

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda of a the AGM to be held on Saturday June 12th, 2004 at 10.30 (PROMPT START PLEASE – coffee available from 10.15) at Priory Community School, Weston-S-Mare. The meeting will take place in the Library in the main block, to the left of the main entrance - please park in the main car park.

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Please let me know if you are attending as it allows me to confirm the numbers for lunch on that day (if you have not already done so).

Ron Richards, Secretary, SWVA

AGENDA

1. To approve minutes of the AGM held on June 14th, 2003 (enclosed). (January Executive Minutes attached for information only)
2. Matters arising
3. Apologies
4. Annual Report - please read carefully and be ready to question officers and area secretaries:
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Secretary
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Competitions
 - e) Coaching Secretary
 - f) Officials Secretary
 - g) Junior Development
 - h) Junior Squads
 - i) EVA Regional Commission Rep
 - k) Area Associations
5. Election of Officers - as per the above list plus Vice Chairman, Child Protection Officer and Executive Committee members (5)
6. Urgent planning items for 2004 / 2005: (eg dates and venues etc)
 - a) Competitions
 - b) Junior Development
 - c) Junior Squads
 - d) Coaching
 - e) Refereeing
7. SW Development Plan
8. Sport England update re Governing Bodies
9. EVA Regional Meeting March 20th & Volunteer Development Grant
10. Dates of future meetings

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.

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

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Priory Community School Weston Super Mare on January 17th, 2004

1.Present.Graham Pearson (Chair.), Ron Richards (Sec.) Ros Sutherland, Mark Horseman, Paul Hook, Jon McGugan, , Ian Luke, Mike Halse, Henk Muller, Morph Bowes, Mark Drew, Dave James, Dan Dingle.

2.Apologies. Deryck Williams, Andy Worrall, Jonathon Ward, Roy Pankhurst, Cheryl Pearson, Geoff Allen, Dave Grundy.

RR passed on to members a message from Geoff Allen thanking them for the best wishes received following Lyn's illness.

3.Minutes.20.01.04. Approved. Des James added to list of apologies.

4 Matter Arising – GP provided an update on the action against the association re the injury sustained by a referee at the SW Championships.

5 Team Bath proposals. Morph Bowes outlined the proposals made in a paper previously submitted to the committee.

RS asked how it would tie in with Loughborough. MB – would be additional – for young people in SW – a regional centre. RS also asked for clarification about education available – MB outlined the different levels available.

RR was pleased to hear the proposals as they could meet three of our needs – improve high level volleyball, improve coaching provision and improve local infrastructure. However there were issues about the lack of communication with local volleyball structures. He was also concerned at a potential clash with the Bournemouth beach proposals. MB believed that the beach volleyball would complement Bournemouth as it would be an all year round indoor facility.

JM asked if they had been in communication with Loughborough – MB replied yes and stressed the complementary nature of these proposals.

HM asked for clarification for whether this was for Bath Uni students or a wider group. MB said that they would have to be associated with Team Bath – but not necessarily only at the university (eg school links). HM was concerned at lack of clarity as to whether this would be for performance or grass roots. MB felt that it could be both and that one would encourage the development of the other and vice versa.

GP asked what would happen if MB or SL left – MB believed that if they could establish this and show the University that it works then the University would ensure that it could continue if existing staff left.

The meeting agreed in principle to support the proposals and suggested that RR PH JM GP be involved in a joint meeting between SWVA, Bath University and EVA, which JM would set up.

GP thanked MB for his attendance and looked forward to seeing real development taking place in partnership in the coming months.

6 Sport England Programmes

Mark Drew outlined the changes to Sport England structures and programmes. He emphasised the word “active” – the governments intention to get more people, more active.

MD suggested some opportunities for SWVA to be involved:

- Coaching and coach development
- Multi skill / activity clubs
- NGB network
- Wider partnerships networking

RR asked if volleyball would now be able to be part of the Sport England influenced programmes and developments, or whether it would still depend on the priority sports lists. MD believed that there were opportunities through multi sports developments.

GP thanked MD for his attendance and input

7. Secretaries Report.

- (a) Club Affiliations. Members asked to chase non affiliated clubs in their areas.
- (b) Newsletter – articles please.
- (c) Good news about level of coach registrations. Referee registrations look low.

8. Treasurer. JW asked IL to follow up on missing cheques. RR had passed information from latest statements to JW, actual statements being sent by Craig Maller.

9. Competitions.

IL expressed concern at the number of teams unable to make certain dates. Next season there will be no guarantee that clashes with NVL can be avoided.

DJ has not received details of player registrations. IL still waiting for Aquae Sulis to register. He will then release all player numbers.

DD believed that we might need to be more flexible than NVL in interpretation of dates because the loss of a few teams could mean there is no league.

MH will re-establish the SWVA website, IL will pass on league information. All members urged to pass any relevant info to MH re local leagues etc.

Senior Championships.	15/16 May	Kitto	RR to distribute entry forms	GP to organise
Veterans	6 June		HM to investigate Bristol Univ	

10. Coaching.

Report had already been presented in writing.

GP hoped to have Level 2 course in Plymouth at end of season

George Ward Level 1 – Feb 7/8

Exeter Uni Level 1 – Mar 13/14

11 Refereeing.

Report had already been presented in writing.

AW asked for nominations for Bert Williams Award – RS recommended Julia Chiverton from Exeter for contribution to refereeing in the local league.

12. Junior Development.

Report presented in writing.

Please respond to EVA Youth Development Audit

Agreed to appoint Dan Dingle as Regional Talent Development Programme Manager (RTDPM). DD will devise a job description.

Agreed to provide a fund of £800 to underwrite costs of regional squads.

GP recommended funding for a project to provide 2 sets of posts to Stoke Damerel School, if sufficient junior development funding was available at the end of the season.

Members urged to find volunteers to help RS with organisation of SW GP. Thanks to MH for his overall organisation.

DD reported on his contact with Wellington School – keen to slowly build to the plans that we earlier agreed with them. They will contact Paul Locke re the survey and will pay for sockets and posts.

13.Beach Volleyball.

