

# **SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Agenda of a the AGM to be held on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 10.30 (PROMPT START PLEASE – coffee available from 10.00) 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.

To find the school take the Weston road off junction 21 of the M5 and then turn immediately left off the new dual carriageway toward Worle and St Georges. Cross above the dual carriageway and over the railway line. You will then be faced by a new junction and traffic lights – you should keep the new Homebase store on your left as you turn right at the first lights and then straight ahead at the second set of lights into the new Queensway. At the next roundabout turn right into Wansborough Rd and right into the school car park.

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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and the minutes of the SW Executive meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup> (both attached). Nb we will consider the Executive minutes for approval, unlike previous years.
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 Devel't
  - h) Junior Squads
  - i) Womens Development
  - j) 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 2005 / 2006: (eg dates and venues etc)
  - a) Competitions
  - b) Junior Development
  - c) Junior Squads
  - d) Coaching
  - e) Refereeing
7. EVA Updates - Workforce Development and Whole Sport Plan (Kelly Knowles, EVA Workforce Development Officer)
8. Dates of future meetings

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of A.G.M held on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys. U/15 Winners.

U/17 3<sup>rd</sup> U/17 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Officials: Andy Worrall.

Vice Chair: Roy Pankhurst.

Coaching: Jon McGugan.

Secretary: Ron Richards.

Jun. Devel: Dan Dingle.

Treasurer: Jonathan Ward.

Womens Dev: Veronica Francis

Competitions: Kevin Hamblin.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>

A.G.M: June 11 2005.

## **SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

### Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Priory Community School Weston Super Mare on January 8th, 2005

**1. Present.** Graham Pearson (Chair), Ron Richards (Sec.), Deryck Williams, Kevin Hamblin, Dave Robson, Paul Hook, Cheryl Pearson, Geoff Allen, Veronica Francis, Dan Dingle, Jemma Green, Andy Worrall, Henk Muller

**2. Apologies.** Jonathon Ward, Roy Pankhurst, Morph Bowes, Simone Lewis, Janet Inman, Kelly Knowles, Jon McGugan, Kelvin Kirk, Kelly Knowles, Frances White, Mark Horseman, Richard Morten.

**3. Minutes.** 02.10.04. Approved.

**4 Matter Arising** – DD asked if Team Bath Development Centre is approved, as minutes indicated it was but Morph's report suggests not. Concern over the National League womens team and effect on referees, also concern over organisation of SW Mens team. GP to follow up.

DD asked about progress re website. KH has not been able to progress.

GP – Stoke Damerrell posts not yet paid for due to school not yet having paid the original invoice.

Requests for further funding to be considered at Executive Meetings.

County Sports Partnerships contact list distributed.

**5 SW National Governing Bodies Meetings.** Written reports received from DD and GP.

GP referred to the meeting that he attended. DD concerned that list of contacts provided by RR was different to those who attended the SW NGB meeting. GP asked JG about progress with EVA WSP. JG replied that WSP had gone to Sport England and indications were that while we would not get all the funding we asked for it looked as though we would get considerably more than in the past.

JG indicated that six counties had been selected by Julie Smith and Janet Inman across the country to receive priority for CSP development. In the SW the county chosen was Dorset. A set of draft criteria for selection of further counties is now being developed. DD asked JG to take back to Janet concern that there is only one SW county in the original list, which given the size of the region and the amount of volleyball development in the region is inadequate. Draft criteria will be substantive from April.

Areas urged to make contact with CSPs to ensure they know about volleyball and that their generic coaches are trained to be able to deliver volleyball.

GP asked if anyone had made contact with RDAs. No one had done so. JG reported that Kelly Knowles would be providing further information in a volunteer handbook – available on website from April 1<sup>st</sup>.

DD concern that EVA is keeping funding centrally, which is against the Sport England pattern of devolving funding to regions – particularly on paid professional help in regions.

### **6 EVA Updates**

JG made a presentation of EVA developments including Lets Play Volleyball, Volley 123 club mark, volleysport – cards, awards and leaders course.

DW asked if all clubs will be expected to obtain clubmark accreditation. JG replied that they would need to do so in order to receive official approval and have players (particularly juniors) recommended to them. In future parents are likely to be looking for club mark clubs to be able to send their children to.

Wessex have been completing the volley 123 accreditation and GA has found most of the paperwork okay, though the development plan is the most difficult section to complete.

Community Sports Coaching Scheme – full time coach appointed in Lincolnshire, part time in Leicestershire, Surrey applying for. Joint funding by EVA and CSP. In Teeside volleyball and table tennis vying to get the one full time coaching position available. We need to approach CSPs to see if such a post might be available, but also keep in touch with EVA – a full time coach would cost CSP and EVA £12,000 each. Part time posts Sport England will provide £2,000, CSP or governing body needs to fund a similar amount or more.

EVA will pay for CRB checks.

