SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM held on Saturday, 13th June 1999 at Priory Community School, Weston-super-Mare at 10.30 a.m.

1. Present:

D Dingle (Chair), R Pankhurst (Vice C), Doreen Dingle (Treasurer), R Richards (Sec), G Allen, D Robson, D Grundy, D James, Sue Pierce, J Frye, J McGugan, D Williams, M Horseman, Ros Sutherland, M Halse, P Hook, A Worrall

2. Apologies for Non-Attendance:

G Pearson, T Ojasso (EVA), Emma Lane, R Symons, A Conquest, G Wootton

3. Welcome:

Dan Dingle welcomed all delegates on the occasion of his 60th Birthday.

4. Minutes 1998:

Proposed and accepted.

5. Annual Reports:

5.1. Chairman

Dan congratulated the South West Association on leading the way again in England on affiliations, league entries and enthusiasm.

5.2. Secretary:

Ron's comprehensive report was tabled. He drew attention to the Millennium Awards (max. £5000) – ring 0845-600-2040 for details.

5.3. Competitions:

- Dave Grundy's report was tabled.
- S.W. Championships Discussion took place on moving from Kitto to Exeter. The cost of Kitto was felt to be 'very reasonable'.
- Senior Men & Womens' Competition To remain closed.
- Veterans Open
- Junior Championships Organiser to decide on entries

5.4. Coaching:

Jon spoke of a first year of getting to know people and structures – and difficulties of communication.

5.5. Officiating:

Bert Williams Award – Winner 1998/99 - Alan Middleton (North Cornwall/ Plymouth). Nominations for 1999-2000 requested.

5.6. Junior Development:

Ros spoke of progress – and hopes for some 'virgin areas' like Taunton. She introduced the Advisory EVA Technical Model.

5.7. Junior Squads:

- Sue Pierce was congratulated on her award as EVA Junior Coach of the Year.
- The Coaches for U/15 and U/17 Teams were thanked and congratulated on successes.

• The meeting opposed the EVA National plea that only 'tall players' be selected for Squads. Any comments to Ron or Geoff Allen.

5.8. Area Reports:

- Dan congratulated the Areas on continued good work. Written reports were tabled from Cornwall (D Robson), Wiltshire (Des James) and Gloucester (D Williams).
- Discussion centred on "Sport England" and its lack of promotion for Volleyball.
- Members were asked to pressure where possible.
- Ron asked for Area Reports in a standard format.

5.9. Treasurer:

- Doreen was thanked for her work and congratulated on another efficient year.
- Income/Expenditure and Balance Sheets were distributed and accepted. Financial Year to 31 March 1999. Doreen warned of loss of "Sports Council" Grant, but hoped that public money via EVA would continue to support Regional Squads. Deadline for grant application 5 July.

6. Election of Officers 1999-2000:

Chairman: Dan Dingle Roy Pankhurst Vice Chair: Doreen Dingle Treasurer: Secretary: Ron Richards Competitions: Dave Grundy Officials: Andy Worrall Coaching: Jon McGugan Junior Development: Ros Sutherland **EVA Regional Commission Rep** Deryck Williams

Executive: Geoff Allen Paul Hook Graham Pearson

Des James Mike Halse

Dan Dingle emphasised a potential clash in his roles of Chairman EVA and SWVA. All members were asked to discuss and pursue nominations for a new Chairman in 2000.

It was decided that a Beach Volleyball representative on the Executive be formalised at next AGM.

7. Other Relevant Business:

7.1 Squads:

Boys U/15 coaches: Lynn Allen Team Manager: Roy Pankhurst Boys U/17 coaches: Andy Glanville Team Manager: Ginger Latham

7.2 EVA:

The Meeting supported the proposal to amend the structure of the EVA and the proposal to amend the restrictions on Alcohol Sponsorship. The Meeting opposed the Beach Commission proposals to the AGM

7.3 South West Development Plan:

Plan was distributed for comment and referred back to next Executive.

8. Seminar – New Rules – Bernard Kilkenny, President EVA Referees Commission:

Bernard was thanked for a most professional presentation. Relevant, informative and very interesting.

The AGM was concluded, thanking Bernard and wishing Dan Dingle a Happy 60th Year.