Croyde Junior Tournament – June 19 / 20

Sandbanks July 10 / 11 (clash with Exmouth)

Exmouth July 11

14.Area Reports.

GP thanked those areas that had provided reports.

15.Regional Commission Report.

RR to email Regional Forum questions to all committee members and ask for response within a month. RR will coordinate.

14.Other Business.

IL - Womens Tournament – Weymouth June 5/6 – possibility of SW representative team. Agreed to invite SW U17 girls and a Team Bath team.

IL – agreed to rearrange fixtures from Easter Sunday.

DD – agreed to send card and flowers to Lyn Allen.

15.Date of Next Meeting.

12th June 2004 – AGM

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2003 / 4

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Congratulations once again to everyone in the southwest who has had anything to do with promoting our sport.

Unfortunately I know that only a small percentage of those to whom this message of thanks is addressed will see what I have written. I often wish that I had more time to get out and pass on personal thanks to the coaches and managers of the teams that operate in the southwest. I have even less chance of seeing the teachers and parents that do so much as well. Perhaps those of you that read the AGM report would do me the honour of passing on my very sincere thanks to all supporters of volleyball in the region.

I have chosen to start with this theme because at this particular point in the history of the SWVA we are about to lose the services of one of our stalwart supporters. Ros Sutherland, our junior development officer, is about to set off on an adventure of a lifetime. In only a few weeks time she will set off in pursuit of her husband as he embarks on a round the world sailing challenge.

Ros is one of the most caring people that I know and she will be magnificent in her support of her husband as he takes on the elements. I also know very well that she will be just as concerned about everything that will be going on back in the southwest. To this end Ros has boxed clever because she has badgered countless people, successfully, to take on her roles for the next 12 months.

What can I say Ros other than thanks. You will be leaving us in good shape in your absence and I'm certain you will be back to help carry on the success story that is southwest junior volleyball.

While Ros will return to us in 12 months we have had to face the sad, permanent loss of two other friends to so many people in the region. Mark Pitman, a wonderfully talented young volleyball player and most importantly a really nice person, was killed tragically in a car accident last year. Then Dave Coles, who only last year took on board the role of treasurer for the SWVA, passed away after a period of illness. Both Mark and Dave had given so much of their lives to volleyball and they will be missed by many.

As we bring the 2003-04 season to a close we can reflect on a transitional period in the Association's history. There have been a number of changes in the personnel that make up the Executive Committee as well as the coaches and managers of the regional squads. An indication of the strength of any organisation is the way in which it handles any such period and I feel it is safe to say that we have come through looking strong.

Congratulations again to all those who have played a part in this and welcome to those who will be taking on the region's responsibilities and development in 2004-05.

Graham Pearson

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I believe this has been a mixed season for the region. Junior development remains a high spot with competition successes spread across a wide range of clubs and schools. There has also been continued success at the National Regional Junior Championships. For this we must compliment our many junior coaches, Ros our Junior Development Officer and the SW Squad personnel.

We will miss Ros next year but I am confident that as with everything else she does she will have left our junior development activities in safe hands.

My areas of concern or development remain as they were last year – the state of the adult game at regional / national standards of competition. The Mens SW League this year was poorly supported and final positions in NVL divisions by SW teams were generally poor. We must try to improve the quality of coaching and keep encouraging teams to make the commitment necessary to play at these higher levels.

Affiliations to the EVA have held up, but the lack of regular feedback on affiliations details does hinder my opportunity to chase up non affiliations. I would urge Area Secretaries to be proactive in chasing up missing affiliations.

My work circumstances have changed this year and I struggle to put in as many hours for volleyball as I used to. I am conscious that we may miss out on some of the plans being developed by the EVA / Sport England and their associated funding. Perhaps there is someone who would like to take a more proactive role in co-ordinating these developments in the region.

Ron Richards

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES ACCOUNT – 2003 / 2004

Income		Expenditure	
SWVA Main account	600.00	Postage	308.42
		Administration	50.00
		Stationery	127.10
		Course fees	10.00
		Gifts	8.96
		Travel	15.75
		flowers	32.25
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	£ 600.00		£ 552.48
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Opening Balance	£ 56.56	Closing Balance	£ 104.08
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	£ 656.56		£ 656.56
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Ron Richards
Secretary, SWVA.

COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Not yet received

SOUTH WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

Despite the fact that it was a glorious weekend with plenty of sunshine nobody seemed perturbed to have been stuck inside because the volleyball going on was of such a good standard.

Earlier disappointments about the low number of entries to the Ladies' event quickly disappeared because it was obvious that the 5 teams in the competition were of such a similar standard. The format of the weekend allowed the teams to face off against one another for a second time and this in itself gave an interesting twist to the event which everyone seemed to enjoy.

After the 2 days of quite ferocious competition the finalists in the ladies' event came down to UWIC and Devon Ladies. It may well have been one game too far for the team from Wales as despite excellent results against the Devon Ladies team during the round robin stages UWIC looked jaded in the final.

This should not detract from the performance of the eventual winners, however, as they clearly used their knowledge from the two previous games of the weekend. It was probably fair to say that it was as much a tactical 2-0 victory that Devon Ladies gained as much as it was one based on playing performance.

In the men's competition there were 10 teams. At least there were on Saturday. On Sunday, Plymstock were down to only 4 players. The remaining 4 battled on gamely but because of the rules of the game their efforts unfortunately could not be recorded.

The remaining 9 teams made it a weekend of volleyball to remember. The south west may not have any division 1 teams in the national league at the moment but I cannot believe this will be the case for much longer. There is plenty in the way of fresh new talent about and a few dinosaurs as well.

It eventually came down to a young versus old set of semi finals. In one half we had the young blood of Plymouth against the vastly experienced side from Speedwell. In this instance it was experience that counted and despite a valiant effort from the Plymouth side to make it 3 finals in succession they had to bow out for this year one stage earlier.

