

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive meeting held at Bath Sports Centre on 8th February 1986 at 10.30 am.

86/1. There were present

Mrs W Martin	Chairman
Mr R Richards	Secretary
Mr C Perry	Treasurer
Mr B Jones	Officials Secretary
Mr G Reynolds	South West Sports Council
Miss G Henderson	Junior Development Officer
Mr D Williams	Executive Officer
Mr D Ralph	Poole and District
Mr P Millard	Bath
Mr R Butler	Wiltshire
Mr J Earlow	Wiltshire.

86/2. Minutes

The minutes of the October Executive meeting were agreed as a true record.

86/3 Matters Arising

There were none

86/4 Apologies

were received from Mr S Spooner Centre of Excellence  
Mr G Giddy North Devon  
Mr K Roberts Plymouth.

86/5 Officers Reports

(a) Secretary Mr Richards produced a written report on affiliations and spoke with pleasure at the further growth in the number of clubs and schools affiliated and hoped that the area secretaries would chase the small number of clubs who according to his records were still not affiliated for this season

(b) Treasurer Mr Perry reported that at present £800 was held in the deposit account and £400 in the current account. Bills will need to be paid for the printing and postage of the newsletter etc for the rest of the season and competitions bills would arrive in March or April for medals and hall hire etc. There was concern that the unpaid cheque still awaited from Atlas Wessex for the U120's competition and from Demi for the player registration fees for this season. It was agreed that no entries should be accepted for any South West competitions from a club owing money to the Association.

(c) Officials A written report was presented by Mr Jones. He further asked the areas to make early bookings for any officials courses that they required - he had only received a month or two's notice for some courses that areas wished to run.

(d) Coaching Mr Richards explained that he was still unable to find a successor to Mr Moseley as regional coaching administrator - secretary and he felt that this was having an adverse affect on the development of coaching within the region.

It was agreed that members of the Executive should continue to search urgently for a person to fill this position and in the meantime Mr Richards agreed to handle the coaching administration and to hold talks with Mr Reynolds on future courses.

He reported that he had been able to arrange for preliminary courses to take place in both Cornwall and Plymouth in the coming months and that there would be teachers and preliminary course in May at Bristol University.

- (e) Centre for Excellence Mr Richards reported that Mr Spooner had taken a new job which would cause him to move out of the region. The meeting asked Mr Richards to write to Mr Spooner giving their thanks for all the work he had carried out in the region both with Speedwell Volleyball Club and at the South West Centre of Excellence.

Mr Reynolds explained that the funding of the centre of Excellence was to be passed to the National Association and the new approach to Grand Aid. Further the South West Sports Council would not be able to provide a continual grant after April 1986, although some of the activities of the centre might be grant aided for specific purposes and periods.

Mr Richards agreed to take up with Mr Culman the issue of National funding and in particular the problem of the payment of the second half of this year.

Mr Richards proposed that the centre should continue to operate for the season 1986/87 using the following sources of payments

- a) Support from the EVA through the new grant aid.
- b) Support from the South West Sports Council for the Junior project initiated at Fatchway School as part of Centres funding

c) The remaining funds in the Centre of Excellence account. Discussion took place and it was agreed that this should happen as long as funding did not need to come from the normal South West Accounts.

There was further discussion on the future need for activities such as the Centre of Excellence and Mr Jones felt that there was a need to improve the coaching of coaches within the areas. On the advice of Mr Reynolds it was agreed that the South West should seek the Sports Council help in the following ways.

- a) the development of excellence - this would need regional staffing and could take place at specific weekends - (perhaps tied in with a tournament such as Britannia)
- b) Advisory support for coaches
- c) development - top coaches to go out to the developing areas to take coaches and player performance courses for developing AREAS.

- (f) Competitions The meeting was concerned at the absence of Mr Loke and in addition the absence of a competitions report. Discussion took place on the South West Championships and in particular on the clash with Supertowl which caused a number of problems in the provision of referees.

The meeting felt that it was reasonable that the closing date should be March 31st and also that Mr Jones should contact Mr Loke on April 1st for a definite answer on the number of referees that he would have to provide. It was felt that two courts rather than three should be used in the main hall if this is possible - it will obviously depend on the number of teams and the availability of the other halls.

