

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive meeting held at Bath Sports Centre on Saturday 11th October 1986 at 10.45 am.

There were present

Brian Jones	Chairman
Ron Richards	Secretary
Chris Perry	Treasurer
Paul Millard	Sports Council
Bert Williams	Executive Officer
Geoff Giddy	Executive Officer
Gill Henderson	Junior Development Officer
Colin Day	Poole
Deryck Williams	Executive Officer
Denis le Breuille	Jersey.

86/19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on April 19th 1986 were agreed as a true record

86/20 Matters Arising

Mr Richards informed the meeting that the preliminary coaches course at Poole had 24 applicants all of whom were successful

Mr Giddy questioned the points ruling for the South West League for this season and was directed towards the rules in the new handbook.

86/21 Apologies

were received from Geoff Allen, Ian Loke and Russ Jameson

86/22 Officers Reports

a) Secretary Mr Richards an affiliations report for the EVA and spoke with pleasure of the number of the number of teams that had so far affiliated in particular the number of new junior clubs and schools

He indicated that much of his recent work had been concerned with the establishment of the National Girobank sponsorship but he was also finding that more and more people were contacting him for details of volleyball clubs and local associations etc - a promising sign for the future.

b) Treasurer

Mr Perry reported a healthy balance but commented on the fact that included a grant from the Sports Council for £800 for Junior development and the £300 taken in for South West League registrations This balance was likely to be heavily eroded as the season progressed because of the normal administrative costs and the cost of running competitions.

He was concerned that he had not yet received the South West League entry fees from the competitions secretary.

Mr Richards informed the meeting that in a phone call the previous evening Mr Allen of Atlas Wessex and the South West Under 19 mens squad had complained that he was owed £17 for the previous seasons under 19 squad. Concern was expressed at the meeting at the over spending on this squad and Miss Henderson was asked to sort out the problem.

c) Officials

Mr Jones was enthusiastic about the promise that the new season brought though he was concerned about the lack of referees prepared to move up into the refereeing of National League

c) Coaching



d) Coaching

In Mrs Martins absence this item was deferred.

e) Competitions

Mr Richards expressed his concern in the absence of the competitions secretary and informed the meeting that he had written to Mr Loke stating his concern particularly as Mr Loke had not attended the SW Executive meeting since April 1985.

Members present were critical of a number of areas to do with competitions.

i) the late dispatch to teams of the competitions schedules which presented many teams from booking Sports Halls as early as they would have liked.

ii) The entry forms for competitions stated that division one for men would be best of three sets but the rules for the competition state best of five, this has led to difficulty in the length of booking time required.

iii) There were mistakes in the schedules concerning venues and some poor timings of matches, expecting Universities to play on their first weekend back at college.

iv) The navy team were very concerned at the late cancellation of the match at Weymouth Bay Rowdies on October 19th. It seems that Weymouth Bay Rowdies had contacted competitions secretary for a change of date but neither competitions secretary or Weymouth Bay Rowdies had contacted Navy or Amesbury. The navy had arranged to collect all of its players together from all over England and Scotland and Amesbury had committed themselves to the hire of a mini bus. Both teams were most unhappy at this and it was hoped that the competitions secretary would have a full explanation.

The meeting was concerned that the administration of the South West league must be at the highest possible standard now that is it sponsored.

f) Junior Development

A written report was received from Miss Henderson.

Miss Henderson hoped to provide an additional mailing to all schools in certain areas to try to increase the junior affiliations. It was agreed to change the South West Competitions for 1986/87 to U17 and U19.

She also agreed to draw pp by the next meeting full budgets for each of the squads and in the meantime to inform coaches of these budgets. The meeting felt strongly that the squads must stay within the budget allocated to them.

Mr Williams felt that it was essential that the Association try to develop volleyball in Youth Clubs as an alternative to the traditional junior development that had taken place through schools - this avenue still closed in many areas due to the teachers industrial action.

86/23 Area Reports

a) Gloucester a written report was received from Mr Williams.