In the other half it was the young team from Exeter Heat that were faced with the daunting task of dealing with the older generation from Croyde Beach. This was a quite thrilling match with guile versus pace and power. It literally came down to the last seconds with Heat getting through by the skin of their teeth. Smart money had to be on Speedwell for the final. The boys from Exeter only had 6 players all weekend and the time they had got to the final 2 of them were officially listed as walking wounded.

Volleyball is a funny old game, however, and when Heat narrowly took the first set 25-23 you could see the wind go out of the Speedwell players. Credit has to go to Nick Hitt who has done a fantastic job coaching the young team to a very high standard of performance. It also has to be said that if the Exeter boys were ever in trouble they could always send the ball Nick's way and the outcome was pretty predictable.

So, Exeter Heat ended up winners of the south west championships for the second year running. Well done to the boys for a great achievement.

Graham Pearson
Tournament Organiser

COMPETITIONS RESULTS

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Mens Premier League	Plymouth	Torexe (Devon)
Womens Premier League	Plymouth	Torexe (Devon)

SW Mens Championships	Exeter Heat	Speedwell (Bristol)
SW Womens Championships	Devon	UWIC (Cardiff)
SW Veterans (2003)	Speedwell (Bristol)	TOGS

Junior Championships	Winners	Runners Up
U12 Boys	Eggbuckland (Plymouth)	Lipson (Plymouth)
U12 Girls	Priory (Weston super Mare)	Melksham (Wilts)
U13 Boys	Portman Wessex (Poole)	Melksham (Wilts)
U13 Girls	Melksham (Wilts)	King Alfreds (Burnham on Sea)
U14 Boys	Lipson (Plymouth)	Portman Wessex (Poole)
U14 Girls	Melksham (Wilts)	Coombe Dean (Plymouth)
U15 Boys	Melksham (Wilts)	Plymouth
U15 Girls	Priory (Weston super Mare)	Plymouth
U17 Boys	Wessex (Poole)	Melksham (Wilts)
U17 Girls	Plymouth	Melksham (Wilts)

A five event Grand Prix series also provided regular competition through the season for U11 to U14 age groups. We are grateful to Mike Halse for his organisation of the series. Winners were: U11 Newtown, U12 Boys Lydney, U12 Girls Matravers, U13 Boys Wessex, U13 Girls Melksham, U14 Boys Kings, U14 Girls Melksham.

TREASURERS REPORT

To follow at the AGM

SW COACHING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sadly, yet again I have to report a failure in getting enough people to support a level 2 coaching course. Difficult to know what the SW can do to get enough people. It would seem likely that the only approach that will succeed is for a specific area to arrange one based on local demand. This limits the number of areas with enough candidates of course but trying to organise a course centrally to cater for everyone is not proving very successful.

Based on the number of reports I have received from the EVA the number of coaches at level 1 and CSLA has slightly decreased on previous years but the main test is the number of registered coaches at the start of the season. I would have liked to put some figures in here but have just rebuilt my PC and will not have installed the Microsoft Office Suite in time to get at the figures.

Jon McGugan

Junior Development Officer

As you may know I am resigning from the Committee at the AGM. I am about to embark on a global adventure and spend a little time following the Challenge Business Global Yacht Race from Buenos Aires to Wellington on to Sydney and finally to Cape Town.

I have enjoyed being the Junior Development Officer for the South West but think it is about time we had some new ideas and new energy in this job.

Junior Volleyball in the South West has been slowly growing over the last few years. Plymouth has

established itself as growth area for the sport going from strength to strength with 4 strong schools amongst its participants and a junior league. Poole remains the largest and most successful area with regular junior competitions and junior teams in its local league. Melksham and Devizes have been joined in Wiltshire by Calne where there is a new junior club. Exeter has grown a little with Torexe Juniors joining Kings as a source of junior players, also the two primary schools West Hill and Pinhoe and the South Hams clubs Paignton and Totnes (Space Hoppers) . Bristol has a junior club at Whitfield with exciting developments planned for the future. Apart from the centres we must not forget the isolated groups that battle on, giving young people a chance to start volleyball; Lydney, Pates and Farmors in Gloucestershire; Kingsmead, King Alfreds and Priory in Somerset and the Beach Development in Croyde, North Devon. Cornwall has Camborne College, the only school in the Cornwall League and Cornwall College that organise an annual mini volley festival.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone. If so my sincere apologies because I am grateful to every one who puts in the time and effort to provide volleyball opportunities for the young people who will be the volleyball players for the future. Without these coaches, teachers and parents we would really be finished.

Squads

The Squads have been excellent this year. South West Training for both girls and boys has been very popular with Under 15's. We have had a problem with the Under 17's as the players selected for England Juniors are not allowed to represent their region. At times this has led to a shortage of players in that age group. We hope that the good numbers in the younger age group will solve this problem in future. Tony Pincott and I coached the Under 17 and Under 15 boys respectively with help from Jenny Borman, Chris Duckmanton, Andy Flay and lots of parents. Special Thanks are reserved for Roy Pankhurst our manager.

The girls coaches were Paul Locke Under 15 and Paul Reed Under 17. Even more Special Thanks are due to Jenny Lock who not only managed the Girls Squads but stood in to coach the Under 17's at the last minute at the Inter Regionals. Well done Jenny!

South West Junior Championships

This year we held the Under 15 and Under 17 competition in Plymouth before Christmas and the Under 12/13/14 competition in Weston Super Mare in March. Thank you to Graeme and Ron who did the honours. In the Junior event we had the remarkable outcome of every age group being won by a different club. We hope to run both events after Christmas next year. We are always looking for different venues for these events to spread them around and give different people the task of travelling. Please let Ron Richards know if you would like to host one of these Championships.

Grand Prix

The Grand Prix expanded to 5 events this year. We have cut the event down to Under 14's with no older players. The events were held in Bath and Weston Super Mare. Next year we have had offers to hold events in Plymouth and Poole to make it a truly regional event. The event is organised centrally by Mike Halse. My thanks to him for all his hard work. He has kindly agreed to continue next season and will be joined by Cy Sanderson from Poole. The events are run on the day by different groups. Every group entering the Grand Prix is expected to take a turn at organising an event from time to time. This year the events were run by Ron Richards, Ros Sutherland, Mike Halse, Sue Pierce and Saul Dobney.