GP thanked JG for her presentation. He now felt better prepared for the next SW NGB meeting.

### **7. Secretary's Report.**

Club Affiliations. Members asked to chase Clubs.

Newsletter – articles please.

Good news about level of coach registrations. Referee registrations still low.

### **8. Treasurer.**

Report distributed in advance. Treasurer to be asked to provide some expenditure figures. DD to provide details of EVA Junior grant application.

### **9. Competitions.**

Report provided in advance. Meeting expressed thanks to KH for his organisation and for ensuring that clubs are clear that they have to carry out their own organisation properly.

SW Championships – confirmed at Weymouth Sports Centre May 14/15

SW Vets – June 5 at Polkyth Leisure Centre, St Austell

### **10. Coaching.**

Brief report received from JM. DD is trying to arrange date for Jefferson Williams course.

### **11 Refereeing.**

Report received from AW. Grade 4 course to be arranged with City of Bristol – date to be confirmed. Will also be one in Plymouth at Mar Jons on April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Possible referees clinic at Whitefield tournament.

### **12. Junior Development.**

Report prepared in advance by DD. Ty Sanderson has resigned as organiser of SWGP, Mike Halse has agreed to step in – thanks to Mike Halse.

Gary Burton has expressed concerns about staffing of boys squads. DD hopes that Nick Hitt would take some sessions.

Brief reports also received from Paul Locke and Gary Burton re the squads.

SW Mini Volleyball Championships – Hutton Moor – Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **11. Beach Volleyball.**

Brief report from DA re possible beach coaching course on June 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>. GA informed the meeting that there would soon be a major meeting in Bournemouth to discuss the establishment of an indoor National Beach Volleyball Centre.

### **12 Womens Volleyball Development**

Report received from VF. Discussion as to how best to arrange development tournament – possible date March 5<sup>th</sup>?

### **14. Area Reports.**

**Cornwall** – report received. DD has organised successful course for Community Sports Coaches.

**Gloucester** – report received. Congratulations to Gloucestershire on having a womens league which many other local associations do not have.

**Poole** – report received. RR commented on a discussion he had with GA about the need for a county association to be established to meet EVA / CSP needs. This could have a bearing in future developments in Devon and other counties.

**Plymouth** – report received. GP talked about the development of a Conference style league.

### **15. Regional Commission Report.**

Report received. Little Regional Commission activity to report on. RR & DW to meet Frances White.

### **14. Other Business.**

DD concerned at amount of paperwork now being distributed.

Child Protection (CRB) check forms available from him.

DR – Perranporth Beach Tournament – June 18/19.

KH to send entry forms for SW Championships and Vets Tournament.

Agreed to make next meeting an Executive Meeting and AGM.

**15. Date of Next Meeting.** - AGM Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Hoped that Janet Inman and Frances Smith would attend to update us on WSP and Regional Commission.

## **SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2004 / 5**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This has been a year in which some major changes have occurred in the volleyball world of the south west. We have faced the sad loss of our dear friend Doreen Dingle, seen the end of a wonderful period of service to the Executive of our vice chairman Roy Pankhurst and had to endure the absence of Ros Sutherland while she travelled the world supporting her husband in his great venture.

As the removal of these significant influences has taken effect it has been gratifying to see the holes that are left close over as new faces come onto the scene. Hardly a new face, I know, but Dan Dingle has been a stalwart influence in the running of the Association this year, holding together so much of the work that had been set up previously by Ros. In the circumstances, his efforts can be described as no less than magnificent. In his first full year as Treasurer, Jon Ward has done a sterling job of taking on the oversight of the Association's finances. This has been a tricky task to say the least but Jon has gone about things quietly and effectively and with the true financial "nowse" of a Scot everything is now well in order again. We all hope that Doreen would approve.

The other "new kid on the block" has been Kevin Hamblin. Kevin's no nonsense approach to organisational matters has made a few people sit up and take notice of the fact that entry into competitions brings with this a degree of responsibility. As a result, our region's leagues and tournaments have run well, issues have been dealt with quickly and efficiently, monies have been collected and wonder of wonders, we have all known exactly what has been going on as Kevin has kept us up to date with regular postings of league tables.

Finally, moving on from my congratulations and thanks to individuals I need to say a big well done to City of Bristol Volleyball Club. We identified the major failing of the region in terms of our involvement in top flight volleyball. The amalgamation of Speedwell and Whitefield was scoffed at by a number of people but the process has worked. Their success in Men's National League division 2 was wonderful to see and this followed by the men's victory in the South West Senior Championships bodes well for the future.

Graham Pearson  
Chairman SWVA

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I believe this has been another mixed season for the region. Junior development remains buoyant with competition successes spread across a wide range of clubs and schools. Congratulations to Portman Wessex for winning the National Boys U18 title and for taking runners up positions in the boys and girls U16 competitions.

