

## SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive meeting held on the 28th September 1985 at Bath Sports Centre at 10.30am.

There were present -

W Martin	Chairperson
R Richards	Secretary
C Perry	Treasurer
B Williams	Executive Committee member
S Spooner	Centre for Excellence
G Greer	Avon Volleyball Association
D Rolph	Schools Volleyball Association
R Jameson	Cornwall Volleyball Association
G Henderson	Junior Development Officer.

### 85/13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday April 13th were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### 85/14 Matters arising

Mr Richards informed the meeting that there still remained £2,000 of the money made available to regions and areas last season which has still not been claimed in Grant Aid. He informed the meeting that claims for this season would need to be in by the end of October.

### 85/15 Apologies

Were received from - B Jones, D Williams, I Loke, G Reynolds, G Giddy

### 85/16 Officers reports

a) Secretary - An affiliations report was distributed by Mr Richards and he commented on the pleasing increase in the number of clubs and players and in particular in the number of new schools affiliated to EVA.

b) Treasurer Mr Perry reported that at present there was £1300 in the bank but that this was a false picture because the Junior Development has not been passed on to the areas and the competition fees have been collected in but the expenses for the season both on competition and on administration had not been paid out.

c) Coaching As no coaching administrator had been appointed there was no report. Discussion took place but unfortunately no-one was able to suggest a person who would definitely take on the job.

d) Centre of Excellence Mr Spooner presented a verbal report. He spoke about the use of Patchway School sports hall through an agreement with Avon County Council. The squad members would be setting up a community club at Patchway and the hall will be available on Sundays for occasional use - it is hoped that this might be used for the U20 squad. It seems likely that this is the last year that finance will be available from the South West Sports Council. The accounts for the centre are currently with the auditor and will be distributed later.

e) Competitions Mr Richards explained that he had received a letter from Mr Loke that he would be away on a course for three months, discussion took place on this problem and Mrs Martin volunteered to look after the Ladies League should the need arise and Mr Richards agreed to sort out any problems with the mens League Mr Richards further reported that RAF Wroughton had apparently entered the South West League by mistake and would not be taking part this season.

f) Junior Development Miss Henderson produced a written report which spoke of the plans in a number of areas to develop Junior volleyball and it was agreed to add Plymouth and Woodspring to the areas noted in the report i.e. Gloucester, Poole and Weymouth.

A South West Mini Volleyball Championship is to be organised in March and counties are to be asked to organise preliminary rounds.

The Poole association, through Mr Jones, has offered to host the South West U20 finals on June 1st and it is hoped to arrange the U16 finals for Melksham.

Discussion took place on the setting up of an U20 Ladies Regional Squad and Miss Henderson was asked to make plans to set up such a squad and to call a trial.

#### 85/17 Area reports

a) Avon a written report was received from Mr Greer.

b) Poole a written report was received from Mr Rolph and it spoke of the main development plans of the Poole Association -

a) development of Junior Volleyball

b) provision of facilities in parks and on beaches

c) provision of a preliminary coaches and a grade IV referees course.

Discussion took place among the members present of the Poole and Avon patterns of playing all matches in one venue. There was also discussion on fund raising and sponsorship.

c) Plymouth Mr Roberts spoke of some excellent Junior development taking place - in particular a schools programme in the Plymouth area. He spoke with concern about the referees course held in June for which results have still not been received.

d) Cornwall Mr Jameson produced a very full report from the Cornish Association.

#### 85/18 Courses There were requests from the members present for courses to be run as follows :

a) Avon referees course

b) Poole - referees and preliminary coaches course

c) Plymouth Preliminary coaches course

d) Gloucester Preliminary teachers award to be organised by Miss Henderson and St. Pauls/St Mary's College.

#### 85/19 Regional Participation Grants Mr Richards brought the attention of the meeting to the paper produced by Mr Bulman the EVA National Director on Regional Participation grants and he urged the areas to apply to the South West Sports Council for grants for any project that they were organising - particularly in the area of Junior Development.

#### 85/20 South West Championships a) venue It was agreed that the 1986 championships should take place at Barnstaple and that in 1987 the tournament should go to Poole

b) Eligibility following the concern shown at the AGM it was agreed that the association should encourage teams to enter into the spirit of the tournament and to ensure that the players that played at South West Championships were normal club players.

The meeting found difficulty on agreeing on a suitable wording which would not be too restrictive but would be usable to the meaning of Championships i.e. that they were a club based event and an official regional championships.

It was agreed that all players who take part in the tournament must be registered with that club and have paid a full registration fees by the date of the tournament.

Clubs would be expected to play only players from within the South West region and only those who were normally registered and would normally play with competitive teams in that club - in other words players must not be borrowed or recruited from other clubs for this championship.

c) Referees it was agreed that all teams must provide a non playing referee or pay an amount to cover the accommodation of a referee who was centrally organised who would then referee at the tournament. Clubs would be expected to provide the name of the referee by the closing date or would have to send the referee fee with their entry fee. Mr Richards informed the meeting that Mr Jones had guaranteed that he would be able to provide 16 referees for the tournament.

#### 85/21 Sweden v France

Mr Richards reported on the meeting that had taken place at Bath Sports Centre on the previous Wednesday for the Sweden v France International. He informed the meeting of the membership of the committee and of the main plans (please see attached minutes of that meeting).

#### 85/22 Dates of future meetings

The next South West meetings are planned to take place on Saturday February 8th and Saturday April 19th 1986. It is intended that the closing date for the South West Championships should be before April 19th so that the organisation of the event may be discussed at the meeting on the 19th April.

#### 85/23 Any other business

a) Mr Richards informed the meeting of the Regional EVA Reps meeting on October 12th and Mrs Martin agreed to represent the South West at that meeting. There is also another meeting on October 19th - Mrs Martin to check if she is available and if not Mr Perry or Mr Richards will attend the meeting.

b) Coaching seminar Mr Richards informed the meeting of a discussion that he had had with Mr Bulman and a further discussion with Mr Reynolds of the Sports Council. The South West Sports Council had found that the costs involved in bringing in the coach from Holland far exceeded those that they had expected. Mr Richards informed the meeting that the South West should make a contribution to those costs. Discussion took place but the feeling of the meeting was that the Seminar had been clearly arranged as an EVA responsibility and it was felt that it was not applicable at this point for the region to subsidise the cost.

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