Trans National

The first event of the season was our usual invitation Tournament. The visitors were TSC Berlin. It is very

difficult to get opposition teams for this tournament and we struggled to compete against them. However, one outcome of competing is an invitation to play in Berlin. Melksham have been for two years running and this year were joined by Kings, both schools taking Under 14 boys. The Kings team did very well and played in the top half of the tournament all weekend eventually coming 7th out of 16 teams from Germany and Poland. Melksham came 15th this year but last year they came 6th. Kings were sorry not to have beaten Melksham's record.

Whilst I was there one of the girls asked if we could organise a tournament in England for girls as well as boys. I hope someone will help Sue with the visit from the German team by running a Transnational next year.

My thanks again to everyone who has worked so hard this year.

Have a good season in 2004-5

Ros Sutherland

South West U15 Girls Squad

The SW under 15 regional girls squad attended the Inter Regional competition held at the UEA at Norwich. The girls had a fantastic weekend finishing in 2nd place losing only one game against the North West.

The initial trials for the squad were held in September 2003. Girls from Exeter, Burnham, Weston, Melksham and Poole attended and a group of 20 were selected. This was reduced to a squad of 12 plus 2 reserves after the December training session.

The Squad trained for 5 hours once a month. Different venues around the region were used to reduced the travelling and cost for the girls down to a minimum. Local schools were used as venues in each of the girls home towns.

At the end of February both the U15 and the U17 girls squads attended a 'Link Training Camp' held at Ashcombe Volleyball Centre. This was a full weekend camp arranged by Peter Brooks, the SW Girls National Development Coach. The girls linked with the South East squads and trained intensively on both days, working with senior coaches Nick Appleton, Craig Hanford and Peter Brooks along with their Squad Coaches. All the girls who attended the camp benefited greatly from this weekend. Many thanks go to Peter for organising this weekend and for all his support.

At the end of April the squad entered a one day tournament 'The Exeter Ladies Challenge' organised by Dave Reece. This provided us with a great opportunity for competitive play and gave each coach a trial run prior to the Inter Regional Competition.

The Inter Regional Finals were again held at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. This is a great venue with fantastic facilities, but the fact that it was held in over in Norfolk caused problems with logistics, organisation and cost. We have estimated that to attend this years tournament has cost the SW girls squads over £2,300.

The girls played on the Saturday and Sunday. The U15 girls pool contained 8 teams (two more than last year). On the Saturday the girls played 4 games and finished the day unbeaten and not dropping a set. Three more games followed on the Sunday with the final game against a very strong North West team. This final game turned out to be the tournament 'final' as both teams were unbeaten. Both teams started strongly, but the North West had a good run of serves and took the 1st set 21-16. The 2nd set mirrored the first with the North West eventual winners 21-12.

The National Talent Development Programme has strengthened in it's 2nd year of running. It has given the

girls in our region the opportunity to receive high quality coaching and to play at a high level of competition.

I have many people to thank for this enjoyable and successful year. Firstly my thanks go to all the girls in the squad who have worked hard to build a great team spirit, it was a pleasure to coach each and everyone of them. My thanks also go to Helen Parry, Sue Pierce, Graham Pearson and Ron Richards for their help, encouragement and for the use of their facilities (especially Ron for the use of the Priory mini bus). Lastly to Jenny for her work as team manager for both girls squads.

Good Luck to the Girls moving up to the U17's squad next season

Squad Members

Hannah Ruddick	(Capt) Wessex	Kim Smith	Melksham
Sarah Lumley	Wessex	Becky Turner	Melksham
Georgie Tinkler	Wessex	Vicky Telfer	Melksham
Natalie Smith	Torexe	Amy Pattenden	Melksham
Ali Campbell	King Alfreds	Stephanie Smith	Melksham
Liz De-vanney	Priory	Laura Davies	Priory
Leanne Hallworth	Priory		

Paul Locke

UNDER 17 GIRLS SQUAD

INTER REGIONAL FINALS MAY 2004

The South West Under 17 Girls Squad finished in joint third place at this years Inter Regional Finals held at the UEA in Norwich.

The girls had a mixed weekend. At times playing some wonderful attacking volleyball with controlled defence mixed with skillful and thoughtful play. At other times they frustrated themselves and their stand-in coach, Jenny Rogers, with lack of concentration and failure to take easy points.

Jenny stepped in to coach the girls after their usual coach, Paul Reed, was unable to attend due to a family bereavement. It wasn't clear who was more nervous, the coach or the players. But they all worked together to produce some high level volleyball.

Seven teams entered the competition, with each team playing the other teams once over the weekend in 'round-robin' tournament.

The girls played three games on Saturday, beating North and South East 2-0, but losing to the West Midlands 1-2. This would prove to be a costly loss.

Sunday morning started badly with another loss to the East. This was a game that should have been won but lethargy and a touch of over confidence caused an upset.

This was quickly rectified in the next game against a strong North West squad. A fantastic game between two attacking teams produced the best game of the weekend. The standard of volleyball was extremely high and the SW kept their concentration to take the game 2-1 even after an injury delay to middle hitter Becky Gymer. (Sprained Ankle).

In the final game against London the girls played well and won the game 2-0. Unfortunately the damage had been done by losing against the West Midlands and the East. Some comfort can however be taken from the

victory over the North West who were the eventual tournament winners.

Thanks go to the following players who trained hard through the year and were a pleasure to work with. Good luck in the future to the girls who will be too old for the Regional Squad next year. Good luck also to the girls who will stepping up from the U15 Squad next year.

SQUAD MEMBERS

Becki Brickwood (C)	Wessex
Becky Gymer	Wessex
Sophie Guymer	Wessex
Anneka Wicks	Wessex
Lucy Curtis	Plymouth
Amy Daniels	Plymouth
Sarah Johnson	King Alfred
Sarah West	King Alfred
Janna Rogers	Whitefield
Kelly Pagett	Melksham

Team England Apex Summer Training Camp

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected to attend this years Team England Apex Summer training camp for girls. Attendance is by invitation only and the girls were selected on the basis that they have demonstrated talent, commitment and hard work within the regional programme and at this years Inter Regional finals.