Agreed to hold a presentation disco and the cost of the disco to be covered from the Income from entry fees.

Agreed that we should ask the North Devon Association to handle the publicity for the event - including radio and television

Mr Richards informed the meeting that Mr Loke would not be available on the day of the inter league tournament - it was suggested that he should try to find someone in the Weymouth area available on that day with whom he could liaise so that they could organise the tournament on his behalf.

(g) Junior Development Miss Henderson produced a written report and the meeting was pleased with the progress that had taken place. With Mr Spooner leaving the area it was agreed that Mr Allen should be asked to coach the South West under 20 mens squad.

(h) Regional representatives meeting

1. EVA regional finance meeting - Mr Perry outlined discussion that took place about five year plans and regional sports council help. It was agreed that Mr Perry Mr Richards and Mrs Martin should meet to look at this and also to ask areas what they wanted in order to produce a development plan for South West Sports Council - it was felt that this would follow the lines of the plan already set up in 1984.
2. EVA Regional reps meeting Mr Williams reported on the meeting that he had attended and in particular on the London Region development plan and also on the need that was felt to provide a fixed date for a regional coaching course each year.

86/5: Area Reports

- a) Poole - Mr Ralph produced a written report on progress on the Poole Association.
- b) Gloucestershire - Mr Williams produced a written report on The progress in Gloucester.
- c) Wiltshire - Mr Butler and Mr Barlow were unable to provide a full report but mentioned as one of the problems of the area the difficulty of getting teams to pay their fees on time.
- d) North Devon - Mr Richards reported on phone call that he had from Mr Giddy the previous evening, when he realised the weather would not allow him to attend the meeting. He had discussed with Miss Henderson the South West Championships, and also a very promising development in mini volleyball in the North Devon area with a short teachers course having taken place. Miss Henderson was asked to contact the North Devon Area to provide help for this development.
- e) Plymouth Mr Richards reported on a conversation held earlier that morning with Mr Roberts of the Plymouth Association - he also was unable to attend because of the weather. Mr Roberts was concerned that a number of EVA affiliated clubs seemed not to have received any magazines from the EVA. He reported on the Plymouth Open tournament which was to take place in May or June and to which a number of other South West areas would send teams. A referees course was to be held in April - staffed by Mr Dingle and a coaches course in March staffed by Mr Moseley.

86/6 Sweden v France

Mr Richards apologised for not having a written report present on this event but felt that it was difficult as only two of the committee had provided him with their feelings after the match. He felt that the only major problem had been the unfortunate situation with the BBC lights at the end of the match which meant that Speedweel were unable to play their cup game as arranged on the match court. Mr Jones felt that we should not have abandoned in future because of the difficulties caused. He also felt that there was a need for all people involved on Saturday morning and that there were areas which could have been covered by the local committee but seemed to be covered by Mr Bulman perhaps adding to his work load. There was general concern about the quality of the BBC presentation in particular the need for Ron Pickering to use the correct volleyball terminology when commenting on the game.

Mr Richards was to present a paper at the next meeting.

86/7 Major events

It was agreed to seek major events - particularly Internationals for the next region. Mr Jones reminded the meeting that sponsorship was available in the Poole area for an International and this would particularly be true if a French team were involved.

86/8 Calendar

Mr Richards proposed and it was accepted that areas should be sent copies of the EVA calendar for the next 18 months and be asked to discuss the calendar and the provision of courses before the next SW Executive meeting so that they could let the South West know on which dates that they would like courses provided to avoid some of the clashes and the late notice that had taken place in the past.

Mr Jones asked that certain dates be added to the calendar and among these were:

February 21st - 23rd Referees course in Avon

April 26 -27th the U 2r Championships for the Regional Junior Squads in Birmingham.

September 13 - 14 Britannia tournament

June 1st U 16 and U20 South West Championships.

86/9 Dates of future meetings

The next South West Executive meeting will take place on Saturday April 19th at Bath Sports Centre at 10.30 and the South West AGM would take place also at Bath Sports Centre on Saturday 21st June at 10.30am.