

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a South West Executive meeting held at Bath Sports Centre at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday January 22nd 1983.

There were present

Ron Richards	Secretary
Jeff Brehaut	Treasurer
Beryck Williams	North Gloucester
Dennis Rimmer	North Devon
Dave Thomas	Stroud
Mike Evans	Weymouth
Tom Fisher	Cornwall
Bert Williams	Exec Member
Chris Perry	

83/1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on October 2nd 1982 were agreed as a true record.

83/2 Matters arising There were none

83/3 Apologies

were received from the following

George Reynolds	Arthur Moseley	Sue Sessions	Brian Jones
Paul Moss	Kevin Moore	Wilma Kelman	

83/4 Correspondence

Mr Richards produced a list of matters that had been dealt with in correspondence in the previous few months and these were discussed briefly by the meeting.

83/5 Officers reports

a) Chairman - Miss Kelman had produced a brief report for the meeting and the items were discussed particularly that of fund raising and the EVA Annual General meeting - there were no strong feelings on the constitutional position of county associations.

b) Secretary Mr Richards was concerned at the lack of attendance by some officers at the meeting, some of whom had not presented their apologies until a day or so before the meeting, but he was delighted to see so many area association representatives and was particularly pleased that they had all brought duplicated copies of reports and he felt this would speed up the meetings business considerably. He presented an affiliations report which showed that the SW had to date 66 clubs, the number of registered players had increased and they had become proportionally older - there was a larger increase in adult members than in junior members. Discussion took place on this and the meeting was concerned at the high cost of volleyball for young people particularly where facilities had to be hired at commercial rates.

c) Treasurer's report

Mr Brehaut reported that £700 was held in the bank at present but that there was still grants to areas and a large amount of competitions expenses still to pay. One of the major items of expenditure was that of postage and printing and a discussion took place on whether the SW should send copies of the newsletter to all registered players or just to clubs. There were mixed feelings with some people feeling that an important service was provided in this way and others who felt that there was too much paper work floating around.

The area reps were asked to seek the opinions of members in their area on the newsletter and its distribution. There was much concern that while the SW Association would probably survive this season without EVA grant it could certainly not face another and the lack of EVA grant could cause a severe cut in our services to members.

d) Competitions

Mr Richards read a report that had been sent to him by Mr Moss.

e) Coaching

Mr Moseley's report had been received and distributed and the meeting was pleased to note that so many courses were being offered in the region.

f) Officials

No report had been received.

There was concern that areas who had asked for courses to be arranged had not been able to receive replies on these matters.

g) Junior Development Officer

Mrs Sessions report was received and discussed. Mr Richards will write to Mr Moss and Mr Jones reminding them of their kind offer to provide cups for the open junior competitions.

83/6 AREA REPORTS

a) Stroud

Mr Thomas reported on certain problems particularly of finding people prepared to help run the league and he cast doubt over the future of the league over the coming twelve months.

b) N. Glos

Mr Williams reported that there had been no meeting of the association since the October meeting of the SW. The league is running with eight teams, two are not affiliated and there has been no application for grant aid.

c) Cornwall

Tom Fisher spoke of the sound development taking place in Cornwall in his written report, he further went on to say that on behalf of the Cornwall Association he had sent a letter to Richard Callicott the Chairman of EVA deploring the fact that the SW would be penalised if new associations did not affiliate when in fact the SW Association had been most helpful to these new associations and had tried to persuade them to affiliate their clubs to the EVA.

d) N. Devon

Mr Rimmer produced a written report for the meeting which spoke of an excellent expansion in the N. Devon area. Regular phone calls had been coming in to ask where people could play volleyball. Posters had been produced to advertise the game in the area and Mr Rimmer showed these to the meeting.

e) Weymouth

Mr Evans spoke of the probable development to three divisions and produced a written report.

f) Poole

No representative was present from Poole but Mr Pinhorne had sent a report to the meeting and this was discussed by the meeting and concern was expressed at the lack of referees and coaches courses in that area given that staff were available for their organisation.

83/7 Grant Aid

A long discussion took place on this matter. The Poole association were to receive their £40 in grant aid as all of the teams were now affiliated and all the conditions fulfilled.

It was decided not to award the grants to Weymouth, Stroud, and Swindon because they had not fulfilled the conditions laid down in the original letter concerning grant aid or in the letter and minutes sent out after the last meeting.

83/8 South West

Finals and AGM.

Mr Richards informed the meeting that he had no further contact from Mr Jones on this matter and that he would write to him to check whether the event would take place in Verwood.

83/9 Newsletter

Mr Richards made a plea for articles for the next newsletter.

83/10 Dates of future meetings

S.W. EXecutive meeting Saturday April 23rd at Bath Sports Centre at 10.30 a.m.

S.W. AGM Sunday June 5th - venue to be announced.

83/11 A.O.B .

On numerous occasions during the meeting the topic of affiliations had been raised and a lengthy discussion took place at this point. It was agreed that Mr Rimmer's proposals for areas to affiliate all first division clubs but allow second divisions to run as development divisions, to be put forward to the EVA regional representative meeting when this matter would be discussed. Mr Perry also promised to send his comments to Miss Kelman for her to present them if required at the regional reps meeting.

