

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 1997 Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 14th June at Priory Community School, Weston-super-Mare at 10.30 a.m.

1. Present - N Dingle, Chair; R Richards, Secretary; Mrs D Dingle, Treasurer; Mrs R Sutherland, Executive Officer; D Williams, Gloucester VA; Ms E Karlicka-Cook, Development Officer; Dave Grundy, Competitions Secretary; Graham Pearson, Egguckland; Cheryl Pearson, Coombe Dean; Mike Halse, Exeter VA; Alan Conquest, Countryman VC; Paul Hook, Executive Officer; John Stephens, Officials Secretary; George Reynolds, English Sports Council (S.W.); Chris Bamforth, Lipson; Geoff Allen, Executive Officer; Jackie Allen; Mark Stephens; Emma Lane, Bristol VA; Roy Pankhurst, Executive Officer.

2. Apologies for Non-Attendance

Dave Robson, Linda Church, Alan Parker, Sara Hopkins, Les Clark, Martin Tugwell, Nigel Carter, Phil Vale, Jane and Phil Gorton, Mark Horseman.

3. Minutes of Meeting held 15th June 1996

Approved

4. Annual Report

Chairman's, Secretary's and Officers' Reports had been previously circulated (Green Document 8 pages).

4.1 Chairman

Dan Dingle was congratulated on refereeing a record number of 189 International matches. His report highlighted Eli's Development work but warned that the S.W. Association was on its last year of Sports Council grant aid as volleyball was no longer a Sports Council 'focus sport'. The Chairman congratulated and thanked - Westward Surf, Plymouth and District and the continuing hard work of long serving secretary Ron Richards.

4.2 Secretary

Ron's report gave an overall picture of Volleyball Tournaments, Leagues and training squads. He thanked George Reynolds, English Sports Council (S.W.) for his continued support.

4.3 Development Officer

Eli highlighted the Thornbury Primary School Roadshow, U12, U13, U14 Mini Volleyball Championships, Champion Coaching Festival, Women & Sport Officiating Forum and the National Junior Coaching Conference at Leyhill organised by S.W.V.A. She also spoke of her development work with the disabled.

4.4 Competitions Secretary

17 Mens and 13 Ladies teams took part in S.W. Leagues.

4.5 Coaching Secretary

10 Level One courses were organised in the region. Eli is assembling database of coaches. Lynn Allen congratulated on becoming 'Female Coach of the Year'.

4.6 U15 and U17 Boys' Squads Team Manager

Ros recruited two new coaches Mike Griffen and Chris Bamforth. U15 - 3rd in Nationals, best result for some time; U17 - 7th but beat the eventual runners up. Some problems in that the best players were not available, could not find the finance or had moved up to the England South Cadet standard.

4.7 Officials Secretary

Two Seminars were cancelled due to lack of support. Three Grade IV training courses were held. Congratulations to Rose Brittain upgrade to Grade I and Clive Jones to Grade II.

4.8 Regional Representative to E.V.A.

Deryck Williams reported the lack of funding from the E.V.A. and the Band C status of Volleyball by the Sports Council. The South West had received recognition for its work on equity issues - women in sport and the disabled. Deryck was mandated to vote on all issues at E.V.A. A.G.M.

4.9 Regional Reports

Written reports were received from Bristol, Cornwall, Exeter, Gloucestershire, Guernsey, North Devon, Plymouth, Poole and Wiltshire. An addition to the Poole report was the start of a local Business League.

4.10 National Affiliations

The South West position is still strong in comparison with nine other regions. A quick analysis gives the South West "top spot" numerically in clubs, non N.V.L. players, Colleges of Sport, junior players, coaches and referees. We are only beaten in totals of N.V.L. clubs and players.

There was a unanimous vote of thanks for all contributing to Annual Report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Doreen was thanked for her efforts. She gave a strong warning that in 1997-8 all competitions would have to be self funding and there would be no Sports Council funding for Junior Squads and Competitions.

Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet was approved.

6. Elections 1997-8

Chairman	-	N Dingle
Vice Chairman	-	R Pankhurst
Secretary	-	R Richards
Treasurer	-	Mrs D Dingle
Competitions	-	D Grundy
Junior Development	-	C Bamforth to be asked
Officials	-	J Stephens
Coaching	-	A Conquest
Representative to E.V.A.	-	D Williams
Executive Committee	-	Ros Sutherland
		Messrs G Allen, M Tugwell & G Pearson

7. Constitution

The draft Constitution had been circulated. It was approved with the following amendments:

Para 4 English Sports Council South West Region

7ii) Minimum of three Executive Committee

8c.ii) Ten affiliated Clubs

g) The Chairman shall have a second

9a) Accounts will be submitted

10 they shall have the right of appeal.

8. Plans for 1997-8

8.1 Competitions

Veteran 0/35: Bath Sports Centre 21st September.

S.W. League: 14 Men, 10 Womens teams entered S.W. Championships - Proposed Kitto Plymouth. Areas were asked to submit bids for events by end of September.

8.2 Junior Development

Dates to be confirmed by next Executive Meeting. Mini Volleyball - suggested on ten courts at Poole U15 & U17. Plymouth offered to host S.W. Junior Beach Championships 1998: Geoff Allen offered.

8.3 Junior Squads

Philosophy was to offer clear guidance to squad coaches - early analysis of dates for training to get best players.

8.4 Coaching Courses

(a) Alan would contact Areas to assess needs and plan diary of events (Plymouth needed Level 3).

(b) Super Setting - 2nd November 1997. Eli and Ros to organise. Bucklers Mead, Yeovil, noted as a cheap venue.

8.5 Referees

(a) Junior Referees Award - approved by E.V.A. Proposed Plymouth & Poole Autumn 1997

9. S.W.V.A. Development Planning

George Reynolds alerted the meeting to the need for the S.W.V.A. to contribute to the E.V.A.'s application to Sports Council for funding. Also to be involved in local bids e.g. by District Councils or local groups for lottery monies for revenue funding. Ron Richards would continue to liaise closely with George over future plans and the need to rewrite Development Plan.

10. Performance Working Group

It was agreed to enlarge Group to include those directly involved with "the delivery of Junior Performance Work" - Eli will convene a meeting for the Group on 19th July and the following will be invited:

Development Officer	G Reynolds	A Parker
Secretary	R Pankhurst	G Pearson
M McKeever, E.V.A.	G Allen	B Clark
Ros Sutherland		

The group will focus on the need for the S.W.V.A. to be part of the E.V.A./Sports Council funding for "World Class Performance Programmes".

11. Dates of Future Meetings

Executive Saturday 27th September 1997

 Saturday 24th or 31st January 1998

A.G.M. Saturday 13th June 1998