

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a SW Executive meeting held at Bath Sports Centre on Saturday
February 4th 1984 at 10.30.

There were present

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| Messrs. | R Richards | Miss W Kelman |
| | C Perry | Mrs S Sessions. |
| | S Allgood | |
| | B Jones | |
| | B Williams | |
| | M Iles | |
| | D Williams | |
| | R Ireland | |
| | S Spooner | |

Apologies were received from Messrs G Reynolds
T Fisher
A Moseley
D Kinder.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on October 2nd were agreed as a true record and Mr D Williams name was added to the list of those present.

2. Matters Arising

See later discussions.

3. Officers reports

- a) Secretary - Mr Richards produced a written report to the meeting giving the latest figures on affiliations and discussing a number of items of correspondence
The letter sent to the EVA concerning Cardiff Ladies and the National League was approved by the meeting.
Mr Jones however, spoke of his concern on the additional pressure on referees for National League matches in the Bristol area. Mr Richards to write to Sandy Dewar concerning this point. The meeting approved Mr Richards suggestion of attempting to get Sports Council grant Aid for the purchase of outdoor volleyball posts.
- b) Treasurer - No report had been received.
- c) Competitions - Mr Moss spoke of the disappointing number of withdrawals from the mens league, in particular Bristol Polytechnic and Taunton.
In the qualifying league Lazer will be the winners and receive the backing of the SW Association if they wish to enter the National League.
A discussion took place on the reasons for the decline in the numbers of teams playing regional league - Mr Moss suggested that lack of efficiency, over commitment, travelling distance were some of the problems and other suggestions were also put forward.
It was agreed that because of the small number of games available to the men, playoffs should be arranged for all teams and it was hoped that Dulux may be able to help in the organisation of a play-off day.
Discussion followed on the possibility of bringing more team^w into the regional framework and a number of policies were agreed.

Poole have kindly offered to run a development tournament in August intended for Non National League players. The Sports Centre are to carry out the administration and will be sending forms to Mr Richards for distribution.

Mr Richards offered to run an inter-league tournament and each area was invited to send two teams to this tournament. The area could decide by itself which teams it should send but the SW Association would be stressing the fact that this is a development tournament and that it would be helpful if the players taking part were those who were not normally able to play in regional or National competitions. Each club that takes part in the competition would have to be affiliated.

Miss Kelman agreed to run another Ladies development tournament.

- d) Coaching - Mr Moseley had placed a report before the meeting and this was discussed. Area secretaries were asked to discuss the need for coaching courses in their area. The Executive approved Mr Moseleys attendance at the SW Governing bodies conference and hoped that he would again be elected to that body. Discussion took place on the possibility of a coaching courses weekend similar to that run by the West Midlands Association and while there was a great deal of sympathy for the idea it was decided that the August bank holiday weekend would not be a suitable weekend for such coaching courses. $\frac{1}{2}$

e) Centre of Excellence

Mr Spooner outlined the financial position of the centre and spoke of the difficulty of obtaining free facilities - Avon were still to decide but it did not look particularly helpful.

It was agreed that the reserves built up by Mr Nicholls should not be spent on the day to day expenses of running a centre of excellence but Mr Spooner was urged to use this money for othe extension of othe Centre of Excellence to other parts of the region and he agreed to come back to the next meeting with full details of his plans.

- f) Junior Development - Mrs Sessions announced that the U16 championships would be at Kemp Welch school on three courts on Saturday March 31st. The date of the Under 20's is yet to be decided. A brief report was given on the East Dorset mini volleyball championships which were apparently very successful and the local schools hoped to follow this up with an U16 six a side tournament. Mr Jones stressed the need for tournaments for young people to be open to all teams whether they be from youth clubs or schools, or any other youth organisations.

- g) Officials Secretary - Mr Jones produced a written report for the meeting AND THIS WAS ACCEPTED and this report was accepted.

