloucester for a preliminary coaches course and would provide a course when the local area were ready, and from North Devon for a players course.

Mr Moseley raised the point of possible modular for the preliminary and club coach award and there was much support for this idea in order that more people could take the course and that the coaching load could be spread. Mr Moss asked that a paper be prepared by Mr Moseley on how an area could run a coaching award course and organise all the necessary paper work etc.

Agreed that Mr Moseley should try to set up another Advanced course for the summer of 1983 and the dates for that course should be publicised as soon as possible. It was also agreed that there should be a regional preliminary coaching award course held during the early summer

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Centre for Excellence

Mr Richards read to the meeting a letter that he had received from Mr Nicholls resigning from his post as Director of the Centre of Excellence and another letter on this matter from Mr Reynolds. There was much discussion on this matter and it was agreed that if at all possible the South West Association should keep the Centre running either somewhere in Avon similar to the present format or preferably as a Regional Centre for advanced training.

Agreed that Mr Moseley and Mr Richards should liaise with Mr Reynolds of the Sports Council in order to retain the grant that had been allocated and to develop a programme for the remainder of this season. Agreed that Mr Richards should send a letter to Mr Reynolds thanking him for his work with the Centre of Excellence. Mr Moseley to check with Mr Nicholls over the ownership of the Spike Master machine.

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#### Junior Development

Mrs Sessions outlined the new ESVA plan to develop mini volleyball and the award schemes. Two areas - Avon and Poole had been selected as development areas and it was hoped that mini volleyball and junior volleyball in general would develop as a result of this campaign in these two areas. Mrs Sessions would like each area to appoint a Junior Development Officer and asked that these Junior Development Officers should keep in touch with her concerning development in their area. Agreed that Mr Richards should write to the Area secretaries on this matter.

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#### Area Reports

- a) Poole Mr Jones gave a brief report on the current state of the Poole and District Association - the league has started with 22 teams - he was confident that there could be more teams but time - or rather the shortage of court time was holding up development. The Association was attempting to develop volleyball at three new Sports Centres - Blandford, Verwood, and Ringwood. Mr Jones was particularly pleased that there seemed to be the promise of a good Ladies development at Verwood. Three girls and one boy from Poole Thumpers had won places in the England Schools squads. OBC Poole mens team were playing Division Two National League this season and Poole Thumpers ladies had won promotion to division one - the highest standard of local volleyball ever. The Britannia tournament was a success and the mens competition was won by Speedwell with Spark taking the ladies competition. It was hoped to publish the new handbook within the next month.
- b) Weymouth Mr Thomas spoke of the Junior development that was taking place at the Saints Club in Weymouth. The League competition was due to start in November and it was hoped to expand the competition to three divisions to allow a new third division for junior and novice teams. Mr Richards passed his thanks to the Weymouth Association for organising the South West Finals and the meeting asked him to send a letter of thanks on their behalf to Mr Apsey.
- c) Stroud Mr Abbott complained of slow entries to the Stroud league. He hoped to arrange the Divisions to benefit teams of varying standards and wishes to place five teams in Division one with four in division two the teams would play twice by December 4th and then another competition would be run from January. He hoped that negotiations between the North Gloucester League and the Stroud League would lead to a County Association by Christmas.
- d) North Gloucester Mr Williams reported on the formation of a new committee and his hope that the Gloucester County Association would be formed. He spoke of his committee's fund raising activities and felt that the league had consolidated its strength but had not really moved forward this season.
- e) Cornwall Mr Fisher reported on the meeting that was held in September - he had suggested to the local association that teams and players should be affiliated but the local feeling had been that this matter would prevent the development of the league and the incorporation of new clubs.

A Tournament was to be held on the 17th of October at which all member clubs will play, the matches will be on a timed basis and it was hoped that twelve teams would take part. There were plans for an open tournament in the new year when Mr Fisher assured the meeting that Cornwall was a marvellous place to be. - invitations would be sent to South West Clubs.

f) North Devon

A report from Mr Rimmer had been photocopied and distributed to the members present. The contents of the lengthy report were noted - in particular the very helpful comments on affiliation and the need for better publicity materials to persuade teams to affiliate and to show them benefits of their membership of the National Association.

It was agreed that Mr Richards should write to Mr Rimmer concerning the help offered by the Sports Council in the hope that in both Devon and Cornwall they would take advantage of the Sports Councils offer of grant aid while persuading teams to affiliate and register their players.

g) Other areas

Mr Richards spoke of his conversations on the telephone with Mr Moore of Swindon and Mr Greer of Avon and he regretted that the areas were not present to make a report.

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Grant Aid

It was agreed to award the Poole Association a grant of £40 as they had fulfilled the criteria laid down. The grant to be paid when all of their affiliations were complete.

It was agreed to pay £50 grant aid to the Stroud Association when they had provided with a set of their accounts for the previous season and when all their affiliations were complete.

Mr Richards was to write to the remaining areas saying that further grants might be given at the January meeting but only if the areas were represented at that meeting and if they had fulfilled all the necessary criteria -

- a) a correctly completed grant aid application form
- b) a set of minutes of the previous AGM
- c) a set of audited accounts for the previous season
- d) a copy of the constitution of that Association
- e) that all member clubs were correctly affiliated before January.

No grant from existing associations would be considered after the January meeting.

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Date of next meeting

Saturday January 22nd 10.30. Bath Sports Centre.