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. The 4 regional junior squads continue to offer more talented players the opportunity to receive high quality coaching and the opportunity to represent their region. This was again a good year for the SW, though for the first time in many years we did not gain a victory in the National Regional Junior Championships. Congratulations however to the teams for their final positions: U15 and U17 boys were runners up, U16 girls

were 3rd and U14 girls were 5<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the squad coaches and managers and also to the club and school coaches who have provided them with such a rich pool of talent.

I said last year that I was concerned at the state the adult game at regional / national standards of competition. The SW Leagues continue to attract fewer entries than they used to and Kevin Hamblin suffered from some poor organization by the clubs this year. It was however good to see the new City of Bristol Mens team win NVL division 2 and gain promotion to the top division. Congratulations also to Wessex for taking 5<sup>th</sup> place in Womens NVL Division 1 and for winning Mens NVL Division 3W.

Affiliations to the EVA have held up, but we are not seeing any significant growth in membership anywhere in the region.

This has been a season of transition with a number of new officers taking up positions. We missed Ros Sutherland who was travelling around the world for much of the season. We are grateful to those who stepped in for her in her absence.

As with last year we had some sad times, saying goodbye to Doreen Dingle, former SW Treasurer who died earlier this year. She will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with Dan who in difficult circumstances did so much to take on many of Ros' tasks this year. As always, the strength of the region and its areas come from the quality and dedication of its volunteers. I would like to thank all those who have given so willingly of their time to ensure that we have strong area and regional activities.

Ron Richards  
Secretary

#### **SWVA EXPENSES ACCOUNT 2004/5**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
SWVA Main Account	400.00	Postage	230.29
		Administration	60.00
		Stationery	38.72
		Copying	45.00
		Course Fees	10.00
		Travel	15.75
		Gifts	10.00
		Donations	30.00
Opening Balance	103.04	Closing Balance	63.28
Total	503.04	Total	503.04

Ron Richards  
Secretary, SWVA.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Report on the Financial Year 2004/05



2004/05 has been a very disjointed year financially. The year started well with the SW Champs making a profit after all the costs had been paid, and we have also made a profit in regards of all the senior events held and run this year.

We received an initial grant from the EVA of £3310. This is down from £4250.08 last year. But due to the paper work not been submitted to the EVA we have lost approximately 22% of the initial grant. (about £500) Very disappointing overall.

I received all monies relating to the SW league entries and player registration. But it was very disappointing that the monies for the junior GP's came through in dribs and drabs, which meant it was very difficult to know which events I received money for and which were not.

It is important that we make sure that all monies are sent in a timely manner so as I can keep the records up to date. This is important because we are still paying out for the hall hires. It also does not allow me to feed back whether we are making a profit or lose on the events we are running.

Please can I ask that a concerted effort is made to get all monies to me as soon as an event has taken place? I would also ask that I am informed when these events are taking place and whom I should expect to receive the monies from. This may help me to have a greater idea of when I should be expecting to receive payment for the events.

We have also been able to support the work at Stoke Dameral School by awarding them a grant of £450 towards volleyball equipment.

Overall we have had another positive financial year but there are areas that I have mentioned above that can make the year a lot better.

Treasurer

Jonathan Ward

Accounts to follow at the AGM

### COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Both divisions for the 2004/05 season comprised of 7 teams, with 134 men and 101 women being registered during the course of the season. Playing each team in the division twice would give a 12 match season.

Once the fixtures got underway, tables were issued to all teams regularly via email, on receipt of the completed scoresheets. Some matches were postponed for a variety of reasons, with the aim of them being played before the SW Championships in May. The women's division managed to complete all their games, albeit with a total of eight forfeited matches. The men's division had a total of five forfeited matches, but more alarmingly also had five unplayed matches caused by teams being unable to agree on new dates. These were one triangular fixture, plus two single header matches. The final table shows these matches were not played.

Congratulations go to :	Men's Division	Winners	- Priory
		Runners-up	- Bath Aquae Sulis
	Women's Division	Winners	- Plymouth
		Runners-up	- Torexe

The SW Senior Championships saw a bumper entry of 20 teams for the tournament, played at the Weymouth Sports Club, over the weekend 14/15 May. With 10 teams in both the men's and women's competition, a round robin format was used, with all teams having a minimum of nine matches. The standard of play was very high, with several matches being won by just a few points, plus a few drawn matches for good measure. After two hard days of competition, City of Bristol 1 overcame City of Bristol 2 in an exciting men's final, by 2 sets to 1 and in the women's final a very strong Weymouth-Wessex side beat a spirited City of Bristol team by 2 sets to nil.

The SW Veterans Tournament has been postponed until either 4 or 11 September, due to a clash of events in June. The event will still take place at Polkyth LC, St.Austell, Cornwall, with the latest news being presented at the SW AGM.

