

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive meeting held on 30th January 1988 at 1030am at Hutton Moore Leisure Centre, Weston super Mare.

88/1 There were present :

Mr B Jones	Chairman
Mr D Williams	Vice Chairman.
Mr R Richards	Secretary
Mr C Perry	Treasurer
Mr G Giddy	Competitions Secretary
Mr P Millard	South West Sports Council
Mr M McKeever	EVA Technical Co-ordinator
Mr P Francis	Wiltshire
Mr R Gunn	Poole
Mr D Gurney	Woodspring
Mr L Davies	Woodspring
Mr D Hill	Woodspring
Mrs S Baker	N.Devon.

88/2 The Chairman Mr Jones informed the meeting of the sad death of Bill Daniel an EVA Vice President and the meeting stood in sympathy and silence for one minute.

88/3 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

88/4 Matters arising

There were none.

88/5 Apologies

Were received from Mr B Williams Mr J. Spear. Miss S Stone
Mrs G Harrison Mr S Cross.

88/6 Officers Reports

- a) Secretary - The written report was accepted by the meeting.
- b) Treasurer - A full set of accounts was available and the treasurer expressed his concern at some outstanding fees due from last seasons competitions in particular the ladies development tournament and the junior tournaments. He was also concerned about the lack of final accounts for the South West Championships at Poole, given the problems with Poole Sports Centre. He confirmed the details that had been allowed for training of the junior squads and that was that the South West would provide cash for three training sessions for the boys and three training sessions for the girls.
The coaches expenses and managers expenses would be paid by the South West, the players would pay their own transports but there would be no charge for the hire of facilities for coaching.
The weekend tournament in Nottingham to be paid for by the EVA grant.
- c) Officials secretary - Mr Jones informed the meeting that he had run courses in Poole and N. Devon and that there was a projected course with a very high turnout in Swindon on the 19th and 20th February. A scorers award had been held in Jersey with a referees course to come. A course is due to take place in Cornwall but no date is yet known. There was discussion as to the problem of people being unable to get on to Grade 4 courses if one was not run in their own area. and it was agreed to set up a regional course with the paper work distributed through the Sports Council and SWVA - Action Mr Jones for a course in September.

Minutes of an Executive meeting held on 27th January 1988 at 10.30am at Hutton Moore Leisure Centre, Weston super Mare.

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| Mr I Jones | Chairman |
| Mr D Williams | Vice Chairman |
| Mr K Richards | Secretary |
| Mr C Cherry | Treasurer |
| Mr G Dillay | Competition Secretary |
| Mr F Hilliard | South West Sports Council |
| Mr M McKeever | EVA Technical Coordinator |
| Mr P Francis | Welfare |
| Mr H Gunn | Facilities |
| Mr D Gurney | Workshops |
| Mr J Davies | Workshops |
| Mr D Hill | Workshops |
| Mrs S Jones | W.Devon |

88A2 The Chairman Mr Jones informed the meeting of the sad death of Bill Duffell on EVA Vice President and the evening stood in sympathy and silence for one minute.

88A3 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

88A4 Matters arising

There were none.

88A5 Apologies

None were received from Mr R Williams, Mrs E Harrison, Mr J Spear, Miss S Stone, Mr S Cross.

88A6 Officers Reports

- a) Secretary - The written report was accepted by the meeting.
- b) Treasurer - A full set of accounts was available and the treasurer expressed his concern at some outstanding fees due from last seasons competitions in particular the ladies development tournament and the junior tournament. He was also concerned about the lack of final accounts for the South West for January of 1988, given the problems with Hutton Moore Leisure Centre. He confirmed the details that had been agreed for the transfer of the junior awards and that was that the South West would provide cost for their training sessions for the boys and their training sessions for the girls. The coaches expenses and transport would be paid by the South West, the players would pay their own transport but there would be no charge for the hire of facilities for sessions. The weekend tournament in Weston super Mare to be held on 27th/28th Jan.
- c) Officers Report - Mr Jones informed the meeting that he had the courses in Weston and Hutton and that there was a prefecture course with a very high turnout by Weston in the 1987 and 1988 February. A course would have been held in Weston with a catering course to come. A course is to be held in Weston but no date is yet known. There was discussion as to the problem of people taking coaches to do a course. A course is to be held but not on their own time, and it was agreed to set up a regional course with the paper work distributed through the Sports Council and SWA - Action the best for a course in the future.

