

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting held on October 8th, 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
Deryck Williams	Exec Officer/Glos	Gill Harrison	Chair, EVA Coaching Comm
Ros Sutherland	Junior Dev Officer	Wendy Andrews	Exec Officer/N Devon
Sarah Hopkins	Exec Officer/Poole	Geoff Allen	Exec Officer
Geoff Giddy	Competitions Secretary	Paula Redwood	Coaching Secretary
Rachel Swindell	Competitions Secretary	George Bulman	EVA National Director
Chris Leathley	Cornwall	Graham Pearson	Egguckland/Plymouth
Cheryl Pearson	Coombe Dean/Plymouth		

Mr Dingle welcomed Mr Bulman.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on January 22nd were agreed as a true record, with the exception of certain typographical errors pointed out by Mr Williams.

3. Matters Arising

There were none

4. Apologies

Were received from: George Reynolds, John Stevens, Paula Redwood, Ginger Latham

5. Secretary's Report

Mr Richards provided lists of affiliations. He expressed concern at difficulties with affiliation procedures at the National Office. Ms Britton to be asked by Mr Dingle to take on the role of affiliation chasing. Mr Williams was concerned that Area Secretaries seemed not to be receiving copies of affiliation forms.

6. Treasurers Report

Mrs Dingle provided information on balances. Discussion took place on elements of the budget.

7. Competition Secretaries Report

SW Senior Championships - agreed to try for May 6/7th in Bath - to be confirmed by Mr Dingle and Whitefield VC. Poole VC able to help again if required.

Womens Development Tournaments - offers were gratefully received from Mr Williams, Mr Pearson, Mr Allen. Dates to be notified to Ms Swindell and Mr Richards.

Discussion took place on the new rules and their implementation. Mr Richards to publicise in the SW Newsletter.

8. Coaching Secretary's Report

Mr Richards reported on his telephone conversation with Ms Redwood.

9. Referees Secretary

A written report was available from Mr Stevens. Mr Le Breuilly was nominated for the Bert Williams award and this award was confirmed.

10. Junior Development

Mrs Sutherland reported on progress with the junior calendar. An Under 19 league was to be arranged on a tournament basis - 6 teams have expressed interest.

Mrs Sutherland informed the meeting that a Manager was required for the boys regional squads.

Mr Williams asked Mr Dingle to report the national picture concerning a junior referees award. Mr Dingle replied that there was no opposition to such an award from EVA Referees Commission. It was agreed to establish a pilot scheme in the SW.

Mr Richards provided information on the Priory Mini Volleyball Tournament at Hutton Moor on December 10th.

11. Junior Squads

Mr Richards to include request for staff for the squads in the SW Newsletter. Mrs Sutherland reported that the current staff are:

	Coach	Manager
Boys U17	Lyn Allen	TBA
Boys U15	Ros Sutherland	TBA
Girls U17	Helen Pardey	Sarah Hopkins
Girls U15	Gill Harrison	Sarah Hopkins

Mr Allen reported that both all squads are linking more closely with the England South squads, which have Mr Allen and Mrs Harrison as coaches.

Mr Allen proposed that £1200 should be made available from SWVA for the squads for 1994/5. This proposal was defeated, but the proposal to make £900 available was agreed. It was also agreed to seek additional funding to add to this figure.

12. Area Reports

Written reports were accepted with thanks from Plymouth, Weymouth, Gloucester and Cornwall, verbal reports from N Devon and Avon.

Mr Hook provided information on volleyball in Avon, expressing concern at the associations decision to concentrate on running a league and withdrawing from the establishment of a Development Plan. This concern was shared by the meeting.

Discussion took place on the issue of non affiliation of clubs. Mr Richards reported that the Exeter League had agreed to insist on affiliation to the EVA and that it was hoped that Weymouth would follow suit. He reminded Area Secretaries that Development Plan funding would not be available to areas that did not insist on affiliation.

Mr Bulman reminded members that players who played against non affiliated players would not be covered by the EVA Insurance policy.

13. EVA Regional Commission Report

A written report was received from Mr Williams.

14. Development Plan

Mr Richards expressed his thanks to those who had been involved in the preparation of the Development Plan and in particular Ms Redwood who had carried out the writing of the plan. He reported that the plan was at the printers in process of publication.

15. Development Officer

Discussion took place on the appointment of a Development Officer. Mr Richards informed the members of his meeting with Mr Reynolds of Sports Council.

It was agreed to pursue the appointment of a Regional Development Officer in the New Year. It was agreed that discussions should be held with Northavon District Council who have agreed to accommodate and provide day to day management. Mr Richards to make further contact with EVA to establish guarantees for the necessary £2000 pa contribution from EVA.

A committee of Mr Richards, Ms Redwood, Mr Reynolds and Mr Bulman was established to discuss and finalise the finance, job description, person specification and appointment procedures for this post.

16. Action Plan

Mr Richards provided information on his meeting with Mr Reynolds. A list of development plan items that need urgent consideration were included in a list provided by Mr Richards:

- 1.1.1 Primary Pack - agreed to employ Mr Dingle and Mrs Sutherland as writers. Pilot scheme to be trialled in Poole and another area. EVA funding to be sought from S & JD
- 2.1.1 Curricular teaching of volleyball - possible schemes in Plymouth and Poole.
- 2.1.5 Junior competition - programme of events to be established (NB EVA Centennial)
- 2.2.1 Club Development Plan - Poole to prepare and trial.
- 2.2.2 Volleyball within a black and ethnic minority community - Mr Reynolds to provide contact with Bristol City Council. Avon Association's involvement to be urged.
- 2.5.1 Beach volleyball. Mr Richards to invite Ian Fairclough to next SWVA meeting and that a some "development" beach tournaments are planned.
- 4.1.1 Equipment for venues - to be investigated
- 4.1.2 Plan for National Lottery applications
- 4.1.3 Prepare case for partnership with Local Authorities.
- 4.2.1 Equipment pool - to be investigated
- 5.1.1 Establish SW Coaching Forum - Ms Redwood
- 5.1.3 Level 1 coaches course(s) - Ms Redwood
- 5.1.5 Identify CSLA Tutor candidates
- 5.1.6 Increase number of CSLA Tutors
- 5.1.9 Pilot training programme for Primary teachers
- 6.1.1 Hold Referees Seminar - Mr Stevens
- 8.1.1 Establish Development Officer funding
- 8.1.2 Establish Development Officer induction & work programme
- 8.1.3 Appoint Development Officer - committee established - see earlier
- 8.1.4 Disseminate contents of Development Plan to clubs and associations (Administration Conference and newsletter)

8.1.9 Hold SW Administration Conference

8.1.11 IT Hardware

Mr Dingle and Mr Williams agreed to meet and prepare proposals for an equity policy prior to the next meeting.

Mr Reynolds to be encouraged to continue to make links with local authorities - contact already established with Northavon, Bath and Carrick.

It was agreed to establish a committee of Mr Richards, Ms Redwood and Mr Hook to consider requests from areas / officers for grant aid (50% funding) for projects in line with the Development Plan that are to be completed by the end of the financial year. Submissions are to be forwarded to Mr Richards by the end of October.

17 Date of Next Meeting

Saturday January 21st, 1995 at Priory School, Weston Super Mare.

18 AOB

Areas were asked to consider events that could be organised as part of the Volleyball Centennial celebrations in July 1995.

The members present wished Ms Hopkins a happy birthday.