A concise report I hope, at the end of my year as the Competitions Secretary. It has been an interesting year and I hope that teams have been happy with the service that I have provided. One area that I have not looked at, in any way at all, is the SW website - I'm not sure if I should apologise for that or not!

A couple of teams have taken the time to send in their ideas on the format for the SW League, and they are appreciated. Whatever shape the Leagues take for the future, there can be no getting away from the fact that once fixtures are agreed, all teams should honour them.

Thanks go to all those people who sent in their paperwork on time, which made my role a little easier.

Enjoy the Summer.

Kevin Hamblin  
SW Competitions Secretary

**SOUTH-WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**MENS DIVISION**

	<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Sets - F</u>	<u>Sets - A</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Priory	12	10	2	30	12	* 31
2	Bath Aquae Sulis	12	7	5	28	20	26
3	Bath University	12	6	6	21	24	24
4	Plymouth DML	11	7	4	21	15	* 22
5	Torexe	10	5	5	20	16	20
6	City of Bristol	8	2	6	9	22	12
7	Plymstock	9	0	9	7	27	* 8
					136	136	

<u>Match Points</u>	
Win	3
Loss	1
Forfeit	0

\* Penalty points deducted

**SOUTH-WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**WOMENS DIVISION**

	<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Sets - F</u>	<u>Sets - A</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Plymouth	12	11	1	34	7	34
2	Torexe	12	10	2	32	13	32
3	Priory	12	9	3	29	11	30
4	Bristol	12	5	7	20	23	22
5	Mavericks	12	5	7	17	26	22
6	Bath Aquae Sulis	12	1	11	9	35	14
7	City of Bristol	12	1	11	7	33	* 6

<u>Match Points</u>	
Win	3
Loss	1
Forfeit	0

\* Deducted 8



Kevin Hamblin

## COMPETITIONS RESULTS

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Mens Premier League	Priory	Bath Aquae Sulis
Womens Premier League	Plymouth	Torex (Devon)
SW Mens Championships	City of Bristol 1	City of Bristol 2
SW Womens Championships	Weymouth / Wessex	City of Bristol
SW Veterans (2004)	Whitefield	Speedwell

## SW COACHING SECRETARY'S REPORT

For a variety of personal reasons I have spent virtually no time on SW coaching for the past 6 months and do not see me having enough time to do much in the next year. The year has not been good from a coaching point of view as nothing has come of it and I will therefore not wish to remain in office. I do hope to be able to attend the AGM.

Jon McGugan

## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

There was a time about a third the way through the season when I reasoned that if I coached a Regional Boys team myself then my problems were over and I could do the job which until that point had been impossible. I actually began to enjoy the job. Sadly my personal circumstances then changed dramatically and I have not done anything properly since.

The season started with the realisation that Tony Pincott, who had agreed to coach a Boys team again this year, had gone to live in Australia and failed to inform anyone connected with the team. We didn't really solve the problem all season. Immediately afterwards the Grand Prix (GP) tournaments began to fall apart as Ty Sanderson lost, but later found, the entrance fees for a tournament and then couldn't be contacted immediately before a grand Prix. He resigned and order was immediately restored by Mike Halse who was happy to take back the reigns and did a superb job in trying to sort out matters. We are enormously in his debt. In the inter- regnum we had run a GP in Plymouth, which was a first, but like all competitions in the far West it attracted few teams from the more distant parts of the Region.

Roy thought he had sorted the Boy's teams but as soon as he departed I learned that there was a good deal of mis- information in the air. Without Gary Burton the Boys teams would have fallen apart, ironically Gary was unable to attend the National Regional Championships, but others stood in and the trip was, I understand, considered a success. Eventually Mark Taylor from Plymstock School stood in as coach to the U17's. The absence of feed back since the trip is a reflection of the lack of communication that I have achieved this year but our results were disappointing compared with the recent glory days of the past. The girl's programme was run by the same two coaches and, apart from the absence of communication and the double payment of our entrance fees, the season seems to have gone smoothly in spite of the change in age groups. My attempts to replace the National competition with matches for the U18's also fizzled out but my thanks to those who had been prepared to help. It is essential that we try to do something for the older girls who will now not have a Regional team in which to play.

The communication from the EVA Office has been in the hands of a new man with Cornish connections, Will by name, and he has done a very good job. The Regional Championships were moved to Loughborough, which although still a 630-mile round trip from Penzance (500 miles from Plymouth) is rather more convenient than other places chosen in the past.

I said in my report to the Executive that currently most of the 'Volleyball establishment' in the South West sees junior development as someone else's problem. Unless we do more to ensure that junior development is embraced by far more teams and individuals our slide from the prominent position we held with regard to junior development will continue. I am sorry that that which may well prove to be my final contribution to the South West Association was so badly done but I am grateful for the sympathy, which has poured towards me. The Volleyball family has proved itself to be just that. I intend to return to live in Jersey which, although still within the Region, makes involvement difficult. I shall, however, like the bad penny, keep turning up. My thanks to those who have helped, without you this year's Junior programme could have been a shambles.

