

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a SWVA Executive Committee Meeting, held on Saturday January 21st, 1995 at Priory School, Weston Super Mare.

1 There were present:

Mr N Dingle	Chairman	Mr R Richards	Secretary
Mrs D Dingle	Treasurer	Mrs P Gillett	Coaching Secretary
Mr G Reynolds	Sports Council	Mr P Hook	Vice Chairman
Mr J Stephens	Officials Secretary	Ms R Swindell	Competitions Secretary
Mrs R Sutherland	Junior Development Off	Ms P Ansell	Poole VA
Mr S Bashford	Plymouth VA	Ms W Andrews	Noth Devon VA
Mr D Williams	Regional Commission Rep		/ Gloucestershire VA

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on October 8th, 1994 were agreed as a true record with the exception of the spelling of Mr Stephen's name.

Matters Arising There were none.

4 Apologies

Were received from: Mr C Leathley, Cornwall VA; Mr G Burton, Whitefield; Mr D Reece, Exeter VA

5 Secretary's Report

A written report from Mr Richards had been previously distributed. He urged Area Secretaries to follow up the non affiliations.

6 Treasurer's Report

Mrs Dingle reported that the Associations finances were in a healthy state due to the grant which had been received from Sports Council and not yet claimed by Areas etc. However some large bills were anticipated for competitions, Administrative Conference, Junior Squads etc.

Mrs Dingle reminded members that they must provide full documentation and receipts when claiming expenses. Mr Reynolds agreed and stated that Sports Council auditors would carefully check accounts because of public accountability. He did however stress that it would be possible to transfer expenditure from one project to another with prior agreement from him.

Mrs Dingle informed members that all telephone calls could be itemised on BT bills.

7 Competitions

No report had been received from Mr Giddy. Ms Swindell reported that the SW Womens League was being played without any serious problems.

Mr Richards reported that Mr Burton had booked Bath Sports Centre and King Edwards Sports Hall, Bath for the SW Championships on May 6/7th. Concern was expressed at the unsuitability of equipment at King Edwards School. Mr Dingle to ensure that correct equipment was available.

Further dates made known at the meeting were:

Womens Novice Tournaments	Poole	May 25th
	Gloucester	April 9th
Novice and Business Tournament	Poole	TBA

Members reported on TV coverage received for events - particularly in Plymouth and

8 Coaching Secretary's Report

Mrs Gillett reported that a Level 2 course would be held in June or July with Mr Allen and Mrs Harrison as tutors, the venue will probably be Leyhill. Level 1 courses will be organised in Poole and Gloucester. The Administration Conference is planned for April 2nd.

9 Referee Secretary's Report

Mr Stephens will provide comments to Mr Williams on the draft Regional Referee Administrators Job Description. It was agreed to hold the Regional Referees Seminar at Priory School on Saturday September 2nd (the day before the Priory Tournament). Mr Stephens to inform Mr Kilkenny, referees from other regions to be invited in the absence of a national seminar this year.

10 Junior Development

Mrs Sutherland commented on the success of the SW Junior Championships at U12/13/14 and U15/U17 held over the previous weekends. In particular, the standard of refereeing at Plymouth had been excellent.

She reported on junior squad developments and informed the meeting that a manager was still required for the Boys U15 trial to be held in Exeter on February 4th.

Junior tournaments will be organised in Poole on the following dates:

U19 Novice - April 30th U14 Podium - June 2nd U16/U18 - March 16th

Mr Bashford asked about courses for adults wishing to learn how to coach young children. Mr Dingle replied that as part of the Primary School Volleyball Scheme there would be training courses for teaching / coaching at that level. Mrs Sutherland reminded members that coaches were always welcome at the SW Junior Squad sessions where they could learn some of the techniques used with older children.

Mrs Sutherland reported that she now had a large number of new contacts for junior volleyball. Mr Richards suggested that she should pass these to the EVA for the junior Information Network.

11 Area Reports

11.1 Gloucester - a written report had been presented by Mr Williams who further reported that a date for the Level 1 Coaches course would be selected from four potential dates.

11.2 Poole - a written report had been provided by Ms Hopkins.

11.3 N Devon - Mrs Andrews reported that they would debate the issue of affiliation on the following Monday. The N Devon Development Plan will focus on junior development.

11.4 Plymouth - a written report had been submitted by Mr Bashford. He reported on that a Level 1 coaches course would take place on March 4/5th. He reported on the success of the Women in Volleyball project organised by Mrs Brain. Mr Richards asked if it would be possible for a full report to be presented to SWVA on this project, so that other areas may gain from the experience. Mr Reynolds agreed that there could be valuable lessons to be gained in terms of when, how and by whom courses for women were organised.