Under 15

Under 17

Hannah Ruddick	Wessex	Amy Daniels	Plymouth
Pheobe Jeffery	Wessex	Lucy Curtis	Plymouth
Kimberleigh Smith	Melksham	Janna Rogers	Whitefield
Vicky Telfer	Melksham	Becky Gymer	Wessex

Paul Locke

U15 and U17 Boys squads reports will be available on paper at the meeting.

Officials Secretary - Annual report - 2004

I have not received any nominations for the Bert Williams Trophy. I hope that the committee can propose a local referee, preferably active within SWVA league, for award of the trophy during the AGM?

The Referee Commission is endeavouring to provide better support for all referees and is actively pursuing newly qualified Grade IV referees to ensue that their needs are met.

All of the national referee work fits well with the aspirations for local referee development that I included in the referee section of the SWVA development plan.

The EVA is hoping that each region can provide a referee development seminar in future years, possibly to include some regional clinics, and we should give some thought as to how this can be best delivered – but

we should also remember that there are several SW tournaments that are already well used for referee development.

Andy Worrall

AREA REPORTS

Cornwall County Volleyball Association

A mixed bag on court this season, with Division One having some very close fixtures, the title is still to be decided by a play-off between CuldroseA and Countrymen A who have again dominated proceedings, despite both sides being slightly weaker than last year. Young Farmers have brought in some new blood, much improving their general court play and promising better things for the future.

Division 2 has struggled somewhat, not helped by the unfortunate mid-season demise of Pennkernow V.C. That said, there have still been some entertaining matches, the RAF St Mawgan side has gone from strength to strength as the season finished with a much bigger player base than for many years. (The final League Tables are attached).

The Grade 4 Course planned for pre season had to be aborted at the eleventh hour with the simultaneous late withdrawal of five of the potential students, but Doug Wright has stayed in post and is confident we can reschedule in the next few months.

Sadly the Open Championships too had to be cancelled this year, competition congestion in May proved too difficult to overcome, perhaps we shall have to look at different timing in future.

For the second year running the local primary schools coaching programme went ahead under the watchful eye of JanThomason, culminating in a tournament at the Camborne /Pool/Redruth College. This was attended by over 90 children (thirteen teams) from six different schools and was eventually won by Trewirgie School of Redruth with Kehelland School second.

It was encouraging at the recent AGM to find some fresh development ideas, and for the first time in recent history a full committee on the day. I suspect with Dan Dingle now overseeing the Area Development it might be possible to bring some of the ideas to fruition and develop the links with District Councils and the Sports Action Zone that are so productive elsewhere. The first of those will hopefully take place in July with an input into the NHS sponsored over 50's sports week, there are more than sufficient local players in that ballpark to perhaps convince attendees that volleyball can indeed be enjoyed by any age group.

Dave Robson
Secretary.

Cornwall Volleyball Leagues dated 15/05/04

Division One Final Table

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Pen Pts	Points
Countrymen A	14	13	1	40	6	0	40
Culdrose A	14	13	1	39	11	0	40
Young Farmers A	14	8	6	26	22	0	30

St Austell A	14	8	6	30	22	0	30
Truro	14	7	7	26	25	0	28
Countrymen B	14	4	10	17	35	0	22
Helston	14	3	11	17	36	0	20
Kernow Ladies	14	0	14	4	42	0	14

Division Two

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Pen Pts	Points
Culdrose B	12	11	1	33	7	1	33
St Austell B	11	8	3	25	12	1	26
Young Farmers B	11	7	4	24	16	0	25
RAF St Mawgan	12	6	6	23	23	0	24
Cornwall College	11	6	5	23	16	2	21
Camborne VC	11	2	9	7	27	0	15
Penkernow (Withdrawn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

EXETER & DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary : Pete Notman

Report prepared by : Martin Oram (Press Officer)

Local League : 3 Men's Divisions (although men and ladies can play in all 3) and 1 Ladies Division. Division 1 comprised 7 teams, Division 2 comprised 8 teams, Division 3 was 7 teams and the Ladies Division comprised 7 teams (29 teams in total).

There were some new teams and some dropped out, but the league has stayed the same size overall.

League Tables : Torexe Breezers pipped Exeter University for the Men's Division 1 title thanks to a 3-2 win over challengers Kirton in a very close fought encounter at the end of the season. Kirton finished third, their best ever finish. University only lost one match (to bottom team Vikings). Space Hoppers won the 2nd Division losing just one match all season (Tornadoes were runners up), Paignton Community College the 3rd Division and remained unbeaten throughout (Storms were runners up) and Exeter University ladies edged out WVC Coyotes for the ladies division. (Final tables are attached below)

Local Cups / Tournaments : Wanderers Volleyball Club picked up the first trophy of the year, winning the EDVA Closed Tournament Cup in January, retaining their title for a second year. Torexe Storms won the Plate event. The next events lined up are Fun 4's to be held on Coaver lawn on Saturday 12th June (followed by the Annual Party in the same evening). Coaver Open is on Sunday 13th June, Exmouth Beach 4's is scheduled for Sunday 11th July and the Beach Pairs on 25th July.

Courses : In September we ran our annual referees course. Another is to be scheduled for September 2004.

Development Activities : This year Junior Volleyball has continued to grow. Torexe Club continued with their regular junior sessions and Paignton Community College have continued to grow with three teams now competing in the local league.

The Kings School continues to thrive and compete at local and regional level. Other centres of junior development are Space Hoppers at Totnes, Honiton Community College, Churston Grammar School, Exmouth Primary Schools, Pinhoe Middle School, and West Hill Primary School.

Last summer the league continued to include junior competitions as part of the summer tournaments. These were popular, have expanded in size year on year and will continue again this summer.

Although there are still not enough young people playing in the Exeter area to form a separate junior schools league, this is an objective.