Cheers

Dan Dingle

<b>Junior Championships</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runners Up</b>
U12 Boys	Plymstock Pumas	Melksham
U12 Girls	Portman Wessex	Devizes
U13 Boys	Portman Wessex	Melksham
U13 Girls	Melksham	Priory
U14 Boys	Portman Wessex	Melksham
U14 Girls	Melksham	Devizes
U15 Boys	Wessex	Plymouth
U15 Girls	Wessex	Melksham
U17 Boys	Wessex	Melksham
U17 Girls	Plymouth	Melksham

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 Lydney, U12 Boys Melksham, U12 Girls Melksham, U13 Boys Melksham, U13 Girls Melksham, U14 Wessex, U14 Girls Melksham.

### **SOUTH WEST REGIONAL U14 GIRLS SQUAD** **2004 - 2005**

The structure of the Regional Girls Squads was changed by the EVA for the 2004 - 2005 season. The age limits were lowered from U17 to U16 and from U15 to U14. This had an effect on the players who were involved in the Regional Squads during the previous year. Some girls immediately became too old for the U16 squad and some girls who were looking forward to a second year at U15 were promoted to U16. It also meant that we had to look at a younger age group and a complete new set of players for the U14's.

The other major change to the U14 Squad was to the structure of the game. The teams were to play 4-a-side, setting from position 3 with all players playing each position (no specialisation). Two Squads of 6 players were to be selected with players switching on to serve. These mini squads (Squad A and Squad B) would eventually be entered into separate competitions at the Junior Inter Regional Competition.

Only one girl from the previous U15 squad returned to play with the U14 squad this year so we had to start fresh with recruitment and training.

The first session was held in September as an introduction and trial for the squad. Ten girls attended at U14 and 19 girls attended for U16. Girls attended from Sidmouth, Westbury, Burnham and Melksham. Girls from Devises also attended later sessions.

The Squads trained for 5 hours once per month on a Saturday. Different venues around the Region were used to reduce the travelling time and costs for the girls. Local schools were used as venues for the training sessions.

In February both Squads attended a Link Training Camp held at Ashcombe Volleyball Centre. This was a full weekend camp linking with the girls from The South East Regional Squads. The girls trained intensively over both days working with Senior Coaches Jeffersom Williams, Nick Appleton, Craig Handford and Pete Brooks along with their Regional Coaches. The England Junior Girls Squad were also training at Ashcombe over the same weekend. It gave the girls from our Region the opportunity to see the next level of volleyball and the level of commitment required to achieve it. All the girls who attended the camp benefited greatly from this weekend of intensive training.

This year the Inter Regional competition was held at Loughborough University over the Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of May.

The 4-a-side U14 competition was held in Victory Hall adjacent to the main sports hall. The A and B competition ran at the same time and were played on Badminton sized courts. With both competitions running together and both teams often on court at the same time, it was difficult for me to coach both Squads. Thanks to Jenny and Janna for stepping in to help with the Coaching of the B Squad. The scores for both A and B squads were added together to give the overall score for the Region. We finished in joint third place but on countback were placed fifth out of seven.

The changes made to the Regional Programme at U14 level have been very positive. With each girl playing in each position, having to hit, set, serve and defend / receive, the involvement of the individual player in a rally has been increased. With no specialisation, each player is forced to become involved and develop their basic skills at an early stage.

It was the first time that this format had been played at the Inter Regional Competition and there were some teething problems. I am sure with time and good management these will be ironed out.

I have many people to thank for this enjoyable year. Firstly my thanks go to all the girls in the Squad and to those who trained regularly but did not attend the Finals. They worked hard to build a great team spirit and made each training session memorable. My thanks also go to Sue Pierce, Helen Pardy and Ron Richards for their help, encouragement and continued support. Thanks as always to Jenny for her work as Team Manager to both Girls Squads.

Congratulations to Stephanie Smith from Melksham for her selection into the 'Super 6' squad of players, voted for by the Regional coaches and the National Squad Staff.

Good luck to all the girls moving up to the U16 squad next season.

## **SQUAD MEMBERS**

Lizzy Smith	Devizes
Kate Pearce	Devizes
Kelly Woolford	Melksham
Rebecca Ashworth	Melksham
Stephanie Smith	Melksham
Kerry Matthews	Burnham
Sophie Burridge	Burnham
Kelly Linthorne	Burnham
Emilly Brennand	Westbury
Diana Chard	Westbury
Rosie Kirk	Westbury
Charis Mckenna	Sidmouth

Paul Locke.