11.5 Avon - Mr Dingle asked Mr hook for any information on volleyball in Avon. Mr hook replied that the Avon Association now concentrates on running a volleyball league in Bristol and does not see itself as an association responsible for development of volleyball. It was agreed that the new Development Officer

should be able to provide help once appointed.

11.6 Weymouth - Mr Richards reported on the conversation that he had with Mr Latham concerning development in Weymouth.

11.7 Exeter - Ms Swindell reported that all 12 clubs were now affiliated.

12. EVA Regional Commission Representative's Report

A written report was presented by Mr Williams. January 29th. Mr Richards urged members to attend the EVA Strategic Conference on February 4th. Concern was expressed that Mr Dingle (SW Chairman) and Area Secretaries had not yet received an invitation or any information. Mr Richards to raise this with Mr Barstow / Mr Bulman.

13. SWVA Development Plan

13.1 Development Officer

Mr Richards provided information about the meetings that had taken place with representatives of SWVA, EVA, Sports Council and Northavon District Council.

The Job Description and Heads of Agreement were approved by the meeting. Mr Reynolds emphasised that the Development Officer could not do everything and it was important that the SW Executive Committee ensured that clubs and areas had realistic expectations of the Development Officer's ability to carry out a range of tasks - limited by time and funding. He suggested that it was not a good use of the Officer's time to spend all his / her time travelling in a car.

It was agreed that the post should be advertised as soon as possible and that the interviewing panel should consist of:

Mr Richards Mrs Gillett Mrs Sutherland Mr Reynolds
and Mr Dingle or Mr Hook.

13.2 Development Plan

Mr Richards listed the applications for grants so far received. He informed members that he had requested a revenue grant of £10,000 from Sports Council.

Mr Reynolds indicated that the grant might be nearer £7,000 depending on resources - but that this could not yet be confirmed. He suggested that SWVA looked at the applications received to date but that the full allocation of the grant to individual schemes could wait until further applications were received and the Development Officer was in post. He further suggested that SWVA might wish to "drive" some programmes with grant aid where areas were not able to provide programmes that would fulfil Development Plan targets.

The meeting accepted this proposal and agreed that Mr Richards, Mr Hook and Mrs Gillett should meet to discuss the existing applications, with an application to Sports Council by the end of February.

A paper from Mr Richards included a list of target areas in the Development Plan that were intended to be met by April 1996. These were discussed and additional points were noted:

Beach Volleyball - Mr Fairclough to be invited.

4.1.4 Dissemination - Mr Reynolds stressed the importance of clubs and areas having "ownership" of the plan.

4.1.11 Possibility of an EVA electronic mail bulletin board being set up.

6.1.5 Sport Science - Mr Reynolds suggested that the Kerland Institute at Bridgwater would probably wish to provide a service.

7.2.2 Importance of partnership with local authorities was stressed.

7.3.1 Equipment - possibility of capital grant from Sports Council - areas urged to consider needs.

14. Equity Policy

14.1 Report on Conference

Mr Williams provided a written report of the Sports Council conference on sport for people with disabilities. Discussion took place and areas were encouraged to discuss Mr Williams paper.

14.2 Draft SW Policy

Mr Williams and Mr Dingle to make available prior to the next meeting.

15. European Youth Olympic Days

Mr Dingle reported on progress. Teams from Britain, Russia, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Ukraine, Turkey and France would attend. Mr Dingle appealed for helpers to work at the event. A number of training weekends (29/30 April, 13/14 May, 24/25 June) were being arranged in Bath using national coaches - Mr Dingle to arrange with the EVA and Bath.

16. Volleyball Centennial

Mr Richards reminded members of the celebrations of 100 years of volleyball. He asked for areas to pass to him, and the EVA, information about any events they could run between April and June. Mrs Sutherland hoped to be able to run a Junior Beach Volleyball Tournament.

17 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be a combined Executive meeting / AGM. It will take place on Saturday June 17th at Priory School. Discussion took place on the format of meetings and reports. It was agreed that Officers and Area Secretaries should be asked to provide reports to the Secretary for distribution prior to the meeting. As the next meeting is an AGM and full annual reports are required Mr Richards would wish to receive those reports by May 15th.

It is hoped that the Administration Conference will take place on April 2nd.

18. AOB

Mr Richards provided information on the Youth sports Trust and "Top Club" - he urged members to become involved when possible - particularly if there was Champion Coaching Volleyball in their area.

Mr Stephens asked what the situation regarding Welsh clubs was regarding SWVA. Mr Richards explained that if clubs in S Wales affiliated to the EVA they automatically had SWVA as their EVA region. Discussion took place on referee awards and Mr Richards will speak to Mr Goodman the Welsh Secretary concerning refereeing qualifications.