

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a South West Executive meeting held on the 19th April 1986 at Bath Sports Centre at 10.30am.

86/10 There were present

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| Wilma Martin | Chairman |
| Ron Richards | Secretary |
| Chris Perry | Treasurer |
| Gill Henderson | Junior Development Officer |
| Derryck Williams | Executive Officer |
| Bert Williams | Executive Officer |
| Dave Ralph | Poole |
| Tom Fisher | Cornwall |
| Geoff Giddy | North Devon |
| Dave Joy | EVA Junior Development Officer. |

86/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on February 8th 1986 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

86/12 Matters Arising There were none.

86/13 Apologies

were received from - George Reynolds, Brian Jones, and Russ Jameson.

86/14 Officers Reports

- a) Secretary Mr Richards produced an affiliations report for the EVA and further details of South West Registrations. The members present were pleased with the growth in the number of clubs and of players although concern was expressed that the figures held in the South West did not add up to the number of players shown on the EVA list.

Mr Ralph raised the matter of identifying genuinely new teams and new players and it was agreed that it would be helpful to have a survey of how many players who were registering who had not previously been playing volleyball rather than just those that had not previously registered. It was hoped that the EVA marketing research survey would help to provide this information.

Mr Richards informed the meeting of a possible sponsorship deal to involve South West Competitions publicity and developmental courses.

- b) Treasurer Mr Perry had difficulty in providing exact figures at present because a large number of competitions bills were about to arrive. He felt that we were likely to have an expenditure of approx £300 greater than income for this financial year, but this was partly due to the timing of bills for last years South West competitions. He further expected that there would be a carry forward of approximately £800 surplus.

- c) Officials a written report was received from Mr Jones and Mr Richards is to reproduce part of the report as an article in the South West Newsletter. Concern was expressed at the late cancellation of the Cheltenham course and Mr Richards urged all areas to provide him with application forms for referees and coaches courses so that outside persons could supplement the number of people within any one area. The Cornish Association hope to hold a Grade 4 officials course with Dan Dingle on June 1st and 8th.

d) Coaching It had still not been possible to appoint a coaching administrator, but Mr Richards had been able to organise some dates with a number of areas and other bodies for the following courses to take place.

May 11th, a one day players and courses course in the Bristol area led by Keith Nicholls.

May 9th 10th and 11th. A teachers Award and Preliminary Coaches course at Bristol University taken by Ron Richards.

June 28th / 29th A Preliminary and Teachers Award Course to be held at Gloucester Leisure Centre run by Gill Henderson.

June 6th 7th and 8th Preliminary Coaches Award Course in Poole run by Geoff Allen.

The Cornish Preliminary Award Course due to be held on April 26th and 27th has been postponed and it is hoped that this will be held later in the summer.

It was felt that a club coach course should be organised within the coming 12 months.

e) Competitions Concern was again expressed at the absence of the Competitions secretary and the lack of a report.

Mr Giddy questioned the South West League tables as the points awarded seemed to be organised on a different system to that contained in the rules in the South West handbook. The meeting agreed that the system contained in the handbook should be in operation as no notification had been given to teams of any change.

South West Championships - Mr Giddy expressed concern that North Devon College were still waiting for a letter confirming the booking - Mr Loke was urged to deal with this urgently. It seemed that 15 mens and 7 ladies teams have entered and this should make it possible for two courts to be used in the Sports Centre as agreed at the previous meeting.

Mr Loke was asked to note that the Sports Centre closes on Sunday at 5 pm and that matches must not overrun.

There was concern on the ceding for the mens competition. It would seem that Stroud were in the wrong pool and should have been ceded on their South West placing.

Mr Richards agreed to take up these points with Mr Loke on the telephone.

f) Junior Development Miss Henderson outlined the progress of the mens and ladies junior squads. The mens squad had been set up with little trouble, unfortunately the ladies squad was not able to combine with the South because the south had been unable to provide a representative team.

The finances of the squads were discussed and it was agreed that for this season the £410 available from the EVA would be allocated to the squads according to the paper produced by Miss Henderson.

In addition the shirts which had been printed would be paid for out of SWVA funds so that the South West had four sets of playing kit (ready for the U17 and U19 squads next season) and that the remainder of the shirts would be sold at £3 each.

Mr Giddy asked for the registration of Park School to be checked as they had received no information on the Junior Championships.

Discussed took place on the U16 and U20 tournaments and it was agreed that Executive members should chase up entries so that the tournaments could be viable.

The finals of the mini volleyball tournaments would be held on July 13th - probably at Priory School.

The following complaints from Atlas Wessex it was agreed that the overdue fees owed on last seasons competitions should be reduced to £10 as the South West owed them League deposit from a number of seasons ago

86/15 Area Reports

Cornwall - a written report was received from Mr Jameson and discussed by the meeting.

Gloucester - a written report was received from Mr Williams and was discussed by the meeting.

North Devon - Mr Giddy commented on the progress that was being made - an Annual Dinner would be held at the end of May - A mini volleyball course had been held for teachers and a novice tournament will take place again in June based on the inter firms local competition.

Mr Richards commented on the response that he had received concerning the setting up of a County Association for Devon and it was agreed that a meeting should be set up for this to be discussed.

Poole - Mr Ralph reported on the continued progress of the Poole Association and in particular on the Get Tough policy to ensure that matches were played as they should be and results sent in.

86/16 Planning

The planning forms had been received from Cornwall, North Devon, Woodspring and Poole and the Gloucester would be received within the next week.

The forms so far indicate the need for one day player performance coach refresher courses and Mr Richards agreed to put these together into a development plan for the coming season. He had already had discussions with the South West Sports Council regarding grant aid for these courses.

Mr Joy was encouraged by the initiatives he had seen on his visit to the South West during that week and he felt that these initiatives would now be backed by the provision of materials from the National Association. In particular it was hoped that with the help of the South West Sports Council the South West might be selected for a concentrated programme of publicity to attract schools and junior clubs by a number of mailings during the year and follow up courses.

Mr Richards thanked Mr Joy for spending time in the region and in particular for attending the meeting, and this was echoed by the members of the meeting who felt that it was important to see members of the EVA staff around the regions.

86/17 Date of the AGM

It was agreed to change the date of the AGM to Sunday June 22nd - again at Bath Sports Centre and it was also agreed to run a 3 a side senior Volleyball tournament during that day.

86/18 Any other business

Mr Joy informed the meeting that the Hereford and Worcester Association would be pleased to receive help in organising a demonstration match early next year.