

## SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of 1998 Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 13th June at Priory Community School, Weston-super-Mare at 10.30 a.m.

The Chairman welcomed members to the AGM and stated his pleasure at seeing so many new faces. The meeting began with a presentation to Eli Karlicka-Cook in thanks for her work as Development Officer.

1. Present - N Dingle, Chair; R Richards, Secretary; Mrs D Dingle, Treasurer; Mrs R Sutherland, Development Officer; D Williams, Gloucester VA; Ms E Karlicka-Cook, Graham Pearson, Egguckland; Cheryl Pearson, Coombe Dean; Paul Hook, Bristol VC; John Stephens, Officials Secretary; Chris Bamforth, Lipson ; Emma Lane, Bristol VA; Dave Robson, Cornwall VA; D James, Wilts VA; Gary Wootton, Mavericks; Joan Baptiste, Mavericks; John Fry, Churchill VA; John McGugan, Sandford VA; Martin Tugwell, Exeter VA; Andy Worrall.

2. Apologies for Non-Attendance

Dave Grundy, Competitions Secretary; Mike Halse, Wanderers; Alan Conquest, Countryman VC; George Reynolds; ; Geoff Allen, Executive Officer; Roy Pankhurst, Vice Chairman; Sue Pierce, George Ward VC; Susan Fry, Cardiff University VC; Michael McKeever, EVA technical Director; C Kelsey, Lyneham VC; Martin Linger, Bath VC; Andy Moore, Whitefield VC; Steve Dunford, Lydney VC.

3. Minutes of Meeting held 14th June 1997

Approved

4. Annual Report

Officers' and Area Reports had been previously circulated. The Treasurers Report was distributed at the meeting.

Mr Dingle suggested that a common format be adopted for annual reports in future. This was agreed.

Mr Dingle congratulated the Area associations for all of the development work that had taken place.

Mrs Sutherland reminded areas that in order to make successful partnerships with local authorities they needed to have up to date and relevant development plans.

The Annual report was accepted by the meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mrs Dingle reported on a positive balance in the accounts, but expressed concern that Sports Council had come to an end and that a number of areas of work cost a lot of money to fund: eg the junior squads had cost £4,000 – with £1,000 from SWVA, £1,200 ESC and £1,800 from squad members – it would not be possible to continue this scale of programme without grant aid. Changes to the competition structure had increased accommodation costs for the National Regional Junior Championships to £800.

Mr Richards reminded members that a modem was available for the use of any member of SW Executive who wished to have it.

The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet was approved.

6. Elections 1998-9

Chairman	-	N Dingle
Vice Chairman	-	R Pankhurst
Secretary	-	R Richards
Treasurer	-	Mrs D Dingle
Competitions	-	D Grundy
Junior Development	-	to be appointed
Officials	-	A Worrall
Coaching	-	not appointed on the day – J McGugan subsequently accepted the post
Representative to E.V.A.	-	D Williams
Executive Committee	-	Messrs G Allen, M Tugwell & G Pearson D Robson, P Hook, D James.

It was agreed to prepare job descriptions for these posts over the coming season.

7. Constitution

The Constitution approved in 1997 had been circulated in amended form. It was noted.

8. Plans for 1998/9

8.1 Competitions

Veteran 0/35: Poole if possible in September, Plymouth if not.

SW Championships – Mr Grundy to investigate possibilities of using Whitchurch Sports Centre, Bristol.

Juniors – to be decided.

With reference to a dispute concerning a fixture between Torexe, Plymouth and Bristol affected by bad weather, the decisions of the Competitions Secretary were supported by the meeting. Mrs Sutherland suggested the possibility of a £10 bond from each team to cover such eventualities.

Agreed to raise the minimum fine in 14 (i) to £50.

Agreed to amend rules to allow Competition Secretary to levy a £100 deposit from teams with a poor record.

8.2 Junior

Competition dates and venues to be decided (to include Grand Prix dates).

Squads – Boys Trials Sept 19 / 20.

8.3 Coaching

Bath Level 1 – October  
Kennet Level 1 – February

Burnham Level 1 – Sept 26/27  
Plymouth – Coaching for Teachers – Level 2 – July.

Concern expressed that no level 1 courses were planned in the SE of the region.

#### 8.4 Referees

Leyhill – Grade 4 – September

#### 9 Review of Development Plan

Thanks were given to Mrs Sutherland for the work that had been put into providing such a thorough review.

Members were asked to pass any amendments or additions to Mrs Sutherland.

#### 10 EVA Strategic Plan

Discussion took place on the background papers provided.

Agreed to establish a committee to produce the criteria and first draft of a new development plan. Mrs Sutherland to invite interested persons.

Area associations to be asked to discuss development plan issues prior to the publication of the new SW Development Plan.

#### 11 Guidelines for People working with Children in Volleyball

Discussion took place on the paper prepared by Mr Dingle.

Mr Hook suggested that it should form the basis of an EVA policy and should be made available to candidates on Level 1 courses. Mr Richards suggested that a list of actions was needed.

Mrs Karlicka-Cook and Mrs Pearson suggested respectively that the policies of hockey and table tennis should be obtained.

#### 12 World Class Programmes

Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Karlicka Cook provided updated information, but suggested that further information would shortly be available.

#### 13 EVA Regional Commission

Mr Williams asked for guidance on how (as SW representative) to vote at the EVA AGM.

After much debate it was agreed that Mr Williams should vote against the structural changes proposed at the EGM with the vote being 7 to 4 against the proposed changes.

#### 14 Dates of future meetings

Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup>

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> (AGM)