### SW UNDER 16 GIRLS SQUAD

Two competitions in the space of seven days saw the climax of the U/16 Girls 2005 Season. Sunday the 24th April the Girls participated in the Exeter Ladies Volleyball Challenge. This was a two pool tournament with National, Regional and Local League teams taking part. By the end of the day the girls finished in a very creditable sixth place.

This competition was the squads final preparation for the Junior Inter Regional Championships which was held at Loughborough University over the Bank Holiday week end. Day one saw the squad finish in runners up position in pool A, with a score of 2 & 1.

S.W v Yorkshire: 25 - 14 & 25 - 12 (W)

S.W v W Midlands: 25 -17 & 25 - 20 (W)

S.W v S.E: 12 - 25, 25 -16 & 9 - 15 (L)

Day two the Girls met the North West Region in the Semi Finals. Unfortunately our opponents were a little too strong for us and we lost the match 0 -2.

S.W v N.W: 14 -25 & 16 - 25 (L)

However in the 3/4 place play off we rallied our spirits to finish in a very respectable 3rd.

Vicky Telfer (Captain)	Melksham
Amelie Exton	Melksham
Amy Pattenden	Melksham
Kimberly Smith	Melksham
Kelly Telfer	Melksham
Becky Turner	Melksham
Sarah Lumley	Wessex
Georgie Tinker	Wessex
Natalie Smith	Exeter
Laura Davies	Priory
Ali Campbell	King Alfreds
Amanda Johnson	King Alfreds

Paul Reed

### U15 AND U17 BOYS SQUADS

Reports not received

OFFICIALS SECRETARY

I hope that the committee can propose a local referee, preferably active within SWVA league, for award of the trophy during the AGM if there are no proposals, I would like to propose Cheryl Whittles.

All of the national referee work fits well with the aspirations for local referee development. The Referee Commission work is split across a number of development areas:

Development director Denis Le Breuilly	Team responsible for Entry Level refereeing, Grade 4, Grade 3R, Grade 3N, Scorer Award, Junior Referee Award etc.
Staff director Stewart Dunne	Team responsible for Staff Training, Observation & Assessment etc
Administrative director Bernard Kilkenny	Team responsible for overall liaison, NVL, budget, personnel, disciplinary etc
Technical director Dudley Williams	Team responsible for publications, documentation, rules etc

There have been several recent up-gradings for referees in the South West - Su Brennand, Veronica Francis, Kevin Hamblin, Charlie Huitson, Fred Lawson. Ian Loke, Graham Pearson, Dave Robson and Cheryl Whittles have all progressed from 3R to 3N. These awards are made by Referee Commission, on receipt of a body of observation reports, which show that the candidates have consistently fulfilled the criteria for the higher grade over an extended period of time - so congratulations to all.

Congratulations also go to the South West referees that were appointed to officiate at the National finals: Denis Le Breuilly, Richard Morten, Andy Skidmore, Nick Heckford, Andy Worrall - well done to all.

Andy Worrall

## **WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - ANNUAL REPORT**

Having tried to organize two development days it has become obvious that this approach doesn't seem to be the way forward.

The first was arranged for Sunday, 31 October 2004, the weekend before schools returned from Half Term. I advertised it in most of the schools in Devon and East Cornwall as well as some sports centres and libraries. It was advertised for individuals and the price was £3 per person, payable on the day. One response was received via telephone, but the person concerned didn't show up. At the time, I thought that the lack of interest was because of the short notice - about three weeks - or the fact that it was advertised as a coaching day followed by a mini tournament. The cost may also have been a disincentive.

The second development day was planned for Saturday, 5 March 2005. Taking the lessons of the first development day to heart, I timed the advertising to give two months notice and I expanded the scope to systematically include every school in Devon and East and Mid-Cornwall, every library and every sports centre and included some Naval bases and health



clubs. This time it was advertised as a team event with four players per team and an entrance fee, to be paid in advance, of £1 per player. Despite this considerable effort, only two teams had registered by the deadline. After some deliberation, I decided to cancel the event because it would not have been cost-effective and there would have been insufficient players to make for an enjoyable day.

One problem that afflicted both development days was finding a suitable date. The issue being that just about every weekend throughout the season is taken up by other volleyball events. This means either picking dates out of season or coming up with a fresh approach.

A possibility for the future may be to combine a development day with large local or National volleyball competitions. This will mean that the venues for these events will have to provide sufficient numbers of courts to satisfy the requirements of both competition and development, which is likely to limit where they can be held. On the other hand, my experience at this year's Exeter Ladies' Challenge was that this was an ideal way to encourage the participation of novices and women who don't play regularly.

Veronica Francis

## AREA REPORTS

### CORNWALL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Secretary - Dave Robson

Prepared by - Dave Robson

#### COMPETITION:

Two league Divisions      7 Div 1/7 Div2

Down one team from last year, but several of the multi-team clubs struggling for numbers. Countrymen won Div One undefeated, after a very close match against Culdrose (came back from 0-2). Countrymen B and Culdrose B tied at top of Div Two and will play -off in June. League tables are attached.