Success of local teams in National / Regional leagues : Devon Ladies Volleyball Club had a good run in the cup, and held their own in National Division 2 finishing 7th (of 12) following promotion last year. They also won the ladies event at the South West Championships in May.

Exeter Heat completed its first year in National division 3 (West) and were narrowly edged into third place by Thames Valley and Solent. They also won the mens event at the South West Championships in May.

Success of local players : We congratulate Senad Hadzidedic (Mens Player of the year), Sam Garner & Cecile Roussel (Ladies Player of the year), Drew Rawson (Division 2 player), Jacqui Hashim & Tom Mammola (Division 3 players) and Paul Dowling & Jamie Hanratty (Junior player of the year). Referees awards went to Julia Chiverton, Graham Wood, Pete Stotherd, Mike Halse and Tony Dowling, whilst Evolution 2 and Paignton Ladies picked up the reporters award.

Other information : We continue to run a thriving summer league played on Coaver lawn from May to September with an increasing number of teams participating. Last summer saw 22 teams competing in two divisions, each playing around 36 timed matches during the course of the season. This summer we have increased to 26 teams and now run a third division. Pairs events were also organised for each of Men's, Ladies and Mixed categories, with more teams competing than ever before. Summer leagues continue to be the source of the majority of players in the local league and we are anticipating more new teams as a result.

However, we urgently need volunteers in many areas and there are few signs of an improvement in this area, with the organisation of events and leagues by a small band of helpers only.

Gloucestershire Volleyball Association

Secretary Mark Horseman

Report prepared by: Mark Horseman

COMPETITION:

Number of league divisions? 3 Divisions (2 Men, 1 Women)

Number of teams in each division? Div 1 = 8, Div 2 = 11, Women=6

Progress compared to last season – growth or contraction? Slight increase

Comments? We have lost one of the two Lydney teams this year, and the team of Prison Officers has not re-entered. We have 3 new teams in Div 2, 2 from the Bristol area, and 1 school team from Pate's Grammar in Cheltenham. In the Women's league, Stroud rejoin after withdrawing last year, and Trendsetters are entering a second team.

COACHING: Number of courses organised? None

REFEREEING: Number of courses organised? None

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Have been unable to find someone to replace the late Dave Coles.

Lydney continue to be the flag-bearers for the GVA in this respect, with a thriving junior section competing in the Junior Grand Prix. We also now have 2 school-based teams, with Dave Tatlow at Farmor's School (Fairford) and Lesley Jeanes at Pate's in charge.

Fred Lawson is organising a Junior tournament in June in Gloucester.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT / TRAINING:

Number of courses organised? None

GENERAL PROGRESS AGAINST SW and LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS?

I have to report that we are still operating with an under-strength committee, and apart from organising the local League & Cup events, we have made little progress.

ANY OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST? From a Gloucestershire-based standpoint, it's interesting to see the number of team joining our leagues from around Bristol. Two GVA teams will be competing in the NVL this year, from Stroud & Bristol.

PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT

2003-04 was yet another successful season for the Plymouth and District Volleyball Association. Although having lost some of the successful teams of previous seasons, due to work – and study commitments, Plymouth has regained 2 teams from Marjon's College as well as a team formerly known as Pumas now being called Plymstock A.

Marjon's A were the winners of Division 1, with Eggbuckland being Runners-up. Division 2 was won by Lipson Ladies, apart from Marjon's B the only all Ladies team within the P&D League. Runners-up were

Plymstock Staff. Division 3 was dominated by Plymstock teams, with Greenwater Juniors winning the Division, and Plymstock Juniors ending up in 2.place.

The P&D Tournament, entered by 12 local teams and held on the 9th of May, reflected the League-results very closely, with Marjon's A winning the Cup, and Eggbucklind being second, whereas the Plate was won by Lipson Ladies with Plymstock Staff being yet again Runners-up. The Tournament was marvellously organized by Plymstock Volleyball Club.

Regionally and Nationally Plymouth has had another successful year insofar as both the Men's and Ladies' Teams won their South-West League, with the Ladies ending up 4th in the National League Division 3 and reaching the Quarterfinals in the NL Shield, losing against Division 2 side Cleobury.

Regarding the Junior Development, Graham and Cheryl Pearson, as well as Mark Taylor have achieved considerable results, both in Regional and National Competitions.

At the P&D AGM, held on the 17th of May, some changes for the following season have been agreed upon, e.g. a new League-format and an alteration of the P&D Constitution.

Division 3 of the P&D will be an exclusive Junior Division across Plymouth, i.e. School-teams will be invited to join the P&D Association. This Division will be run by Mark Taylor and Graham Pearson. Division 1 and 2 will be set up as a Conference League, aimed to encourage the top teams of Division 2 to go up into Division 1.

The Committee was re-elected en-bloc for another season.

Both a Level 2 Coaching course and a referees course are planned for the beginning of the next season.

A Gutmann
(P&D Volleyball Association)

Plymouth and District League

Division One

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	SETS FOR	SETS AGAINST	SETS DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Marjons A	15	14	1	37	8	29	43
Egguckland A	13	11	2	26	13	13	34
Plymstock	15	7	8	25	20	5	27
Lipson Men	15	7	8	23	22	1	26
University A	14	4	10	14	28	-14	14
Greenwater	14	0	14	4	38	-34	4

Division Two

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	SETS FOR	SETS AGAINST	SETS DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Lipson Ladies	14	13	1	34	8	26	40
Plymstock Staff	14	10	4	25	17	8	31
Torview	14	9	5	29	13	16	30
Flying Pigs	13	6	7	20	19	1	24
Plymstock VIth	14	7	7	18	24	-6	23
DML Activate	13	5	8	20	19	1	21
University B	14	4	10	13	29	-16	16

Marjons B	14	1	13	6	36	-30	6
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Division Three

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	SETS FOR	SETS AGAINST	SETS DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Greenwater Juniors	12	11	1	29	7	22	34
Plymstock Juniors	12	5	7	18	18	0	21
University C	10	6	4	16	14	2	19
Plymstock Ladies	12	4	8	12	24	-12	14
Lipson Juniors	10	2	8	9	21	-12	11

