

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th June 1996 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.
Ms E Karlicka-Cook SW Development Officer
Mr D Grundy Whitefield VC
Mr G Pearson Eggbuckland VC
Mrs C Pearson Eggbuckland VC
Mr J Stephens Officials Secretary
Mr P Vale Wiltshire VA
Mr N Carter Wiltshire VA
Mr S Bashford Plymouth VA
Mr G Allen Wessex VC

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on June 17th, 1996 were agreed as a true record, with one correction - that there was a Vice Chairmans report.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Apologies were received from:

Mr G Reynolds Mr D Smith Mr M Horseman
Mr S Lipscombe Mr M Tugwell Mr G Bulman
Mr P Law Ms U Paver Mrs S Pierce
Mr D Robson Mr P Pinhorne Mr S McQuaid
Mr D Tatlow Mr R Pankhurst Mr A Conquest
Mrs L Redman

5. Officers Report

The following were received in the written annual report:

5.1 Chairman

5.2 Vice Chairman

5.3 Secretary. Mr Allen expressed concern that no mention of the successes attained in the Poole area had been made in the regional report to the EVA AGM. Mr Richards apologised for this omission.

5.4 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. Discussion took place about the timing of the financial year and it was agreed that an April to March financial year would be advantageous. It was further agreed that the next financial year would therefore run from June to March (ie 10 months).

5.5 Competitions

5.6 Junior Development - Mr Dingle congratulated the junior squads and their coaches on their successes at the National Junior Regional Championships. Mrs Sutherland expressed her pleasure at the fact that the SW had 4 women coaches working with the squads.

The meeting thanked Mrs Sutherland for all her efforts as Junior Development Officer.

5.7 Officials - Mr Vale expressed concern that Area Secretaries were not receiving information about candidates from their area that had passed referee or coaches award courses. Mr Stephens informed the meeting that 3 candidates had returned their forms for the Referees Seminar.

5.8 Coaching - Mrs Karlicka-Cook expressed concern that the figures concerning award courses that she had received from the EVA Office differed from those in Mr Grundy's report. Her figures for April 95 to March 96 were CSLA - 10, Level 1 - 13, Level 2 - 1. Mr Richards suggested that it was essential that accurate information was available to the association.

6. Area Reports

The reports previously distributed from Gloucester, Poole and District, Plymouth, Wiltshire and Cornwall were accepted. Mr Dingle commented that the reports seemed generally upbeat and hoped that this was a true reflection of the progress being made at a local level.

Mr Richards suggested that it was the more "successful" areas that had returned reports and that some other areas such as Bristol, North Devon and Weymouth may be struggling and were certainly involved in less communication with SWVA.

Mrs Sutherland reported that the Exeter Association ran an excellent league, were involved in a National Lottery funded project and had set up a Junior Development Working Party.

The Officers and Area Reports were accepted with the thanks of the meeting.

7. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Chairman Mr. N. Dingle
Vice Chairman Mr. N. Carter
Secretary Mr. R. Richards
Treasurer Mrs D Dingle
Competitions Sec. Mr. D Grundy
Officials Sec. Mr J Stephens
Coaching Sec. Mr B Clarke is to be approached
Junior Dev. Officer Vacant
Regional Comm. Rep. Mr. D. Williams

The following Executive Officers were elected:

Mr G Allen Mr S Bashford Mr P Hook
Mr R Pankhurst Ms L Salisbury Mrs R Sutherland

The meeting expressed thanks to Mr Hook for his contribution as Vice Chairman and to Mr Reece and Mrs Swindell for their contributions as Competitions Secretaries.

Mr Bashford suggested that job descriptions should be available for each of the Executive positions.

8.Urgent Planning Items

8.1Competitions

Veterans Tournament to be held in Plymouth on September 8th (if hall is available).

SW Championships 1997 - Mr Grundy to arrange.

The league rules - agreed to insist that all Mens Premier League games be refereed by qualified and registered referees. This motion was passed by 9 votes to 2.

8.2Junior Development

U15/17 - provisional date - Plymouth - January 5th

U12/13/14 - to be run in Bath in early March - Mrs Karlicka-Cook to establish the date with Bath.

It was also agreed to support an U16/U18 competition at Christy Miller Sports Centre in Melksham in November and also a Hutton Moor Mini Volleyball Championship in December.

9DEVELOPMENT PLAN / GRANT AID

It was agreed that the Grant Aid Committee would discuss bids at the end of the meeting. Agreed that the committee should continue to have Mr Richards, Mr Carter, Mr Hook, Mrs Dingle and Mrs Karlicka-Cook as its members.

Sports Council to be approached concerning carry forward of grants.

Discussion took place on how to persuade clubs and areas to apply for grants. Mr Carter will publish a paper to assist clubs.

10FEFC FUNDING

The paper from Mr Richards was discussed and it was agreed that the SW should try to arrange its own franchise with a college.

11SPORTS COUNCIL BANDING

Mr Richards informed the meeting of the recent decision of the English Sports Council to place volleyball in category C and provided further information on the actions taken by the EVA to influence Sports Council.

It was suggested that petitions and letters to MPs should be organised and Mr Dingle agreed to write to clubs concerning this.

12SW SPORT

Mr Richards provided a verbal report on the establishment of SW Sport, the group which had replaced the Regional Council for Sport and Recreation. He reported on his membership and on the meeting which he had attended.

13NATIONAL LOTTERY REVENUE FUNDING

The Sports Council consultation paper had been distributed prior to the meeting. Members were in favour of the use of National Lottery funds for revenue projects.

14SPONSORSHIP FOR JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Suggestions concerning sponsorship had been previously distributed by Mr

Carter. Discussion took place on his proposals, for which there was support.

A committee consisting of Mr Carter and Mrs Karlicka-Cook was established and it was hoped that Mr Pankhurst might be willing to join them.

It was agreed that the committee should also consider other (senior) projects suitable for sponsorship eg SW Championships, SW Veterans Tournament in addition to the junior competitions and squads.

Mr Dingle to forward the recent SWVA sponsorship proposals.

Mr Stephens to provide information on media contacts.

15 CONSTITUTION

It was agreed to establish a committee consisting of Mr Dingle, Mr Hook and Mr Bashford with an intended meeting date before Christmas, allowing proposals to be brought to the February 1st meeting.

16 DISABILITY AWARENESS

Mrs Karlicka-Cook reported on the Sports Council seminar that she had attended.

17 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

These were agreed as:

October 5th
February 1st
June 14th.