#### COACHING:

Useful liaison established with CSP and Sports Action Zone Personnel, resulting in two Award Courses, one for Community Sports Coaches followed by one for Primary School Teachers, both run by Dan Dingle and based on the Volleyball Sports Card System.

#### REFEREEING:

Two successful upgrades to 3N, but no new courses as yet.

#### JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:

Camborne and Helston Community Schools continue to play in the local leagues, but we have still been unable to generate any entries for Regional competitions, a priority target when we eventually appoint Dan's replacement. C/P/R College continue to maintain their links with local Primary schools forged two years ago when the Sports Science students went "into the community".

#### VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT/TRAINING

Nothing to report, but would like to try and attend the Loughborough "Bash", work commitments permitting. That has the potential to be a useful forum.

#### ANY OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST:

Much sadness at the tragic loss of Doreen Dingle, which I fear will result in Dan moving on in the near future. He will be VERY sorely missed.

This Late Bank Holiday weekend sees the visit of Loughborough Students, who will be playing a league select side in one of our "agricultural" indoor venues, it will probably be one of the last appearances locally by Dan Dingle. Should also be interesting to see how the visitors fare in a hall which causes problems to locals due to its somewhat modest free zone.

The local sides very much looking forward to hosting our first regional event, i.e. the Veterans Tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Countrymen V.C. looking to progress their Volley 1-2-3 pack during the closed season.

#### Cornwall Volleyball Leagues Final Tables May 2005

##### Division One Table

TEAM	Playe d	Won	Lost	For	Again st	Pen Pts	Points
Countrymen A	12	12	0	36	2	0	36
Newquay	12	8	3	25	12	0	29
Culdrose A	10	7	3	23	15	1	23
Truro	10	4	6	18	22	0	18
Helston	10	3	7	11	25	0	16
Young Farmers A	9	2	7	10	21	1	12
Kernow Ladies	11	0	10	2	30	0	12

##### Division Two Table

TEAM	Playe d	Won	Lost	For	Again st	Pen Pts	Points
Countrymen B	12	11	1	34	11	0	34
Culdrose B	12	11	1	35	10	0	34
St Austell Spikers	12	7	5	27	22	1	25
RAF St Mawgan	11	5	6	18	19	0	21
Cornwall College	9	2	7	8	21	0	13
Young Farmers B	10	1	9	12	28	0	12

Camborne S&CC	10	1	9	4	27	1	11
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Dave Robson  
Secretary.

## EXETER & DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

No report received

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Name of Association 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 = 7, Div 2 = 9, Women=6

Progress compared to last season - growth or contraction? Contraction

Comments From Div 1 we have lost Caldicot and Trendsetters, but have gained Vale, created from last year's promotion-winning Eagles I. Div 2 is also smaller, with Pate's not being able to field a team, and Eagles I re-emerging as Vale. Stroud will not be running a second team, but we have a new team, the VC10s based at Brize Norton. The Women's league also has changed a little, Trendsetters only fielding one side, but the University adding a second team. Last year's Lydney team has not entered, but many of their players will re-emerge in the new Caldicot 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's good work goes on, as does Dave Tatlow's with his Farmors (Fairford) School side. Lesley Jeanes continues to organise at Pate's, although this time around she is unable to enter the league.

### VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT / TRAINING:

Number of courses organised? None

GENERAL PROGRESS AGAINST SW and LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS?

The committee is still under-strength, and unfortunately no one is in a position to take on the Development role. Little progress has therefore been made.

#### ANY OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST?

The geographical bounds of the GVA continue to unfurl, with Brize Norton joining the league. GVA-affiliated teams are competing in the NVL this season - Stroud and two from Bristol.

#### GVA Season Review

The Bournside club from Cheltenham took most of the honours in the GVA this year, with their first and second teams winning their respective divisions, though a clean sweep of trophies was prevented when a fired-up Stroud side won the Cup Final. In the Women's competitions, Caldicot and Javelins shared the silverware, Javelins winning the league from Caldicot, with the positions reversed in the Cup. Bristol won the Men's Plate competition.

Bournside I only lost two league games all season, one early on to a University side that was later plagued with availability problems, and then in early March to Stroud, whose young side developed well as the season progressed, finally finishing runners-up. Sandford overcame a slow start to finish third, closely pursued by Bristol. The University's problems meant they were forced to concede 4 games, so their fifth place may not show their true strength. Ross and Vale finished with identical records, though both sides pulled off victories over top 4 sides. Stroud's Kim Nilsson was the Division 1 player of the year.