A major discussion point was the problem of allocating referees for National league matches - Mr Jones was concerned that no courses had been arranged for this season and could see difficulty in being able to staff appointments for the coming season - he had received 130 telephone concerning the provision of referees for matches.

Mr Jones further put forward suggestions for a seminar for referees to be held during the South West Championships weekend on March 12th and 13th in Barnstaple. The plans were approved and the meeting hoped that this would be successful venture. Mr Jones to forward entry forms to Mr Richards for mailing

- h) Regional Representative meetings - The draft recommendations of the EWA Affiliations working party were discussed and area secretaries were asked to pass their comments either to Mr Richards or Miss Kelman for them to be put to the next meeting of that working party.

5. Area Reports

- a) North Gloucester - a written report was prepared for the meeting Mr Ireland agreed to send copies of the entry forms for the local tournament to Mr Richards for distributions.
- b) Poole - Mr Iles reported on Progress in the local league and spoke of the sponsorship offered by the Sports Centre for some tournaments in the Poole Area.
Mr Iles had talked to local clubs about their lack of interest in joining the regional league and his feelings endorsed those of Mr Moss had spoke, earlier in the meeting about the difficulties of bring teams into the regional league structure.
- c) North Devon - Mr Rimmer had produced a written report and this was accepted. The meeting was shown copies of the booklet sent to local schools and their was much priase for these applications.
- d) Weymouth - Mr Allgood ~~apologised~~ ~~that he had~~ no written report byt unfortunately he had not been informed tof othe meeting by the Weymouth secretary had only received late information by direct contact with Mr Richards. He gave a verbal report on the development of the league and talked in particular about the beginners referees course.
- e) Cornwall - a written report had been sent and its comments were noted with interest by the members present.
- f) Mr Richards made brief comments on a telephone conversation that he had had with Mr Kinder of the Swindon Association. There was no report from the Avon Association.

6. Grant Aid

- a) The Grant Application by Poole that had been approved in principle at the last meeting was endorsed and a cheque for £50 would be sent to Poole as their clubs had now all affiliated.
- b) North Gloucester - two clubs were still not affiliated but Mr Richards agreed to obtain a cheque from the treasurer which he would pass on to North Gloucester as soon as he had received all the affiliations
- c) A request for grat Aid for Jersey was approved by the meeting and a cheque for £40 would be sent to Jersey.

7. South West Championships

To take place at Barnstaple on May 12th and 13th 1984. Discussion took place on the organisation and the following were agreed.

- a) Mr Moss would prepare entry forms and send to Mr Richards for typing and duplicating.
- b) The forms would be returned to Mr Rimmer and details would then be given to Mr Moss for the tournament schedule to be written out. closing date for entries to be March 31st.
- c) Mr Rimmer would provide Mr Richards with application forms for the disco etc.
- d) The ceding for the tournament would be based on this seasons National League and then regional league positions and the surpentine system would be used for allocating the pools.
- e) The entry fee would be £25 per team - all teams to be affiliated and all players registered. The camping at Midland Caravan Park would cost £2.50 per night.

f) Mr Richards to purchase trophies and medals from Mar Jon.

8. Beach Volleyball

Mr Richards presented to the meeting the letter that he had sent to all District Councils in the South West concerning beach ~~volleyball~~ ^{✓-Pavlo} volleyball. He hoped to come to the next meeting with some responses from the local authorities.

9. Dates of future meetings

It was agreed that the next Executive meeting should be held on Sunday April 8th at the same time as the Ladies Development tournament and that this should take place at Yate Sports Centre.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at Bath Sports Centre on Saturday June 18th at 2 p.m.

10. Any other business

Mr Richards raised a letter that had been sent to him by Cardiff Volts concerning the possible split of their team and the allocation of the National League place. The letter was discussed and it was felt that the eventual answer would depend who held the constitution of the club. It was agreed that Mr Richards should reply to Cardiff Volts and also pass the details to the E.A. for their decision.