Mr Richards commented on his pleasure at seeing a new ladies league developed in Gloucester.

b) Poole Mr Day commented on the success of the 85/86 season and expressed his thanks to Dave Ralph the former Poole and District secretary who helped the season run smoothly. They now use an extra court for their Thursday evening matches with a total cost to the association of £36 for two courts for the whole evening.



c) North Devon

Mr Giddy reported that despite his comments last season of having reached saturation point with facilities, the North Devon Association has in fact gained one more team and a little sports hall time and there are now 17 teams in the North Devon League. He has contacted all the teams and players concerning refereeing players and coaches courses and hopes to sort out their needs in the near future. A mini volleyball course will take place for four weeks funded by the District Council and organised by the local association. It is hoped that the North Devon Leisure Centre will have better facilities for volleyball following the upgrading of the Sports Centre which will take place after Christmas.

d) Devon County Association

Mr Giddy commented on the setting up of this Association which had occurred with the help of Mr Richards. A date for a tournament had been planned but unfortunately the venue at Exeter University had been taken away and so it is hoped that the tournament will be played later this year - at present there are eight entries for the county tournament.

g) Jersey

Mr Le Breuilly commented on the success of the Jersey Association and the continued development of its Leagues. The new League begins in mid October with about 24 or 25 teams in three divisions including ladies and junior players but not yet in separate leagues. The matches are played in two central venues on Friday and Sunday evenings. It is hoped that the tournament in May will attract a lot of teams from the region.

86/24 Competitions 1986/87

a) dates and venue.

The following dates and venues were agreed.

Senior Championships POOLE June 13/14th.

U17 and U 19 Championships April 26th. Miss Henderson to try to book Melksham.

S.W. Inter League Saturday April 25th - Mr Giddy to book.  
North Devon Leisure Centre.

S.W. Introductory Ladies. May 10th - Mrs Martin asked to book  
Bath Sports Centre.

S.W. Mini Volley finals June 21st - Miss Henderson to book  
Bath Sports Centre.

b) Sponsorship money

Mr Richards outlined the background to the sponsorship agreement with National Girobank and spoke of the thanks that the association owed to Mr Millard from the Sports Council for setting up the deal in the first place. The meeting examined the details of the sponsorship agreement as outlined in Mr Richards paper and agreed the following.

- i) That all teams would be expected to ring results to Mr Richards in the date of the match or would be heavily fined.
- ii) that an answering machine approximate cost £100 be purchased to receive these results.
- iii) that £100 be allocated to promote a few matches to which the sponsors may be invited - the money be spent for officials publicity promotion and hospitality. Agreed that Mr Richards should select the matches and venues.



iv) that £210 be allocated as bonus/ prize money £70 to each division  
The exact allocation will be decided by the sponsorship committee  
Mr Richards to write to the clubs to inform them that this is to  
take place but they will be asked to comment on the venues to which  
they have travelled and that the teams will be judged on the following  
criteria.

promotion of the match  
press coverage  
phoning in results  
hospitality

organisation of the match  
fulfillment of fixtures  
disciplinary records  
facilities

c) South West Senior Championships

Mr Richards introduced his paper which called for the setting up of  
a committee to organise this important sponsored event.  
Mr Day reported the Sports Centre had offered the hall reception  
the likelihood of the major being present and administrative  
help. And the cost of the facilities would be approximately £700  
to £750.

Facilities are likely to be available on the Saturday evening either  
at Broadstone or at a local hotel which Mr Jones had been able  
to establish a special rate.

It was agreed that a committee would be set up and that Mr Richards  
would join members of the Poole and District Association who would  
be invited by that Association to join the committee to be responsible  
for the following areas.

Match organisation. hospitality, facilities, officials,  
accommodation, publicity, sales.

It was agreed that no-one who was organising the event would be  
allowed to play in the competition.

86/25 Development Plan

In the absence of Mrs Martin this item to be deferred, but Mr Richards would  
contact Mrs Martin and then take our development plan to Mr Millard at the  
Sports Council for possible grant aid.

86/26 Grant Aid

Agreed that Mr Perry should bring a paper on this area to the next  
executive meeting.

86/27 Sales

It was agreed that the South West Championships would discuss this area  
and that Mr Jones would bring a paper to the next meeting.

86/28 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next South West Executive meeting should be at  
Bath Sports Centre on Saturday 17th January at 10.30am.

86/29 Any other business

It was agreed that Miss Henderson should represent the South West at the  
next EVA regional reps and executive meeting which would take place the  
following Saturday.