

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive Meeting held on 13.10.90. at 10.30 a.m. at Bath Sports Centre

1. There were present:

Mr. R. Richards - Secretary
Mr. D. Williams - Executive Officer and Gloucestershire
Mr. N. Dingle - Junior Development Officer and Cornwall
Miss S. Stone - Executive Officer
Mrs. R. Sutherland - Coaching Secretary
Mr. A. Searle - Poole Volleyball Association
Mr. R. Insley - Treasurer

2. Apologies were received from:

Mrs. G. Harrison
Mr. J. Brenton
Mr. P. Millard
Miss J. Anstey
Mr. D. Le Breuilly
Mr. G. Latham

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Executive Meeting were agreed as a true record.

Mr. Williams suggested that as the AGM was also an Executive Meeting these Minutes should also have been considered. Mr. Richards apologised that the AGM Minutes were not available at the Meeting.

4. Matters Arising

Mr. Williams asked if any progress had been made on the Referees Seminar. It would seem that there was no progress. He also asked about progress on the Bert Jones Memorial and the South West birthday celebrations. There was no progress on either of these.

5. Competitions

Mr. Richards reported that the Leagues were under way and he expressed his thanks to Keith Gooding and Jane Anstey for being Secretaries of two of the Divisions. He further reported that so far no areas had offered to organise the South West Championships. Mr. Dingle expressed concern that the previous South West Championships had not been well organised and that there were a number of problems at the event.

It was agreed that Mr. Richards should contact Mr. Giddy in an attempt to find an area prepared to organise South West Championships on the dates May 11th, 12th or May 18th, 19th.

Miss Stone is to arrange two Ladies Development Tournaments, probably in Gloucester and Plymouth on the 27 or 28th April and the 8/9th June.

Mr. Richards to contact areas to see if it would be possible to arrange one Mens Development Tournament. He anticipated making

contact with Taunton.

Mr. Dingle to arrange the Inter County Championships in Cornwall on the weekends April 6th, 13th or 20th.

The Inter Area Tournament can only happen if there is a volunteer to run it. At present there was no volunteer, though Mr. Searle felt that the Poole Association may be willing to help.

It was agreed not to organise any Junior Volleyball Competitions at present, though Mrs. Sutherland informed the meeting of EVA Festivals of Junior Volleyball which were planned for Paignton and Bournemouth in May.

6. Coaching

It would seem that Level One courses are being organised in Poole in the near future, in Devon in the Spring and in Cornwall on a date to be decided.

It was agreed to give priority to the setting up of Community Sports Leaders Award courses. Mrs. Sutherland will also check on the demand for a Level Two course with the possibility of it being run in 1991.

She will also invite Ralph Hippolyte to take a Player Development Course and Coaching Seminar in the Region. Miss Stone suggested that the four Ladies National League Clubs in Avon and in Gloucester would be interested in a course with Mr. Hippolyte.

7. Refereeing

Woodspring is to organise a Grade Four Course on November 3rd and 4th. Poole is to organise a similar course on November 24th and 25th. Seventeen candidates took part in the Swindon course.

Discussion took place on the possibility of a Referees Seminar. Mr. Dingle suggested a one-day Seminar to take place from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Mr. Richards suggested that it could happen at Priory School on the same day as the Priory Tournament - probably September 1st 1991.

8. Junior

Reports were received from Mr. Dingle and Mr. Latham.

Mr. Searle reported on successful schools tournaments in Poole.

Mr. Richards informed the Meeting of the EVA decision to change the age groups for the National Regional Junior Championships. He expressed his concern at the late notice and the lack of consultation. This concern was echoed by the members present. It was agreed that the Meeting would back Mr. Richards' proposal to fight the change in age groups for this season and discussion took place on the possibility of keeping the U19 squad so that it received high level coaching and possibly some matches.

It was finally decided that if the competition changes to U15 and U17 that Mr. Swann and Mr. Allen should be approached to see if they will be available to coach one of the squads and that if they are unwilling that Mr. Richards would have to find alternative coaches.

9. Secretary's Report

Mr. Richards' written report was read. The Meeting congratulated him on successfully obtaining grant aid from the Sports Council for the coming season.

10. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Insley reported on the Auditor's comments. The Auditor had apparently congratulated the Association on the quality of the Accounts. Members present congratulated Mr. Insley while he felt that Mr. Perry (the former Treasurer) had set up the system that seemed to be successful.

It was agreed that should there be four junior training squads that a budget of £1400 be allocated to them (£700 for the Men and £700 for the Ladies). It was further agreed that should, for any reason, six squads be run, that some additional finance would be sought.

It was further agreed that £700 would be available for Women's Development and that bids would be considered from areas for this finance at the next Meeting.

11. Area Reports

- a) Gloucester - A written report from Mr. Williams was accepted.
- b) Wiltshire - A written report from Mr. Francis was accepted. He further commented on the success of the Calne and Wootton Bassett teams now in the Premier League.
- c) Exeter - Mrs. Sutherland reported that a new Secretary had been appointed who was Andy Pimm. Discussion took place on the possibility of setting up a Devon Association and a Devon League. Mrs. Sutherland to investigate.

12. Regional Commission

Mr. Williams presented a written report.

Mr. Richards expressed his concern at the level of administration grant available from the EVA and the fact that the South West with 185 Clubs would receive the same amount of administration grant as other regions with only 60 Clubs.

The Meeting congratulated the EVA Regional Commission on the quality of the Club starter pack which was to be distributed to all Clubs.

13. Supercup

The Meeting congratulated the organising Committee and agreed that the event should be held at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre next year. Mr. Richards described the difficulties of establishing a date and would inform the Executive as soon as a date was finalised.

14. Dates of future Meetings

It was agreed to hold the next Executive Meeting at Bath Sports Centre on Saturday January 12th at 10.30 a.m. and the AGM on Saturday June

15th.

15. Any other business

Discussion took place on the Bert Williams Memorial Award. It was agreed that this annual award should be given by the South West Volleyball Executive to a Referee in the South West. Nominations are to be sought in the newsletter with the decision to be made at the January Executive.

Mr. Richards described the discussions that he had had with the National Coaching Foundation Secretary, Caroline Francis. It was agreed that we should pursue the possibility of a joint NCF South West Volleyball Association course with fitness, injury or mental preparation/motivation being likely topics. Mrs. Sutherland to negotiate with NCF concerning this course.

Mr. Williams suggested that area reports could be used in the South West Newsletter. Mr. Richards agreed to edit them and publish them.

Mr. Williams asked if the Area Secretary's job description had been circulated. Mr. Richards informed him that it was to go out with a future mailing to South West Executive.