

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The South West minutes of a South West Executive meeting held on the 17th September 1988 at 10.30am at Bath Sports Centre.

1. There were present -

Mr B Jones	Chairman
Mr R Richards	Secretary
Mr D Williams	Executive Officer
Mrs W Martin	Executive Officer
Mr M Halse	Exeter
Mr S Cross	Woodspring
Mr D Dingle	Cornwall
Mr P Francis	Wiltshire

2. Mr Jones spoke of the sad death of Mr Bert Williams. A South West Executive Officer and a minutes silence was held in memory of Bert Williams
3. Minutes - Mr Richards apologised that copies of the minutes did not see to be available in the file. He promise to find a copy for the next meeting.
4. Apologies were received from Mr R Gunn, Mr D Ralph, Mr G Greer, Mr G Giddy, Mr B Swann, Mr T Fisher, Mr P Millard, Mr D Le breuille Miss S Stone.

5. Acting Treasurer Mr Richards informed the meeting that he had contacted Mr Telfer with an approach for him to become treasurer of the Association but had not yet received a reply.

6. Mr Jones informed the meeting that he had approached Miss Gill Moarsh with a possibility of her becoming Junior Development Officer, and also on this was awaiting a reply.
It was agreed that each officer should draw up a job description by the next meeting so that these could be discussed.

6. Development Plan
The meeting spent a considerable time discussing the individual points made on the draft development plan that had been produced by Mr Richards
With regard to the section on administration it was agreed to work on Somerset Dorset Devon and Avon to attempt to get recognised county Associations and then to look at the setting up of local Associations within the counties.

Within the coaching section the need to have a development committee was stressed and that that development committee should have coaching / technical representative on it.

Following lengthy discussions the meeting gave approval to the general points made in this draft development plan, and it was agreed that officers and area secretaries should take the paper discussing with relevant committees and to come back before the end of the year with a set of detailed objectives as to how each of these points may be put into operation within their own areas/ area responsibility.

7. South West Championship
The bid to hold the G.robank South West Championships by Woodspring was received with thanks it was agreed to hold the Tournament on May 6th and 7th and further agreed to hold an open competition (similar to the present senior championships) and over the same weekend and im the by venues a second division champion open to non national league teams.

Mr Cross outlined the findings of the post mortem meeting and there was general agreement within the Executive meeting of the success of the 1988 South West Championships, and the organisation of those Championships by the Woodspring Association.

Mr Cross felt that the local committee needed to be more involved in local publicity and in the programme. It was agreed that the programme should be the sole responsibility of the local committee and that they should use this opportunity to try to raise funds.

The other championships were also discussed though in the absence of Mr Giddy it was not possible to determine exact dates and venues.

The Ladies Development Tournament - Mr Richards to contact Miss Stone to see if she will organise this event. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of holding two development tournaments one for the North and one for the South of the region to which all teams would be free to enter.

8. Junior Squads

The meeting was concerned at the absence of Mrs Harrison but felt that it could not discuss this item without the paperwork which she had promised.

9. Development Centre

The written report from Mr Swann was accepted with thanks. Mr Dingle announced that Cornwall would like one for County level players both men and for ladies.

The need for local coaches to be involved in the development centres courses was stressed.

10. Officers reports

These were accepted with the thanks of the meeting.

11. Area Reports - were received from, Cornwall, where the division two had been set up with 10 teams showing expansion.

Wiltshire- where a community leaders award course had been held and a very successful development centre course .

Exeter - 14 teams would play in two divisions in a new league following the taster sessions and small competitions held since May. 19 teams had taken part in an outdoor tournament at County Hall and it was hoped to run a coaches course at Ottery St Mary on the 25th and 26th September

Poole - two teams had been thrown out for poor administration - a number of new clubs had entered and Atlas Wessex are now known as MGI Wessex.

12. EVA Regional Representatives report- Mr Williams gave a full report of recent meetings.

Discussion took place on the proposition of womens volleyball with no firm points being agreed.

Mr Richards agreed to publish Mr Williams letter and report in the South West newsletter.

13. Date of next meeting - it was agreed to hold the next meeting on January 21st at 10.30 at Bath Sports Centre. It was agreed that the main item of business would be job descriptions and the development Plan.

14. Any other business

It was agreed that the possibility of a memorial to Bert Williams be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr Jones informed the meeting that British Championships involving the mens International teams would come to Bath over the May Day weekend.

The meeting gave its best wishes to Mrs Martin a former chairman of South West Association who was expecting to move out of the region and may have done so by the time of the next meeting. The Association wished her well and hoped that she would be able to make herself available for future South West events.