

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of A.G.M. held at Priory Community School Weston Super Mare on 14 June 2003

1.Present.

Graham Pearson (Chair), Ron Richards (Sec), Dave Coles (Treasurer), Cheryl Pearson, Dan Dingle, Ros Sutherland, Deryck Williams, Jon McGugan, Sue Pierce, Des James, Henk Muller, Dave Grundy, Andy Worrall, Paul Locke, Mike Halse, Paul Hook, Gabriela da Silva, Niall Brennan,

2.Apologies.

Geoff Allen, Dave Robson, Tom Ojasso (E.V.A), Roy Pankhurst, Mark Horseman, Ellen Carroll, Ian Loke, Rona Brodie, Paul Reed, Saul Dobney.

3.Minutes.2002.

Accepted. Matters arising – Bert Williams award has gone missing. Dan Dingle was concerned at change of date of the AGM – discussion followed, but to no agreement. Dan Dingle also asked for the Treasurers section of the minutes of the January Executive to be amended prior to them being approved at the next meeting. Ron Richards agreed to do this.

4.Secretary. Dan Dingle expressed concern that we may be becoming complacent and asked if we were not falling back in terms of affiliations etc compared to other regions. There was debate about this. Ron Richards expressed concern that he had received no comparative information from the National Office. Debate to continue in a later agenda item.

5.Treasurer. Dave Coles recorded his thanks to Doreen Dingle for the very comprehensive and well ordered accounts he had received from her. Dave Coles presented his draft accounts – he felt that there may be some changes as bills are received. There was a profit of about £800 on the years accounts but if some exceptional items were included this fell to a loss of about £400.

The Treasurer asked for guidance as to whether he should show outstanding grant balances or incorporate them into the overall reserves. Ros was concerned that she needed a fall back in case events were overspent. Dan believed that we could find excess grant funds being reclaimed. The Treasurer will produce a budget for the financial year for the next meeting and will attempt to show these outstanding grant accounts in a different way for members to comment on at that time.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should have the authority to open a new higher interest account in order to maximise our income on reserves.

The Treasurer will draft a proforma for those running events to enable him to see what the income forwarded to him actually covers.

Discussion took place on the cost of the junior squads, it was believed that the costs were balanced by the EVA grants.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for coming to terms so quickly with the complicated financial affairs of the Association. He looked forward to having a full debate on budget setting at the next Executive Meeting. The Treasurers Report and accounts were formally approved by the meeting.

6.Competitions. The Competitions Secretary reported on the season's leagues and cups, which he felt had run reasonably smoothly. Des James requested information about an incident that happened in a game between Stroud and Marjons. Dave Grundy agreed to forward his judgements to the teams concerned and the relevant EVA Commissions. The incident had raised the issue about competition rules – in particular those about conduct. Dan Dingle offered to provide updated versions of the EVA

Codes of Conduct for rules to be added to the SW Competitions Rules for the entries for the coming season. This will include guidance on Child Protection responsibilities.

7.Coaching. Jon McGugan expressed his pleasure at the number of SW Coaches who attended the EVA Level 3 Coaches Award. Discussion took place about the NCF courses that these candidates would need to attend and how to access them.

8.Officiating. Bert Williams Award – agreed to purchase mementos that can be kept for all previous winners. Agreed to award this year’s Bert Williams Award to Richard Morton. Andy Worrall expressed concern at what he felt was the increasing level of intimidation of referees by players and coaches. Agreed to review as part of our discussion of Codes of Conduct.

9.Junior Development. U17 Boys Report Rob Carraghan should be Rob Garraghan. The meeting recorded its pleasure at the level of junior activity and thanked Ros for her work and that of her team.

10.Regional Representative. Deryck Williams handed out a report. Concern was expressed at the proposed increases in the affiliation fees for new clubs and junior clubs – particularly as these fees have been significantly increased over a period of a few years. Meeting authorised their representative to oppose the increase in junior fees at the EVA AGM. Agreed to support the proposal for the sale of the National Office. Ron Richards described changes that are happening at Regional Sports Council level and suggested that while there may be dangers to national funding, there may be possibilities of attracting grants at local level for innovative schemes involving development of multi sport clubs.

11.Area Reports. Received from Cornwall, Exeter, Gloucestershire, Poole, Plymouth and Wiltshire. Sue Pierce reported on the success of Becca Fountain & Rachel Turner in gaining the People of Wiltshire Awards in the Sporting Success Category. Graham Pearson also congratulated Lucy Curtis on being one of the three finalists in the Plymouth Woman of Achievement in Sport Award. Sue also reported on the European funding available for team visits to Europe.

12.Election of Officers.

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| Chairman: | Graham Pearson. |
| Vice Ch: | Roy Pankhurst. |
| Sec: | Ron Richards. |
| Treasurer: | David Coles. |
| Comp.Sec: | Ian Loke |
| Officials Sec: | Andy Worrall. |
| Coach. Sec: | Jon McGugan. |
| Child Prot Off: | Dave Grundy |
| Jun.Devel: | Ros Sutherland. |
| Reg.Com.Rep: | Deryck Williams. |
| Executive Officers: | Des James, Dan Dingle, Henk Muller, Cheryl Pearson, Dave Grundy, Paul Hook |

Areas can each send a representative and officers may be co-opted.

13.Competitions. 2003 / 4 SW League – goodwill deposit to be increased to £50, with right to charge up to £100 in exceptional circumstances for teams with poor record. Entry fee to remain at £40. Plymouth offered to run Senior Championships and U15/17 again if required, though are happy for events to go elsewhere. Entry form for league to include information about club’s Child Development Officer. Mike Halse , Ian Loke and Dave Grundy to discuss future development of the SWVA web site.

14.Junior Development. Ros hopes to run one extra Grand Prix event. There will be a Devon Schools League. Area Representatives asked to promote a school league in their area – Ros could

then organise event to bring together winners of the leagues. Transnational Tournament October 25th / 26th organised by Sue Pierce.

15. Junior Squads. No changes planned. Coaches are still available.

16 Coaching. Jon would like to try to arrange a Level 2 Award course. Ros suggested contact with Simone in Bath re a venue. Level 1 for Teachers at Marjon College June 30th / July 1st – for teachers or any adult helping a school club.

17 Refereeing. No urgent business.

18 Development Centres. Ros provided an update on the Wellington scheme. SWVA has paid for a survey of the floor to allow sockets to be fitted. Much debate took place, some members were very concerned at the lack of commitment by the school and in particular that of the Sports Centre Manager and the PE Department. Agreed that we would be willing to provide posts & nets if the school would provide sockets and guaranteed usage. Agreed that Dan should liaise with the school. Hoped to also generate further links with Bath as part of the Institute of Sport.

Request from Graham to consider joint funding of new posts and referees stands for the Kitto Centre. Discussion took place but it was agreed to return to this item at the next meeting when venues for competitions will be discussed.

19 Senior Volleyball in SW. Ron Richards expressed his concern at the decline in the position of SW teams in the higher reaches of the NVL. Suggestions made that our base has declined. Graham suggested the need to establish stronger links with higher education establishments to develop set ups like that at Loughborough. Jon believed that clubs were not good at welcoming and developing new players. Henk suggested the development of larger clubs which can better cope with the range and number of players. He also felt that court time was wasted in booking time not used when only 3 of the 5 sets are played. Deryck asked what ambition teams had for promotion to the top of the leagues. Mike Halse felt that there was insufficient rise in standard between the top of the good local leagues and the SW League.

20. South West Development Plan. Officers urged to ensure that plans are put into place in the coming season.

21 Dates of Executive Meetings.

September 20th

January 17th

June 12th