South West National Governing Body Forum 5th May 2004

Meeting Notes:

Present:

Denise Austin	English Volleyball		
Angela Barnett	Cornwall Sports Partnership	Ed Leverton	English Cricket Board
Dave Berriman	British Judo Association	Sadie Mason	Sport England
John Capelin	British Cycling	Craig Mortiboys	Gloucestershire sports Partnership
Nicola Clarke	English Table Tennis Association	Christine Rivers	Lawn Tennis Association
Dan Coast	British Cycling	Andy Steckbeck	Sports West
Jane Cornelius	English Hockey	Sarah Sykes	Sport England
Mark Drew	Sport England	Louise Treacher	Sport England
Rob Drinkwater	Rugby Football Union	Celia Watkinson	Orienteering
Emma Gibson	Squash Rackets Association	Lucy Wellings	Football Association
Phil de Glanville	Sport England	Darryl Wheeler	Lawn Tennis Association
Chantelle Hanley	Royal Yachting Association	Julian Wills	British Triathlon
Karen Jones	England Netball	David Webber	English Golf Union
John Edwards	Badminton Association of England	Sonya Ellis	Amateur Athletics Association

Apologies:

Alison Usher – Amateur Swimming Association
Chris Atherton – Royal Yachting Association
Penny Spink – Federation of South West Sports Organisations

Purpose & Protocol of the Meeting:

Mark Drew, Sport England, gave a brief overview regarding the basic outcomes of the meeting. Discussion then surrounded group ownership of the meeting, representation on the group, influencing and advocacy power of the group, and if feedback to the RSB was required.

MD suggested that a small group should be formed to take these discussions forward. *Action: Lucy Wellings, Sonya Ellis, Emma Gibson, Dave Webber and Louise Treacher to produce a 'mission statement' and key objectives for the group for the next meeting.*

Regional Overview:

1. Regional Plan & Support of Sport England

Phil de Glanville presented an update on the content of the regional plan and how this could be integrated into current activity of the NGB's.

Significant attention was given to how funding distribution would be linked to each of the 4 strategic themes and it was key that all partners were aware of this. Some concerns were raised regarding the consultation process for the Active England fund and it was agreed at the meeting that an information list would be sent to all NGB's giving location of project and level of potential award. *Action: LT to distribute AE list. PdG also committed to looking at how NGB's could be involved in the process for the distribution of the community investment fund. PdG to action with Support Centre.*

PDG also emphasised the potential funding that could be attracted from the health sector. (Presentation attached).

2. Development of County Sport Partnerships

Louise Treacher gave an insight into the ongoing development of County Sport Partnerships, in terms of strategic development, funding, and creating a culture change within the region.

The key to ensuring that these partnerships are successful is creating a sense of ownership across all those involved.

Specific issues that should be addressed include:

- Accessing Funding
- Increasing Participation
- Policy & Strategy Development
- "Joined up thinking" – education, social inclusion, health, regional development
- Performance assessments / development

A paper will be presented on July 5th to the Regional Sports Board with funding packages, processes, performance management and education programmes.
(Presentation attached).

Policy Development:

1. Whole Sport Plans and One Stop Plans - A National Overview

Sadie Mason from Sport England Support Centre Governing Body Unit gave an outline regarding the

national development of One Stop and Whole Sport Plans.

One Stop Plans look to address the top level of performance, insuring that all aspects are fully integrated. Funding will be filtered via UK Sport.

Whole Sport Plans will be in place to support the work from a national, to regional, to local basis. It is expected that the vision of the whole sport, and its strategic objectives will be clear, supported by a sound structure of delivery, Key Performance Indicators, clear targets and milestones. **It will become increasingly important to link with the Regional Plans and developing County Sport Partnership strategies to ensure continuity of delivery, and especially establish clear links between participation and performance.**

(Presentation Attached. Amateur Swimming Association's Whole Sport Plan - requested for circulation as an example of good practise - to follow)

2. Update on the progress made by Cricket in developing their WSP

Ed Leverton, National Development Manager for the ECB, gave a detailed perspective of how the planning process is effecting individual NGB's.

ECB regional team is currently in development in terms of how to implement the planning process. Timelines in terms of project development were highlighted, including the potential challenges that are faced.

Issues highlighted included:

- Will the NGB be able to deliver against the agenda set?
- Pressure of the timelines
- Historical issues within the NGB – how do we overcome these?
- Consultation process – how do we ensure that this is open to all
- How can we ensure that we achieve the vision

(Presentation Attached)

Best Practise:

1. Multi Skill case study

Rob Drinkwater, Regional Development Manager for the RFU, presented on the multi skill work undertaken by the RFU. Including how the RFU have utilised the LTAD principles and mapped trainability against chronological age etc, techniques vs games and illustrated how the RFU implement LTAD across the age and ability spectrum for all.

(Presentation attached)

2. County Sport Partnership Perspective – Update from the Gloucestershire Partnership

Craig Mortiboys, manager of the Gloucestershire Sports Partnership gave an overview of the key issues faced by CSP's, and priorities regarding the development of a wider partnership remit with Gloucestershire,

as well as progress on developing a county plan and structure.

County sport partnership benefits to regional NGB's will be based around local knowledge of

1. people (e.g. coaches) and
2. access to funding streams from other partners within the partnership (e.g. crime and health) – NGB's have one point of contact through the CSP into other agencies.

Influence on planning applications on a cross sport county basis is an identified need for CSP's to fulfil (and the need to make sure a facility strategy is in place to support recommendations)

(Presentation attached)

Information Updates:

1. Community Sports Coaches

CSCS funding for SW will deliver 45 FT & 245 PT coaches (PT = 1 day per week). Currently 12 FT coaches operational – 6 in Cornwall & 6 in Somerset. The remaining 5 CSP's are currently putting together plans regarding the deployment of FT coaches. All 7 CSP's are putting together plans regarding the deployment of PT coaches.

DfES funded CSC project currently being piloted in Cornwall – (Briefing note attached).

Briefing note attached which explains the CSCS in detail.