- d). Coaching Mrs Martin the Coaching Secretary was not present. Mr McKeever talked about the new structure of the new EVA Coaching courses and discussed these with the members present. He would like to run coach refresher courses at the British Championships and this was welcomed by the meeting. He talked further about the FIVB development centre and the coaching refereeing disabled volleyball and minivolleyball courses that he hoped to run during 1988. Mr Gunn asked Mr McKeever why local league referees had to pay a fee to protect their Grade 3 status. Mr Gunn was informed in not affiliating they would become a Grade 4 and that the Grade 4 was in fact equivalent to the Grade 3 that they had passed in their exam and that by registering they were able to be promoted above the bottom rank of referees in England.
- e) Junior Development Mr Richards expressed concern that we still had no Junior Development Officer, and explained that he and Geoff Giddy and Gill Harrison were still holding the fort with the organisation of competitions and regional squads.
- f) Junior Squads Mr Perry reported on the meeting in December held with Geoff Allen, Lynn Allen and Gill Harrison (see earlier note, and Treasurers reports.) The Ladies squads coaches will be Barry Swann and Gill Harrison. The Mens Squad coaches will be Geoff and Lynn Allen with Dave Hill and Manager. On January 10th the trials and coaching days were held as part of the Development centres and there will be further trials and coaching days for the ladies on february 14th and for the men on February 21st. Concern was expressed that not all of the South West Kit was available for this years squads and that it was essential that this should be collected in from former squad members. The meeting gave Mr Richards of negotiating with Girobank for some new South West Kit. Mr Jones was concerned that again that ragain thesquads had started quite late andd seemed to be training towards a tournament rather than being an important development item and working through the year. Mr Jones commented that the Nottingham weekend would involve a number of venues and that therefore each squad would need its own transport.

- g) Competitions Mr Giddy reported that he was relatively happy with the organisation and administration of the South West leagues, but was concerned that some clubs seemed to want to follow the rules than play games and he was going to stress the need to play when at all possible in a letter that he was going to send to the clubs

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AREA REPORTS

- A) Gloucestershire Mr Williams reported on the sponsorship agreement that had been made with the Royal Mail. He was pleased to announce; that forty schools were interested in the schools section and that Robert Hall of Stroud had taken on the organisation of the schools side. The Gloucester summer tournament would be held at Northleach on Saturday 25th June. Gloucester recreation Department had offered to run outdoor events in Volleyball for young people.
- b) Wiltshire A written report from Mr Francis was accepted with The Thanks of the meeting.
- c) North Devon Mrs Baker reported on the generally good development in The league - it was pleasing to note that more sponsorship was available for the clubs. They had been pleased with the response for the two courses that had taken place the referees and the Development centre course.

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- d) Poole - a written report from Mr Gunn was accepted with the thanks of the meeting.
- e) Woodspring a written report from Mr Cross was accepted in his absence with the thanks of the meeting.
- f) Jersey Mr Le Breuille reported that 23 teams were playing in the Jersey League that all the teams were sponsored and that the league and the League tournament were sponsored. He was pleased with the development of minivolleyball that had just been organised by Mr Thornton on the island and he was also able to comment on the very good publicity that volleyball was receiving in Jersey from both local radio and the news papers. Beeches Old boys had travelled to the mainland and to date had been successful in the Kestours Cup.

88/8 EVA DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr Millard of the South West Sports Council asked the meeting for their comments on the development the regional part had been photocopied and distributed at the meeting. He was concerned that there wasn't sufficient structure to be able to cope with the projects put forward in the plan. A very open discussion took place with certain points being made.

Mr Jones was concerned at the lack of personnel but on the other hand felt that this could be a challenge for the region if they knew that the money was available from EVA and Sports Council and that it might in fact lead to new development.

Mr Richards felt that the Association had moved a long way forward in the past ten years and that the South West Association was in much the same position as the National Association had been 10 or 15 years ago.

and that following that the local associations were now developing well and were beginning to talk far more openly about development rather than just competition he felt that with these developments having taken place the region could support the sort of plan that the EVA was suggesting for regional development. He also felt that the association should tie in more with the Action Sport teams and other government or Sports Council funded Sports Projects.

Mr Millard felt that the South West Sports Council may have a role in helping the governing bodies to set up administration courses for club and area secretaries.

Mr Jones felt that many of the jobs that were needed to be done could in fact be split in order to cut down on the size of the task and to bring in more personnel.

Mr Jones felt that the South West Association must make its own structure more suited to the EVA development plan and received the backing of the meeting for a later meeting with Area Secretaries who he hoped would discuss the EVA plan with their local Associations and to bring their feelings to a meeting to be held within the next few weeks.

88/9 Competitions Appeals

Mr Giddy raised a number of matters where clubs had been unhappy at his initial decision on competitions

- a) Atlas Wessex their that a player could play in the South West Qualifying league as long as they had been transferred out of National League was rejected and it was agreed that the South West qualifying League would not have any players who had been registered League during that season. This rejection was agreed by 8 votes for with one abstention
- b) Plymouth Wonderplas versus Leape concerning a scoring error. The meeting backed the competitions secretaries decision but the referee may well have been at fault but the result of the match must stand. This was agreed unanimously.
- c) It was agreed that the breakdown of a vehicle on the way to a South West League match could be considered as special circumstances but in order for the games to be played and not awarded Mr Giddy would need to have written evidence from the AA or a garage that the minibus or car had genuinely broken down. It was stressed that the team in this

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situation must get the message to the host team. Of the matches need to be arranged then they would do so at the expense of the broken down team. It was agreed that this ruling should be applied to the matches affected by the breakdown of Exeter University on their way to Plymouth.

