

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive meeting held on the 10th October 1987 at 10.30 am at Bath Sports Centre.

There were present

Mr B Jones	Chairman
Mr D Williams	Vice Chairman
Mr R Richards	Secretary
Miss S Stone	Executive Officer
Mr T Fisher	Executive Officer
Mr G Giddy	Competitions Secretary
Mrs G Harrison	Junior Squads
Mr J Spear	Gloucestershire
Mr S Cross	Woodspring
Mr R Gunn	Poole
Mr P Francis	Wiltshire
Mr P Millard	South West Sports Council

87/15 Minutes

The minutes of the South West Executive meeting held on the 21st February 1987 were agreed as a true record with the exception of the list of those present to which Mr D Williams name should be added.

87/16 Matters arising

There were none

87/17 Apologies were received from Mr Perry, Mrs Martin and Mr Allen

87/18 Officers reports

a) Secretary The written report from Mr Richards was accepted with the thanks of the meeting.

b) Treasurer Mr Perry had asked Mr Richards to pass on to the meeting a request that all cheques and invoices must be sent to the Treasurer as as possible as the Association had been caused some embarrassment in the recent past by a bill not having been paid because the account had not been sent to the treasurer.

c) Officials Mr Jones spoke of the problem of the National League Competition in the regions there were too many matches in the South West at any one weekend - for one weekend 36 refereeing appointments had been made in the South West. This he said was made worse by some of our top referees then being taken to referee in areas outside the region such as Portsmouth.

A grade four course was being offered in Poole at the moment. He was concerned about the pure reweponse in terms of registration of referees and reminded members present that in future all non-registered referees would be down graded to grade four. Areas secretaries will soon receive a paper on the new financial structure for referees courses where a fixed cost of £10 per person is likely to be introduced and a minimum number of 10 participants. Four referees from the South West have recently attended the Island Games in Guernsey.

d) Coaching Mr Richards informed the meeting about the new coaching structure that could take place from January and asked the members present to refer to the newsletter for further information on this. Members present commented on the need for South West refresher courses for our existing coaches and Mrs Martin is to be asked to ensure that these are provided.

- e) Competitions Mr Giddy reported that the number of teams entering the South West League had increased to thirty that the fixture had been sent out early but that there was still some alterations taking place with which he was not happy.

Discussion took place on a request from Atlas Wessex Volleyball Club that the teams selected to move forward to International League should do so only on the basis of results against the other teams wishing to qualify. Mr Giddy informed the meeting that Helston Atlas Wessex Cardiff Volts and Westward Surf A were the contenders for National League place and it was subsequently agreed that this should be incorporated for this season. Mr Giddy will contact each of the teams concerned. The qualifying League title will still go to the team that wins the whole league not just the <sup>National</sup> qualifying league part of it.

- f) Junior Development Mr Richards informed the meeting that he still been unable to find a Junior Development Officer for the South West.
- g) Junior Squads Discussion took place on the need to make the first step in the selection of squads a series of player improvement courses. Mrs Harrison will set up a meeting with the coaches and managers within the following two weeks. The finals of the competition will take place at Nottingham University on April 16th and 17th 1988.

#### 87/19 Area Reports

- a) Poole a written report was received with thanks of the meeting.
- b) Woodspring a written report was received with the thanks of the meeting.
- c) Cornwall s written report was received with the thanks of the meeting
- d) Gloucester the meeting received the written report and has lengthy discussion on the Gloucester development centre which had started recently for players from all clubs all levels on one evening a week. It was hoped that this may be incorporated in the development centre plans for the South West Region.
- e) Wiltshire Mr Francis described the league situations in Wiltshire and commented that there was now an extra new team in the league. He was concerned over the entry date for EVA County Cup because he had received conflicting information from the National Office as to when the entries would have to be in.
- f) North Devon In the absence of the North Devon Secretary Mr Giddy reported that the new season will start soon that the North Devon Leisure had been refurbished and now has two good courts but cannot unfortunately have three courts any more and he also reported that the new League secretary was Mrs Sarah Baker.