Action: All NGB's to complete the attached CSCS template and return to MD by Friday 11th June 04 for circulation to CSP's.

2. School Club Links

Targets – increase no. of accredited clubs;
 increase no. of links with SSP's;
 increase no. of 5-16 yr olds who are members of accredited clubs.

Roll out - 03/04 - 7 sports (PESSCL) / 9 CSP's nationally including
 Somerset;
 04/05 - 15 further sports / all CSP's;
 06 - next spending review?

Each NGB is leading their own school club link programme, with funding, in general, to resource a national coordinator, and an amount per school club link to fund e.g. coaches, courses, equipment, transport etc. NGB school club link development plans were previously sent out to CSP's following the meeting on 10th Feb at Taunton Vale Sports Club.

3. South West Athletes representing UK/England/GB

As part of regional KPI's we're looking at a 'performance sport' measure. Therefore we wanted to establish the number of athletes from the Sw who are currently representing UK/Eng/GB squads and use this as a benchmark for comparison (hopefully improvement).

Action: As discussed at the meeting could all NGB's please submit to MD lists of junior, senior and veteran athletes from the South West currently representing UK, English or GB squads within their sport. Please send to me by Friday 18th June 04.

4. Multi Sport Hub Club models

Currently looking to develop a network of multi sport / hub clubs in the SW as highlighted in the regional plan. The Active England programme will hopefully fund pilot schemes, with a regional target of 14 hub clubs developed by 2008.

Action: As discussed could all present have a look at the very draft paper on hub club models (previously sent with the agenda for the meeting – but also attached with this mail out) and provide MD with comments by Wednesday 2nd June 04.

5. AOB

Please find attached a word document outlining the NGB liaison staff at Sport England SW.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting: Thursday 9th September 04

10am – 3pm

Venue TBC

Chair: Lucy Wellings

Elements of funding required	Detail of work to be done	Work to be done. Total cost £125,000	Outcome
To carry out an audit of the current level of participation.	<p>Audit levels of: Players (age, gender, occupation, ethnicity), Coaches, Referees, Volunteers.</p> <p>Competitions structures around the country: Local / area / recreational, Regional, National level</p> <p>Volleyball levels linked to County Sports Partnerships Sports Colleges and Schools Sports Co-ordinator programme</p>	<p>To employ a consultant to:</p> <p>Carry out audit through - Questionnaires, website, national magazine, gathering information at major events, telephone interviews, web search.</p> <p>Analyses of results and produce report.</p> <p>Place information on a database for future use.</p>	<p>This will give the EVA a baseline to inform our future planning.</p> <p>This will enable us to highlight priority areas on which we will focus our work.</p>
To develop a Marketing Strategy to enable Volleyball to engage with other partners.	<p>To develop a clearer definition of what the Volleyball 'product' is through: Research of past experience of national volleyball competitions at all levels, International events and Beach Competitions. Develop a brand image for Volleyball. Work to ensure a sustainable and realistic long-term marketing strategy reflecting the aspirations of the Association and working in concert with the volunteer marketing arm. Compare volleyball to other NGB's in England of a comparative size. Use good practice from other NGB's to support future planning.</p>	<p>To employ a marketing agency to produce a marketing Strategy for Volleyball. Develop a Marketing plan in line with various agencies strategic planning (Game Plan, CSP, RSB). Define the areas in which, and the means by which, volleyball should be marketing itself - e.g. recreational, non-contact sport that develops team work and co-operation? Work with the Marketing Working Party (volunteers) to ensure a sustainable policy.</p>	<p>To understand why support of major sponsors such as the RBS and Speedo have been lost.</p> <p>To give clear direction as to who to target as partners and how to sustain these relationships.</p> <p>To enable the EVA and its constituent parts to best present itself both externally to partners and internally to members.</p> <p>To enable the EVA to develop a level of understanding and sustainability through the volunteers working on Marketing the sport. Develop a closer working relationship, shared practice and resources with other NGB's.</p> <p>To enable the association to identify sources for additional self-generated income.</p>
Facilitator for board / management / regional meetings	To employ a facilitator to work with the association during this period of audit and transition.	To attend meetings with the management committee (3/4), Regional Committees (7/8)	To provide ensure a smooth transition from old to new practice and priorities.

Increase office support for the Whole Sport plan.	To employ a full time (temporary to April 05) member of staff to support the association in the development of the WSP.	Attend meetings, Administration, Communication link between CEO and Board, write reports, etc	With only 3 full time staff at the National Office at this moment in time, this post will enable the WSP to be developed without drawing other staff from their day to day work.
	To employ a full time (temporary to April 05) Work Force Development Manager	Development of the Coach Education (NCC stage 2) , Volunteer support (Club Development & accreditation) and Officials(rules) programmes	Enable the EVA to define roles and needs of staff in the office with focus on the priority areas identified within the WSP.
Provide funding to support volunteers working on the WSP.	Lead Volunteers (President & Development Director) to attend workshops and meetings with Sport England, CSP, RSB and other NGB's at National, Regional and Local level.	Travel and accommodation if required. 5 meetings in London (train fare @ £200 per trip). Various meeting around the country with other agencies.	This will empower and inform the key members of the Executive Board who will be taking the lead role in driving the WSP forward in conjunction with the CEO. As a smaller NGB this will also allow the CEO to devote time to the continued running of the association.
Provide support during the consultation period.	To set up a consultation roadshow to travel around the country working on the WSP.	10 Meetings around the country, Overnight accommodation, Room hire for meetings, Equipment (Laptop and Projector), Travel costs, Admin.	Ensure views of the membership are heard from 'playground to podium'. Ensure ownership and commitment to the changes that will be mapped out through the WSP.
Support the work of the WSP action groups.	To set up four Action groups to map out the priorities and programmes to develop and deliver the EVA WSP.	10 - 12 Meetings (2 / 3 per group) Room hire Travel costs Equipment (4 Laptops to ensure flexible working), Admin, other costs	Once all the information from the audit and marketing surveys has been collected it will be the role of these groups to develop the working documentation to ensure the delivery of the WSP. These groups will also ensure cross commission working throughout the association.