As a general principle it was agreed that in the case of any dispute the game should be played as normal but under protest - the home team does not have the right to say that they have claimed the game and the game cannot be played. Mr Jones informed the meeting that the only conditions under which a game should not take place that if there was some danger due to unsafe conditions in the hall.

d) Rule 10E it was agreed unanimously that this rule should be amended for the next season so that the two mens leagues are counted as one competition and that players will not be allowed to play in both Division One and Premier Division.

e) Following the withdrawal of Torex from the Ladies Leagues all results involving Torex to date would be removed.

f) Ladies League. Mr Giddy to carry out a survey of the Ladies teams; to check whether they would wish their matches to be best of three or best of five sets for the coming season.

88/10. SOUTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

The notes of the Woodspring meeting were approved. The expenditure in the budget was approved with the addition of the cost for referees being £150 for fees and accommodation, and £30 for their lunches.

It was agreed to recruit 10 referees.

It was further that Mr Giddy would handle the entries and fixtures but the Woodspring Association would be allowed to run a raffle and keep the profits with the South West Association donating a match ball.

The closing date was amended to March 25th the programme copy date to April 1st but with the condition that the fixtures would be available by April 8th.

It was agreed by 5 votes to one with one abstention that the entry should be £40. A

It was agreed at the reception on the Saturday evening two members of the winners and runners-up teams in each of the South West Leagues should be invited, that the South West committee and the local organising committee should be invited along with the Girobank guests.

It was agreed that Mr Richards should discuss with Girobank the invitations to the Sunday receptions with a question being raised of whether the finalists should come to the reception.

88/11 SOUTH WEST LEAGUE 1988/89

Mr Giddy promised to pass on to Mr Richards the amended rules and the entry details so that the booklet could be produced during February.

88/12 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr Richards gave the dates of the event and outlined the discussion he had with Mr Bulman concerning the sponsorship and the organising of the event.

The meeting agreed to organise the British Championships for the English Volleyball Association but only the condition that there was no cost to the South West Association.

Concern was expressed at the invitation to Eire that it would involve more matches at greater cost for very little benefit. Given that many of the matches would not attract spectators. It was agreed that Mr Richards should invite committee officers as for last years with the following additions Mr Insley to be invited to look after officials and Mr Gunn to be involved as court manager.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the committee would be on Monday 22nd at 7.30pm at Bath Sports Centre.

It was agreed further that a coaching seminar could be organised at the championships and Mr Jones indicated the wish to organise a South West Officials seminar at the same time.

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88/13 DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

Mr Richards discussed with the meeting the development centre courses that had been set up to date and these were well received by the meeting. Some current had been expressed in local areas about the lack of courses for the local league players. Mr Richards agreed that these could be included in the next round of development centre courses but did stress that there were many people who could run that level of course and the intention on this occasion was to bring in the very top coaches for the players in national league and top regional league that were capable of working with these top National coaches.

88/14 EVA Regional REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Mr Williams commented on the poor attendance at the last meeting and discussed briefly some of the issues that had been raised at the EVA Regional Reps meeting these included the primary school campaign, the role of regional representatives and their duties and the problems of communication, county championships, communication with the national office the future of the national teams and a large item on the competitions structure below National Volleyball League.

88/15 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that that the next meeting should be held on June 25th 1988 at Pontins at Bream and that this should be both an AGM and a working Executive meeting and that it should take place at the same time as the EVA minivolleyball festival and beach tournament. Mr Jones to organise a meeting with the Area Secretaires within the next few weeks.

88/16 Any other business

Mr Richards informed the meeting of the EVA Administration conference and suggested that all area representatives would find the administration conference both enjoyable and valuable. Mr Williams informed the meeting that he had been appointed as the South West Civil Service volleyball representative and that he would put an article asking for Civil Service volleyballers to contact him.

DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Mr. Richards discussed with the meeting the meeting and Development Center course that had been set up for the meeting and those who were well received. By the meeting Development Center course in local areas about the Development Center course for the local areas. Mr. Richards stated that these calls to include in the local areas of Development Center course but all areas that were being prepared for the local areas and the information on this course was to be in the very top course for the course in national areas and top local areas that were being of working with these local areas.

DEVELOPMENT CENTER COURSE

Mr. Williams commented on the development of the local meeting and discussed briefly some of the issues that had been raised at the local meeting. These issues included the primary school campaign, the role of regional representatives and their role in the problems of communication, county organizations, communication with the national office the future of the local areas and a letter from the Development Center to local representatives.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on the 25th day of January at 8.00 am and that this should be held on a weekday. Creative meeting and that should take place at the same time as the 1974-1975 meeting and each year.

Any other business

Mr. Richards informed the meeting of the National Conference and suggested that all local representatives write the organization conference both on a regular and a weekly basis. Mr. Williams informed the meeting that he had been appointed as the West Civil Service voluntary representative and that he would be in contact with the Civil Service representative to contact him.