

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a South West Executive meeting held at Bath Sports Centre on  
Saturday 1st October 1983

There were present:-

Mr R Richards                      Miss W Kelman  
Mr B Jones  
Mr A Moseley  
Mr M Iles  
Mr R Ireland  
Mr C Perry  
Mr D Rimmer  
Mr D Thomas

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd April were agreed as a true record.

2. Matters arising

There were none

3. Apologies

were received from Mr P Gorton, Mr S Spooner, and Mrs S Sessions.

4. Officers reports

a) Secretary - Mr Richards spoke briefly to the written report he had submitted. Discussion took place about a number of bills which had remained unpaid. Mr Jones promised to contact Mr Brehaut.

It was proposed and accepted that the secretary should be allowed an expenses account with a float of £200. He would be responsible for providing full accounts and receipts on this account to the treasurer.

b) Treasurer

No report had been received.

c) Competitions

No report had been received

Concern was expressed at the meeting about the lack of teams coming through from local to regional league. It was agreed that more publicity was needed to encourage teams to come through and that the competitions secretary should look further at the distances involved for matches.

Mr Moss is to be asked to set up matches for all teams in the second half of this season so that they all have sufficient games.

It was agreed that the South West should try to organise a number of additional competitions for teams who are not yet playing in the regional leagues - the following suggestions were made

- a) a league winners tournament where each area association could nominate their league winner or another team or teams to take part in a tournament.
- b) further development trophies.

These points were to be discussed by the area representative in their own associations and to be brought back to the next meeting at which it is hoped that the executive officers may be asked to organise some of these tournaments.

b) Coaching

A preliminary coaches course had been held in Poole with ten candidates. Mr Moseley informed the meeting that Mr Allen had not let him know the results. In general there was little to report - the advance course had taken place but there were few courses other than that in the pipeline at the moment.

Centre for Excellence - Mr Moseley had received the balance sheet - no answer had yet been received from Avon concerning free use of the facilities.

e) Officials

Mr Jones had produced a written report. The meeting agreed to allocate £50 as expenses for the setting up of a regional referees committee and seminar

There followed a discussion on the general shortage of referees available for matches - in particular National League matches and it was hoped that Mr Jones referees committee and local referee secretaries would be able to alleviate this situation.

f) Junior Development

No report had been received. Mr Richards to contact Mrs Sessions for dates for Junior Competitions. A Cup to be provided for the North Devon Tournament.

g) Regional Representatives Meeting

Miss Kelman had produced a written report and discussion followed on a number of points - the need for EVA and ESVA to come together. Discussion took place on local league affiliations. Grant aid - following discussion it was agreed that the procedure would be the same as for last season but that there should be no final date at which grant aid applications must be submitted.

Miss Kelman asked for comments on affiliation for her to pass to the EVA working party.

5. Area Reports

- a) North Devon - a written report accepted - good progress being made
- b) North Glos - a written report accepted good progress being made
- c) Poole - Mr Iles produced a verbal report and was pleased to announce that the league had started again with 22 teams in three divisions. -Mr Allen had run a preliminary award course. The Britannia tournament had again been successful- but unfortunately the weekend tournament planned for July had fallen through - it was hoped that it might take place in 1984 . ;
- d) Stroud - Mr Thomas reported that unfortunately there would be no league competition this year in Stroud although the title of the Stroud Association would be kept. A Stroud volleyball club had been set up at the Sports Centre using the previous league time - any players were welcome it was to be an open club and it was hoped that matches could be held at that time keeping the league going in some sort of way.

6. Grant Aid Applications

- a) North Gloucestershire - a grant was applied for the development of a teachers scheme with Jerry Spear and for development at the new Sports Centre in Lydney. It was agreed that a grant of £30 be paid for the Lydney development and that North Glos Association would come back to the January meeting with further proposals on the teachers scheme. The Grant would be paid when all the North Glos Clubs were affiliated.
- b) - Poole - a grant was required for the provision of equipment and general promotion of volleyball this grant was agreed in principal and the amount is to be decided at the next meeting.

7. A South West Championships

Mr Jones and Mr Richards outlined some proposals that had been made at last years South West Finals for the South West Championships to take place at a weekend at a venue suitable for three or four courts It was hoped that on the Saturday and Sunday morning preliminary matches might

be played and on the Sunday afternoon the Semi finals and final. Further it was hoped that a presentation evening and dinner - disco could be held on the Saturday evening. There followed a long discussion on this and the feeling of the meeting was that the scheme should go ahead for 1984 and the North Devon Association were asked to look at the possibility of holding the South West Senior competitions in BARNSTAPLE on either May 12th, 13th or May 19th 20th. Mr Rimmer would look for a hotel for a dinner disco - and also provide details of camp sites. It was further agreed that the competition should be run in such a way that all teams would have competition on both days.

#### 8. Courses 1985 - 84

Mr Moseley and Mr Richards are to meet with Mr Reynolds of the Sports Council to arrange some courses with Sports Council help.

It was agreed that a preliminary course should be held in North Devon, that Sports Council to be asked to provide a teachers and preliminary course in Bath on a non competitions weekend and it was agreed that there was a need for a club coach award for the end of this season. Mr Moseley to try and make contact with the Army - RAF concerning free use of facilities.

Mr Jones reported that he was to run an officials course in Guernsey and would be happy to provide courses for any region. His guidelines on running a referees course are to be printed in the next South West Newsletter.

#### 9. Beach volleyball

Mr Jones reported on the Weymouth tournament which was 2 a side and had excellent TV coverage Mr Richards was concerned that he had received no information about the success of this event from the Weymouth organisers. apparently the local council had shown a great deal of interest in continuing the tournament and it is possible that sponsorship might be found and that in addition a net and posts might permanently be sited on Weymouth beach.

The local area representatives were asked to discuss this topic by the next meeting so that some plans might be put forward for 1984.

Mr Richards is to approach the Sports Council for Grant Aid for equipment Mr Richards is also to write to all District Councils in the South West urging them to erect nets and posts on the beaches and in the parks for the public to play volleyball.

Agreed that this item should be discussed on the next agenda.

#### 10. Executive Officers

Mr Richards hoped that these would have more jobs to do actively this year and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

#### 11. Torbay International

Mr Richards announced that he had been contacted by the Leisure Services Office in Torbay and they wish to host an International. Discussions were continuing on this matter.

#### 12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday January 28th at Bath Sports Centre at 10.30 a.m.

#### 13. Any other business

Mr Richards asked that anyone who was owed expenses should contact him and let him know the amount.

EVA competitions - agreed that the South West Region should ask the Competitions commission to ensure that wherever possible the teams in the South West should not all play at home on the same weekend because of the problems of providing referees.

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