

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th June 1993 at 10.30 at Priory School, Weston Super Mare.

1. There were present:-

Mr D Dingle Chairman / St Austell VC
Mr. R. Richards Secretary / Priory V.C.
Mrs D Dingle Treasurer
Mrs. R. Sutherland Junior Development Officer
Mr. D. Williams Executive Officer/Glos. V.A.
Mr. P. Hook Horfield V.C.
Mr. D. Reece Torexe V.C.
Ms. R. Swindell Teignmouth V.C.
Mr C Leathley Cornwall VA
Ms W Jones N Devon VA
Mr I Andrews N Devon VA
Mr P Francis Poole & District VA
Miss P Redwood Coaching Secretary
Mr S Lipscombe Taunton VC

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed with the following amendment:

The spelling of Mr Stephens name was corrected.

3. Matters Arising

Mr Williams asked for information on block affiliations - Mr Richards reported on the information he had received from EVA National Director, Mr Bulman.

4. Apologies were received from:

Mr Stephens Mr Reynolds Mr G Reynolds Mrs T Loe
Mr Giddy Mr Le Breuilly Miss S Stone Mr R Cole
Mr M Wray Mr S Marshall Mr G Allen Mr Paul Francis
Mrs S Walls Mrs G Harrison Mr A Dester Mrs L Redman

5. Officers Report

The following were received in the written annual report:

- a) Chairman - Mr Williams asked Mr Dingle to clarify his written comments about the decline in womens volleyball. Discussion took place and there were doubts expressed about Mr Dingles opinion.
- b) Secretary - items concerning the 25th birthday of the Association and the newsletter deferred to AOB.
- c) Treasurer - a set of accounts and notes were presented. Congratulations were passed to the Poole Association on the success of the SW Championships (particularly in financial terms). There was concern at the loss made on the Womens Development Tournament.

Mr Richards expressed concern at the loss on the Referees Seminar - he believed that a grant would be available from the Referees Commission to cover this loss. Mr Dingle to follow up this matter.

Thanks were passed to Mrs Sutherland re profit on coaches courses.

d) Competition Secretary (Womens League) - it was agreed that no entry should be accepted from TO Glos until they had paid their outstanding fines. Miss Swindell to contact Mr Giddy. Agreed that two Selkirk teams could be accepted in the same SW League.

Mr Richards suggested that the ladies league be called the womens league. There was no agreement.

(Mens League) - Mr Hook asked if City of Cardiff had been fined for a late cancellation. Mr Giddy to be approached for an answer to this question.

Agreed that Cardiff University would not be allowed to enter SW League.

e) Coaching - concern that while many coaches are being qualified there seem to be few registrations. Mr Hook suggested that more information was necessary on how to affiliate as a coach - in particular clubs need to be chased up for coach affiliations.

f) Officials - Mr Williams asked if the Referees Sub Committee had met. Mr Dingle said that they had not. Mr Richards urged officers to use sub committees to share the planning and to bring draft plans to Executive meetings. Mr Dingle was concerned at potential cost of sub committees.

g) Junior Development Officer. Mr Williams asked how it might be possible to find club places for good juniors. Mrs Sutherland was also concerned at the lack of opportunities for some of the players coming out of the junior squads.

h) Junior Squads

i) EVA Regional Commission, SW Representatives Report.

The Officers Reports were accepted in full.

6. Area Reports. The following reports were received:

a) Poole. Thanks were expressed to the Poole Association for the staging of the SW Championships.

b) Gloucester. The annual Gloucester tournament cancelled due to lack of entries.

c) Plymouth

d) Avon. The insistence on the use of qualified referees was noted.

e) Wiltshire

f) N Devon

g) Cornwall. Concern that there may be no womens league next season.

h) Exeter. No written report, Mrs Sutherland gave a brief verbal report.

The Area Reports were accepted from the written reports. Mr Richards thanked the area secretaries for their reports. Mr Lipscombe expressed concern that no report had been received from Woodspring. He hoped that an association could be set up in Somerset in the coming months.

7. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

ChairmanMr. N. Dingle
Vice ChairmanMr. P. Hook
SecretaryMr. R. Richards
TreasurerMrs D Dingle
Competitions Sec. Mr. G. Giddy
Asst Comp Sec Ms R Swindell
Officials Sec.Mr. D. Le Breuilly
Coaching Sec.Miss P. Redwood
Junior Dev. Officer Mrs R Sutherland
Regional Comm. Rep. Mr. D. Williams

Executive Officers

Mr. J. Stevens, Mrs G. Harrison, Mr G Allen, Ms W Jones,
Mr S Lipscombe

8. Development Plan

Mr Richards apologised for not having completed the production of the questionnaires.

9. Planning 1993/94

a) Competitions. Mr Giddy to be contacted by Mr Dingle re the setting of dates and venues for the SW Competitions, prior to the next meeting. The sub committee also to be asked to prepare a paper on the organisation of the SW Championships.

b) Junior Development. Mrs Sutherland to coordinate dates and venues of junior competitions prior to the next meeting. Mrs Sutherland to also establish the junior squads structure - coaches, managers etc for approval at the next meeting.

c) Coaching - plans are to run one Level 1 and one Level 2 course. Future of SWVA / NCF courses to be decided.

d) Referees - sub committee to draw up list of courses and date for a conference prior to the next meeting.

10. EVA AGM

Mr Williams to represent SWVA.

11. Equal Opportunities

Mr Richards to bring papers to the next SW Executive meeting for consideration.

12. Regional Code of Conduct

Mr Richards and Mr Williams to bring papers to the next SW Executive meeting.

13. Regional Administration Conference

Ms Redwood to discuss potential dates with Mr Richards prior to organising this event.

14. Dates of future meetings

Saturday October 9th and Saturday January 29th at Priory School, Weston Super Mare.

15. Any Other Business

a) EVA AGM - agreed that Mr Williams should oppose the constitutional amendment that would take away the Regional Commission's second NEC member.

b) Newsletter - agreed to keep same size and frequency. Player registration fees to be increased to £2.50.

c) SWVA 25th birthday - suggestions for celebrations:

- veterans competition and sedate entertainment
- 25th birthday outdoor tournament
- SW League Cup (Anniversary Cup)
- pm teams play in lottery competition with social event in evening
- paper to be produced on how association will develop in next 25 years - to be placed in sealed envelope
- 25 hour marathon
- special logo & t shirts
- next years competitions to reflect a 25th birthday theme

To be discussed at the next SW Executive meeting

d) Wessex Development Officer. Request from Mr allen for support for an application to the EVA for funding. Support was given in principle, but could not be given in full without:

i) further information about the contractual, financial, management and monitoring arrangements.

ii) assurance from EVA that this funding would not affect likely success of future SW application for a regional development officer, should this become viable under Sports Council focus sport programme.

e) Mr Reece of Torexe expressed concern at the lack of information available about the EVA insurance scheme. He had established a policy direct with a company for £100 per team.

f) Player contracts - further information available from Mr Barstow, EVA Competitions Commission Chairman.

g) Calendar - request from Mr Dingle for dates to be sent to Mr Richards. Important to get detailed plans from officers, sub committees and areas by the October meeting.

h) Bert Williams Memorial Award - no nominations received to date.