

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting held on January 22nd, 1994 at 10.30 at Priory School, Weston Super Mare.

1 There were present

Dan Dingle	Chairman	Paul Hook	Vice Chairman
Ron Richards	Secretary	Doreen Dingle	Treasurer
Rik Loe	Wiltshire	Deryck Williams	Exec Officer/Glos
Ros Sutherland	Coaching Sec	Wendy Jones	Exec Officer/N Devon
Sarah Hopkins	Poole	Geoff Allen	Exec Officer
Teresa Loe	Wilts	Fiona Came	EVA Development Officer
Geoff Giddy	Competitions Secretary	Paula Redwood	Coaching Secretary

Mr Dingle welcomed Ms Came to her first SWVA meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on October 9th 1993 were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Mr Williams asked if TO Glos had paid their fine. Ms Swindell to be asked to clarify this point.

Mr Hook asked if the City of Cardiff fine had been paid and transferred to the club to which it was owed. Agreed that Mr Giddy would give City of Cardiff one month to sort out the fine and affiliations before taking further serious action.

Mr Allen informed the meeting that "local squads" were in fact entitled "Centres of Excellence".

4. Apologies

Were received from: Denis Le Breuilly, Jeff Brenton, Rachel Swindell, George Reynolds, Gill Harrison, Chris Leathley, Phil Francis, George Reynolds.

5. Secretary's Report

Mr Richards provided lists of affiliations and registrations. He urged areas to chase up affiliations.

6. Treasurers Report

Mrs Dingle provided up to date accounts and the equivalent 92/93 accounts for comparison.

Mrs Dingle was concerned at the level of funding provided to the squads, which she felt to be excessive given the current state of the Associations finances.

7 Competition Secretaries Report

SW Senior Championships - Mr Giddy and Miss Hopkins to arrange.

SW Novice - Mr Richards to ask Miss Stone if she would be willing to organise an event. Poole Association may be able to run one. Mr Richards requires details by mid February.

SW Veterans - Mr Richards to try to book Hutton Moor. Tournament to be mixed with the possibility of 2 divisions and the opportunity for individuals to register and be put in teams.

SW Ladies League. There was support for Miss Swindell's proposals for two divisions in 1994/5, if numbers permit. There was much discussion of Div 1/2 or North/ South split. There were a number of members who felt that N/S followed by 2 divisions after Christmas might be a better format, but understanding that this may not be the preference of the teams. Discussion took place on 3/5 sets for ladies matches - no agreement.

8. Coaching Secretary's Report

Miss Redwood provided a written report for the meeting. Discussion took place on the "Money Matters" NCF course and administrative conference.

9. Referees Secretary

A paper was provided by Mr Le Breuilly. Discussion on Referees Seminar - possible dates - May 7th or at SW Championships May 14/15.

10. Junior Development

A report was provided by Mrs Sutherland.

Agreed to offer a SW Junior League for 1994/5.

Mrs Sutherland read to the meeting a letter from Graeme Pearson of Plymouth. The meeting noted the attempts that were being made to develop junior volleyball and the fact that a local meeting would be held on February 2nd.

11. Junior Squads

Mrs Dingle repeated her concern at the level of funding offered at the last meeting. It was agreed that the offer should not be removed but that squads be urged to make savings wherever possible.

Concern was expressed by Mr Allen that some of the squads did not have a spread of regional representation, but heavily featured players from one area.

Agreed to urge the girls squads to have some combined regional training sessions.

12. Area Reports

Written reports were accepted with thanks from Wiltshire, Gloucester, Poole, Exeter, N Devon. Verbal reports were received from Avon.

Mrs Sutherland expressed concern at the comments in the Exeter report concerning affiliation and representation. Mr Dingle to write to the Exeter Secretary to express his concern.

Mr Hook provided information on volleyball in Avon, expressing concern at the situation with the mens league. He also expressed concern at the withdrawal of Time Out Glos.

Congratulations were offered to Mr Allen and Wessex VC on the extension of the Foundation for Sport and the Arts funding for their Development Officer post. Members were sorry to hear of the continuing illness of Mr Francis, the Poole VA Secretary.

13 EVA Regional Commission Report

A written report was received from Mr Williams.

14. FSA Grant

Agreed to review the expenditure of this income at the next SW Executive meeting (April 16th). To enable them to train with sufficient good equipment, the boys and girls squads will each receive 12 balls and a ball bag.

Mr Richards to ask the Area Associations to suggest equipment needs.

15. Focus Sport and Development Planning

Mr Richards described the SW Sports Council application procedures. He reported that only 15 governing bodies had applied.

The possible employment of a Regional Development Officer was discussed, as was the possibility of a number of part time local development officers.

It was agreed to meet again on April 16th to set up a draft development plan. Mr Richards to design a questionnaire for Areas to reply with their development priorities. A list of questions to be asked was agreed. Returns to be with Mr Richards by February 25th.

Agreed to invite a regional development officer from another sport to the start of the meeting on April 16th

16. 25th Birthday Events

Agreed to celebrate in the following ways:

16.1 Special edition of Time Out in September 1994

16.2 Buffet Lunch at SW Veterans tournament

16.3 Special logo (Trevor Rothwell?) for t shirts, key rings, headed paper etc.

16.4 Evening buffet at SW Championships.

16.5 Photographic exhibition at SW Championships

Members asked to provide Mr Richards of names and addresses of former SW personnel.

17. Bath Youth Olympics

Mr Richards reported on his conversation with Mike McKeever, EVA Technical Director. No volunteers for the post of Director.

18. Equal Opportunities

The SWVA Equality of Opportunity in Volleyball Document was adopted as a SW Volleyball Association

policy. Areas urged to consider a similar course of action. Agreed to return to this item to produce some action plans (particularly for disabled volleyball). Position concerning age and coaching qualifications to be clarified.

17. EVA Regional Commission Representative's Report

Mr Williams written report was accepted.

18 Dates of Future Meetings

Saturday April 16th at Priory School, Weston Super Mare.

and

Saturday June 11th - SW AGM

19 AOB

Miss Redwood requested that publication dates for Time Out, should be published at the start of the new season and adhered to.

Mr Williams asked for help in determining addresses of those involved in disabled volleyball.

Mr Williams asked if the use of neutral referees would be extended to the ladies league. Discussion took place and concern was expressed at the cost and at lack of suitably qualified referees.

Mr Richards informed the meeting that he had received an approach from Keith Gooding, concerning a possible beach volleyball tournament at Weston Super Mare. It was agreed to support this venture.