

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th June 1992 at 10.30 at Bath Sports Centre.

1. There were present:-

Mr D Dingle	Chairman / St Austell VC
Mrs. G. Harrison	Vice Chairman / Stroud VC
Mr. R. Richards	Secretary / Priory V.C.
Mr. A Searle	Treasurer / Poole VA
Mrs. R. Sutherland	Coaching Secretary
Mr. D. Williams	Executive Officer/Glos. V.A.
Mr. P. Locke	Avon V.A.
Mr. A. Pincott	Speedwell V.C.
Mr. P. Hook	Horfield V.C.
Mr. D. Reece	Torexe V.C.
Ms. R. Swindell	Teignmouth V.C.
Mrs J. Gorton	Whitefield V.C.
Mr C Leathley	Cornwall VA
Ms S Ankers	Helston VC
Mr P Vale	Wilts VA / Druids VC
Miss S Hopkins	Wessex VC
Miss K Falkner	U15 Girls Squad Coach
Miss S Stone	Executive Officer / Priory VC
Mr V Joyce	Speedwell VC
Ms W Jones	N Devon VA
Mr I Andrews	N Devon VA

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed with the following amendments

- i) Mr Locke's name was corrected
- ii) Mr Gooding's name was corrected
- iii) Mrs Swindell's name was corrected

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Apologies were received from:

Mr Stevens	Mr Insley	Mrs Baker	Mr Devaney	Mr P Millard
Mr Bartholomew	Miss Dalton	Mr Gooding	Mr Phil Francis	
Mr Paul Francis	Exeter University VC	Mr Giddy	Mr Le Breuilly	

5. Officers Report

The following were received in the written annual report:

- a) Chairman
- b) Secretary - Mr Richards to check on situation re block affiliation

c) Competition Secretary. There was sympathy for Mr Giddy's comments re chasing up teams. A reduction in fees for prompt entries was suggested. Mr Richards suggested that fines be levied for all misdemeanors. Mr Dingle proposed the setting up of a competitions sub committee - there was agreement for this.

There was concern about the league points system. Competitions sub committee to be asked to look at this (general support for return to NVL points scoring system).

Mr Leathley queried the use of three set matches for ladies - discussion took place - general support to leave at three sets unless teams request otherwise.

Concern was expressed about quality of refereeing - proposals to insist on qualified referees fo Premier Division was supported. Agreed to extend to other divisions in susequent seasons.

The need for teams to provide information on dates on which they could not play was stressed - needs to be provided at time of entry.

Mr Dingle complimented Speedwell Ladies on their hospitality at matches. Sub committee to be asked to provide guidance to teams before the start of the season on hospitality, rules, kit etc.

d) Junior Development Officer. Report accepted. Mrs Sutherland referred to a letter from Lyn Allen stressing the need for junior county squads, so that absolute novices are not being fed directly into the regional squads. Miss Hopkins was concerned that often girls did not have clubs to go back to after representing the region.

e) Regional Representatives Report. Mr Williams was concerned at the lack of entries to the "EVA Cups". Miss Falkner was concerned at lack of response from Regional Commission for her grant aid request. Mr Williams to follow up.

f) Treasurer. The annual accounts were presented to the meeting. Mr Searle reported that the SW Championships were likely to make a small profit. Mr Dingle suggested that budgets would need to be more accurately set and momitored over the next year or so.

g) Coaching. Mrs Sutherland added that the Level 1 course in N Devon had been cancelled. She asked area secretaries and staff coaches to let her know of courses planned and cancelled. Mr Richards made a plea for courses to be advertised in the SW Newsletter.

Discussion took place on the worth of separate SWVA / NCF courses. Agreed to review and to advertise NCF courses more widely among volleyballers.

h) Officials Secretary. A report was available on the day. Mr Dingle nominated Richard Insley for the Bert Williams Memorial Award. Agreed.

The Officers Reports were accepted in full. Proposed by Mr Leathley and seconded by Mrs Harrison.

6. Area Reports

- a) Avon.
- b) Cornwall. Mrs Sutherland expressed concern at the difficulty she had in establishing communications with Cornwall VA on coaching matters.
- c) Exeter. Mr Reece reported that more volleyball was being played in Exeter City Sports Centres than any other team sport.
- d) Gloucester
- e) Guernsey. Mr Richards announced his pleasure at a Guernsey report being present for the first time for many years.
- f) Wiltshire. Mr Vale announced that the plan to hold league matches at a central venue had been defeated.
- g) Woodspring
- h) Poole. Mr Searle announced the loss of a number of teams from the league. Mr Dingle congratulated Wessex VC on their grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts. Mr Richards hoped that Wessex VC and SWVA could work closely together on the development schemes.
- i) North Devon. Mr Andrews thanked Paul Goody for setting up junior courses. Ms Jones hoped for a new SW League entry from N Devon for next season. Mr Dingle hoped that the three Devon area associations could get together to set up a county association.
- j) Plymouth.

The Area Reports were accepted from the written reports. Mr Richards thanked the area secretaries for their reports.

7. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Mr. N. Dingle Whitefield Weymouth
Vice Chairman	Mrs. G. Harrison Whitefield Wessex
Secretary	Mr. R. Richards St Austell Whitefield
Treasurer	Mrs D Dingle Mr Searle Mr Richards
Competitions Sec.	Mr. G. Giddy Whitefield Horfield
Asst Comp Sec	Ms R Swindell St Austell Priory
Officials Sec.	Mr. D. Le Breuilly Whitefield Weymouth
Coaching Sec.	Mrs. R. Sutherland Whitefield Priory
Junior Dev. Officer	Mr. K. Gooding Whitefield Glos VA
Regional Comm. Rep.	Mr. D. Williams Whitefield St Austell

Executive Officers

Miss S. Stone, Mr. P. Francis, Mr. A. Pincott, Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. P. Hook, Mr. P. Locke, Mr A Searle, Mr V Joyce

Agreed to authorise Girobank to amend the signatories to the SW account.

8. Development Plan

Mr Richards provided an update on the work of the planning group that had been set up. Copies of the draft questionnaires were available for comment.

9. Junior Squad Mementoes

Agreed to have a badge available.

10. Planning 1992/93

a) Competitions Sub Committee to be set up - members Mr Giddy, Ms Swindell, Mr Dingle, Miss Stone. Areas to be asked to volunteer to stage events. Mr Dingle to contact Mr Giddy re the sub committee.

b) Junior Development. A sub committee of Mr Gooding, Miss Falkner and Mrs Harrison to be set up. Areas to be invited to send representatives.

Sub Committee to look at

- i) suggested plan for areas
- ii) future of the squads
- iii) dates for competitions

c) Junior Squads. Miss Falkner and Miss Hopkins reported on progress and problems with the girls squads.

Mrs Sutherland felt that there were so few young players that we would have to soldier on for a few years and badger local areas and clubs to produce young players. Agreed that for this development we needed people to work with the association and that they needed to be well trained. Agreed more use could be made of existing professional development officers.

d) Coaching. Mrs Sutherland wished to concentrate on player development and coach registration.

e) Refereeing. Sub Committee to be set up with Mr Le Breuilly, Mr Williams, Mr Stephens. In addition Mr Dingle would contact Mr Phil Francis and ask him to join. Mrs Sutherland expressed concern that Officials development work in the region did not seem to be well coordinated. It was hoped that the sub committee could help with this.

11. EVA AGM

Agreed that Mr Williams would have the right to vote on behalf of SWVA at the EVA AGM.

12. Date of next meeting

To take place at Priory School, Weston Super Mare, on Saturday October 10th. Venue of future meetings to be decided on October 10th.

13. AOB

Congratulations to Lyn Allen on the award of Coach of the Year.

Eligibility of players for novice tournaments - competitions sub committee to look at.

Mr Dingle thanked everyone present for all their efforts.

Mr. Goody expressed concern at the fact that some matches in Mens Premier Division had not been played. Agreed that teams should be vigorously fixed. Agreed to add rule that fine must be paid within set short time.

d) Coaching

Written report received and accepted.

Mr. Francis hoped that it would be possible to find sufficient candidates for a Level 2 course.

Mr. Dingle felt that it was important to identify dates of weekends in advance.

Mr. Pincott suggested a Level 1\Level 2\ Squad session on together.

Agreed that Mrs. Sutherland would organise a Level 2 and the areas Level 1 courses.

e) Junior Squad

No report.

f) Junior Development

Mr. Dingle expressed concern at the resources being put into and by cricket, rugby, soccer etc. He stressed the need for school\club links. There was general discussion.

g) Treasurer

Written report received. Mrs. Harrison thanked Mr. Insley for his work.

6. Area Report

A series of written reports had been received and accepted.

7. EVA Regional Commission

Mr. Williams' written report accepted.

9. Development Plan

General discussion took place on the S.W. Development Plan. Amendments were noted by the Secretary for future redrafting.

Miss Anstey spoke in support of the letter in Time Out from Sarah Hopkins in the S.W. Womens Championships final.

Mr. Richards asked for help in attaining adverts for the newsletter.

10. Mission Statement

Mr. Richards explained the background to the EVA Mission Statement coordinated by David Joy.

Mr. Cocke felt that there needed to be development of both "Sport for All" and "Excellence".

Agreed that Area Associations would discuss the Mission Statement and comment at a future Executive meeting.

11. Bristol Schools Development

Mr. Richards and Mr. Cocke described the background to this volleyball development plan.

12. Dorset Womens Development Plan

Mr. Searle provided an update.

13. Supercup

Agreed to promote the event as much as possible. To be advertised in the Welsh V.A. newsletter.

14. EVA AGM

Mr. Richards to attend. Discussion took place on the alcohol sponsorship proposals. In a vote 6 were for continuing the ban and 12 against.

15. Dates of Meetings

Agreed to hold them on:-

October 12th (subsequently changed to October 5th)

February 15th

June 20th