

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th June 1994 at 10.30 at Priory School, Weston Super Mare.

1. There were present:-

Mr N 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
Miss P Redwood Coaching Secretary
Mr S Lipscombe Taunton VC
Mr N Carter Wiltshire VA
Mr M Wedekind Bath VC
Miss S Hopkins Wessex VC
Miss H Wheddon Horfield VC

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Apologies were received from:

Mr Stephens Mr G Reynolds Mr R Loe Mr Giddy
Mr Le Breuilly Mr G Allen Mrs G Harrison Mrs R Sutherland
Miss F Came Mr A Rennie Mr T Rothwell Mr T Butcher
Ms W Jones Mrs E Brain Mr G Brenton

5. Officers Report

The following were received in the written annual report:

5.1 Chairman

5.2 Secretary

5.3 Treasurer - a set of accounts and notes were presented. Mrs Dingle hoped to have a set of full audited accounts at the next meeting. The accounts as presented were formally adopted by the meeting. The members present thanked Mrs Dingle for the full report, produced so quickly after the end of the financial year.

5.4 Competitions - the proposal by Ms Swindell to tighten up on postponements of matches was accepted. Mr Giddy to incorporate this into the new rules for 1994/5. Action Mr Giddy

Discussion took place on the merits of 3/5 set matches for women.

Concern was expressed that a Cardiff team had been allowed to enter NVL without regional backing. Mr Richards to write to complain about this. Action Mr Richards

Mr Williams asked why no Womens Development Tournament had been organised. Mr Richards explained that no volunteers had come forward to organise

it.

Mr Hook asked that City of Cardiff pay Bristol VC for the hall hire in April 1993. Accepted by the meeting. Action Mr Giddy

5.5Coaching

Ms Redwood requested that she is informed of all courses at the time of the initial planning.

5.6Junior Development

Miss Hopkins commented on the quality of the SW Junior Squads - 3 reached the semi finals.

Mr Richards congratulated Mrs Sutherland (in her absence) on the range of junior competitions.

5.7Officials

No nominations have been received for the Bert Williams Award. Mr Richards offered his congratulations for the excellent figures on regional recruitment etc.

5.8EVA Regional Commission, SW Representatives Report.

Accepted. Mrs Dingle expressed concern at possible loss of the EVA administration.

Agreed that Mr Williams should speak against the allocation of Development Officer funding through the EVA Regional Commission - on the grounds that a smaller allocation is then available for distribution to regions.

6.Area Reports

The reports previously distributed were accepted, along with a verbal Avon report from Mr Hook.

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 J Stephens
Coaching Sec.Miss P. Redwood
Junior Dev. Officer Mrs R Sutherland
Regional Comm. Rep. Mr. D. Williams

The following Executive Officers were elected:

Mr G Allen, Ms W Jones, Ms R Britton, Mr R Loe,
Mr S Lipscombe, Miss S Hopkins

8.Urgent Planning Items

8.1Competitions

Agreed to ballot Womens League Teams re 3/5 set matches.
Miss Hopkins felt that it was important to avoid clashes of adult and junior

leagues.

Mr Dingle suggested that a Regional KO Cup should be organised.

SW Championships - to be held in mid May. Mr Richards to invite areas to apply to host the event. Mr Richards informed the meeting that Whitefield VC had expressed an interest in holding the event at Bath. Mr Dingle supported this suggestion as it could be used as a planning event for the Youth Olympics.

8.2 Junior Development

It was hoped that Mrs Sutherland would establish dates for competitions and squads with a sub committee - to be discussed in October. Miss Hopkins to liaise with Mrs Sutherland re the sub committee.

8.3 Junior Squads

Miss Redwood proposed that regional squad coaches must be qualified and registered - agreed.

Manager needed for the Boys Squads.

Concern was expressed at the possible withdrawal of EVA funding from the squads. Mrs Dingle felt that this would be more of a concern for 1995/6 rather than 1994/5. Mr Dingle hoped that Focus Sport funding might be available.

Miss Redwood suggested that Leyhill Prison might be available as a training venue for the squads.

8.4 Coaching

Miss Redwood informed the meeting of an NCF course on October 23rd entitled "Thinking to Win".

Mr Richards passed on a request from Mr Conquest of Cornwall for a level 2 course in Cornwall. Agreed to support this request, when possible.

9. EVA AGM

Mr Williams was confirmed as the SWVA representative. Mr Williams asked to propose a lower affiliation fee for new clubs. It was agreed to oppose Speedwell's proposal to elect all members of the Competitions Commission.

10. Development Plan

10.1 Coaching

Targets accepted. Registration targets to be given a priority. It was suggested that a junior referees award be developed.

10.2 Basic Information

Mr Richards paper accepted. Mr Carter's letter to local authorities to be distributed by Mr Richards.

10.3 Foundation

Agreed to support Mr Dingles paper. It was hoped that the SW could lead the way in the EVA with it's Primary Development Programme.

10.4 Section on Administration to be added. Miss Redwood accepted Mr Dingles proposal that she should be the author of the Development Plan (working with Mr Reynolds of Sports Council).

Agreed to that the Development Plan group should meet in mid / late July with Mr Reynolds.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

Agreed as:

October 8th January 21st June 17th (AGM)

12. AOB

Discussion took place on Mr Carters suggestions that the SW, Area Associations and clubs should be far more professional in selling the game.

Mr Reece expressed concern at the lack of information available from EVA concerning insurance of tournaments.

Miss Redwood requested that the coach registration letter be added to a subsequent edition of Time Out.

The meeting expressed its congratulations to Lyn Allen on her receipt of the "Female Coach of the Year Award".