The Bournside second string snatched a narrow victory in the race for Division 2, with only 4 points separating the top three, and City of Bristol would also have been in contention had they been able to complete their fixtures. Farmor's of Fairford beat Champions Bournside II in both league encounters, but face a re-building phase again next season as most of their players leave school. Lydney topped the table early in the season, helped by their strong junior set-up, and only a late defeat at the hands of City of Bristol prevented sets difference needing to be used to decide the title. VC10s and Glos Police both suffered with work-related availability problems, whilst Abbey Wood continued to surprise some teams, and also provided Division Two's player of the year Dale Walkden. Eagles and University II provided one of the latest nights of the season, when they played their two fixtures back-to-back, dividing the spoils and so just keeping Eagles ahead.

Javelins and Caldicot both lost only two game only in the Women's Division, and it was the points gained in the those defeats that eventually handed the title to Javelins, though Caldicot gained revenge with a fine 3-1 win in the Cup final, and also provided the divisions' Player of the Year in the person of Maria Baptista-Norris. University I were well clear in third, whilst the highlight of Stroud's fourth place was a win over champions Javelins. Trendsetters remained competitive through the season and only just missed out on qualifying for the Cup final, whilst a young University II never gave up, and will hope that their efforts this season will help them next season.

Mens Div 1	P	W	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Bournside I	18	16	2	50	14	36	82
Stroud	18	12	6	42	26	16	66
Sandford	18	11	7	36	28	8	58
Bristol	18	9	9	37	35	2	55
Glos Uni I	18	7	11	24	42	-18	38
Ross	18	4	14	22	44	-22	30
Vale	18	4	14	22	44	-22	30

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Womens Div	P	W	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Javelins	15	13	2	41	11	30	67
Caldicot	15	13	2	39	9	30	65
Glos Uni I	14	8	6	29	22	7	45
Stroud	13	5	8	19	27	-8	29
Trendsetters	13	3	10	14	32	-18	20
Glos Uni II	14	0	14	1	42	-41	1

Mens Div 2	P	W	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Bournside II	16	12	4	42	15	27	66
Farmors	16	12	4	39	24	15	63
Lydney	16	11	5	40	24	16	62
City of Bristol	13	10	3	32	12	20	52
VC10s	15	8	7	24	24	0	40
Glos Police	13	4	9	19	31	-12	27
Abbey Wood	15	4	11	17	38	-21	25
Eagles	16	2	14	16	44	-28	20
Glos Uni II	12	3	9	12	29	-17	18

### POOLE AND DISTRICT VA

There was good news again in junior volleyball: Wessex Sportset National Under 18 Men's Champions (Runners-up U16 boys and girls, 3rd U18 women, U15 boys and girls).

At senior level: Wessex Women 5th In Natl Lge Div 1, Wessex Men won Div 3 South-West (promoted to Div 2).

In the local league: 4 divisions (1 women's) of Coles Miller Winter League (Sandbanks won Div 1 for 1st time, and Wessex Ladies the women's division. Also a Summer League being arranged.

Level 1 Coaches Course - 13 new coaches

Portman Building Society Junior Development - coaching in schools, 6 mini-volley Grand Prix tournaments, schools age-group championships at U12, 13, 14, 16 and 18.

Beach - still very popular. Sandbanks Classic had over 200 teams, and hosted the British Senior and Junior Championships (lots of local champions - details available if wanted).

Representative honours: England women - Leanne Eddie, Zara Dampney. England junior men - Alex Robertson, England junior women - Leanne Eddie, Henri Creasey, Hannah Ruddick, Zara Damney, Vicky Palmer

Geoff Allen

### PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT

No report received

This year has seen some expansion in Wiltshire with 19 teams entering the Mixed League (3 divisions), and 12 teams in the Ladies and Juniors League (2 divisions). Aquae Sulis of Bath won the top division of the Mixed League, and Melksham won the top division of the Ladies and Juniors League. Additionally 3 mixed league tournaments and 3 ladies tournaments have been played. This increase in competition has resulted in over 300 registered players, of which approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  are female. Unfortunately one Mixed League 2<sup>nd</sup> Division team (Steam Bath of Bath University) was suspended for poor administration but it is hoped they will re-enter next season.

Teams from Devizes, Calne, Westbury, Trowbridge and Melksham took part in the successful Mini Grande Prix volleyball series for under 11s to under 14s. The county has ladies representative teams (Mavericks) in the SW League and Division 2 of the NVL; the Mavericks NVL squad has achieved its most successful season finishing fourth in Division 2, under the coaching of Cliff Ball in his last season as coach. Unfortunately there is not a men's Mavericks squad due to a lack of coaches with the time to commit.

The Melksham junior section has continued to support both SW and National junior squads with several players. Calne and Devizes have also supplied a player each to the SW squads.

A Scorers Course was organised in October and a Grade IV Referees Course in April produced 22 newly qualified referees, 17 from Wiltshire.

In summary, this has been a very successful season for the county but there are coaching concerns at the higher levels with both the Mavericks Ladies teams losing their coaches.

Richard Morten  
WVA Co-Chair

