

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2004

Minutes of A.G.M held on 12th June 2004 at Priory Community School Weston Super Mare.

1. Welcome.

Graham Pearson welcomed members and congratulated Ron Richards on his appointment as Headteacher at Priory Community School. Des James was also thanked for his work for the Association.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Present: G. Pearson, R. Pankhurst, R. Richards, J. Ward, K. Hamblin, A. Worrall, J. McGugan, D. Williams, P. Hook, H. Muller, R. Morten, D. Dingle, D. Robson, M. Horseman, R. Sutherland, S. Lewis, C. Pearson

Apologies: S. Dunne (EVA), D. Grundy, D. James, M. Oram, M. Stevens, J. Bendle, P. Bartlett, M. Halse, M. Bowes, S. Dinnie, M. Taylor, Doreen Dingle, A. Guttman, V. Francis, D. Jenkins, G. da Silva, C. Martel, S. Pierce, D. Austin, C. Williams, Bournemouth University

3. Minutes.

Minutes of A.G.M held on 14th June 2003 were approved.

4. Matters Arising.

Ref. 6. Player Conduct.

An incident had occurred in a Stroud v. Marjons match and it was hoped that this would lead to improved player behaviour in the future.

Ref. 18 Wellington College.

The future use of Wellington College was discussed. Dan Dingle would pursue.

Ref. 18. Insurance Claim.

No developments. Clubs were urged to supply approved Referees stands.

5. Reports.

Written Reports were circulated.

5(a) Chairman.

Grahame congratulated all the Committee on a successful year. He especially thanked Ros Sutherland who was leaving for a year to support her husband in a Round the World Sailing Challenge

The Association had to face the loss two outstanding members. Mark Pitman a wonderfully talented Wessex Club and Regional Team Captain and Player was tragically killed in a car accident. Dave Coles our Treasurer passed away after a serious illness.

5(b) Secretary.

Ron spoke of the continued high standard of Junior Development, the success of the South West Junior Teams and the success again of the Wessex Club at National level. His concerns were for the Adult game. The Mens S.W League

was poorly supported and final positions in N.V.L Divisions were generally poor.

Discussion took place on improving National League standards by the possible merger of the Speedwell and Whitefield teams in Bristol, and of Team Bath with Wolverhampton Women.

5(c) Treasurer.

Jonathan Ward was welcomed to his first meeting and thanked for presenting a provisional Balance Sheet. The financial situation on the year's operation was healthy. It was suggested that the future presentation should be in the form a Profit and Loss Account.

5(d) Competitions.

It was agreed that all Competition dates with venues should be ready for the Executive on October 2nd. Kevin Hamblin would coordinate dates with Ros and Geoff Allen.

5(e) Coaching.

Jon would look at a programme of Local Level 1 Courses and again attempt a Regional Level 2 Course.

5(f) Junior Development.

Ros again reported on the healthy state of Junior Development. It was noted that six different Clubs had won Junior Championship titles. The successes were noted of the U/14 Grand Prix and of the International Visit by T.S.C Berlin.

5(g) Officials

Bert Williams Trophy awarded to Nick Heckford (Poole)

Jeff Brehault was congratulated on his appointment in charge of Referees for Beach Volleyball at the Athens Olympics.

6. Junior Squads.

Inter Regional Tournament Results.

Girls. U/15 2nd Boys. U/15 Winners.
 U/17 3rd U/17 2nd

Thanks were recorded to team coaches Tony Pincott, Ros Sutherland, Paul Lock and Paul Reed. Jenny Lock was thanked for acting in an emergency as U/17 Girls coach.

7. E.V.A Regional Representative.

Deryck emphasized the priority of the E.V.A to prepare a "Whole Sport Plan" for submission to Sport England in order to secure future funding

8. Election of Officers. 2004/5.

Chairman: Graham Pearson
Vice Chair: Roy Pankhurst.
Secretary: Ron Richards.
Treasurer: Jonathan Ward.
Competitions: Kevin Hamblin.

Officials: Andy Worrall.
Coaching: Jon McGugan.
Jun. Devel: Dan Dingle.
Womens Dev: Veronica Francis

E.V.A.Rep.: Deryck Williams.
Child Protection: Cheryl Pearson
Beach Volleyball: Contact to be maintained with Denise Austin and Jeff Brehault.
Executive Members: Henk Muller, Paul Hook, Richard Morten, Simone Lewis and Dave Robson.

9. Area Reports.

Exciting Reports were received from Cornwall, Poole, Exeter, Gloucestershire and Plymouth. Wessex was congratulated on the success of its U/18 Team and for the achievement of four International Players.

10. Other Business.

10(a)Beach Volleyball.

Members noted the exciting potential of proposed developments at Bath and Bournemouth Universities.

10(b)South West Development Plan.

To be priority Agenda Item at October Executive.

10(c)County Sports Partnerships.

Members were reminded of opportunities to promote volleyball through Community Sports Coaches, School Club Links and Hub Club Models.

11. Dates of Meetings.2004/5.

Executive: October 2nd, January 15th or 22nd

A.G.M: June 11 2005.