#### 87/20 South West Championships

- a) review of the 1987 Championships. Mr Richards had presented the members present with the results of the questionnaire of teams that had taken part. On the whole the response from the teams was very encouraging. They complimented the Association on the organisation of the tournament and there were only a few matters which seemed to cause concern, in particular the late information sent out to the teams prior to the tournament and a lack of a results service at the venues. It was agreed that we should not rely so heavily on the Sports Centre in future and should certainly not allow them to collect in the monies.
- b) Accounts Mr Jones informed the meeting that he and the Sports Centre were now arguing over a sum of £20 and that there should shortly be a cheque coming to the South West Association of somewhere between £50 and £70 once the accounts have been finalised.
- c) The 1988 venue. The meeting considered a written bid from the Woodspring Association and a verbal bid from the Poole Association. The meeting complimented the Woodspring on the detail provided and on the preparations that they had made to insure that the Championships

went to Woodspring. The bid from Woodspring was accepted and Mr Cross the Woodspring League secretary was asked to carry forward his discussions with the Hutton More Leisure Centre and the other venues.

d) Player Eligibility Discussion took place on the problems that had ensued on this years competitions concerning player eligibility. It was agreed to stick with the ruling that the players should have played for that team in that seasons league competitions. It was further agreed that the organising committee would accept appeals in advance from teams who felt that they had a good case for this particular rule to be waved.

e) Other South West Competitions It was agreed that Mr Giddy should attempt to book facilities for these competitions as follows :

April 16th and 17th Inter Area Championships at Barnstaple

April 30th - U17 and U20 Championships at Poole

May 7th and 8th Mini Volleyball Championships and South West Ladies Introductory Tournament at Bath.

May 14th and 15th Woodspring Associations to book venues for the South West Championships.

87/21 British Championships

Mr Richards informed the meeting of discussion that he had had with Mr Bullman EVA Director of the possibility of the British Championships coming to Bath again next May. Discussion took place on this item. Mr Jones was unhappy about the International Commissions minutes which implied that this area had not taken on the organisation of International events. He was further concerned that we in the region only seemed to be asked to organise events where there wasnt a large amount of sponsorship money available nationally.

It was agreed that should the opportunity arise we should accept the possibility of the British Championships coming to Bath and that in particular we would be very happy to receive the mens rather than the ladies tournament.

87/22 England Junior Men Tournament Mr Jones informed the meeting that sponsorship had been arranged by Poole Sports Centre for an England Men training camp to take place from December 27th to 30th with Luxembourg and the French Cadet team. It is likely that there will be matches on the evenings of 27th 28th and 29th of December and Mr Jones promised to provide Mr Richards with Posters that could be sent out to the South West Clubs and an article for the South West Newsletter.

87/23 Development Centres The paper that had been prepared by Mr Richards was discussed. Mr Fisher felt that Cornwall would be pleased to have a one day Regional and a one day local course. Mrs Harrison felt that if a National League Ladies course was set up Bristol would be a suitable venue in order to bring in players from a number of surrounding areas. Mr Spear felt that March would be a suitable time for a Gloucester course. It was agreed that the local area secretaries would inform Mr Richards or Mrs Martin of their requirements by the end of October so that all of the forms and all the information could be placed in the next Newsletter and South West Mailing.

87/24 EVA Regional Representatives meeting It was agreed that Mr Williams would be the representative at the EVA meeting on behalf of the South West.

87/25 Date of the next meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on January 30th at Hutton More Leisure Centre at 10.30am.

87/26 Any other business Mr Gunn informed the meeting that Poole were to apply for area status. The meeting agreed that the South West Association were happy for this to take place. Mr Williams was concerned that he had still not been paid for the Junior Championships on the 28th March. Mr Richards promised to inform Mr Perry the South West Treasurer.