

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

Minutes of A.G.M held on 11th June 2005 at Priory Community School Weston Super Mare.

1. **Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed members and spoke with sadness of the death earlier in the year of Doreen Dingle, former SW Treasurer. A silent reflection was observed in memory of and respect to Doreen. A presentation was made to Dan Dingle to thank him for his work for SWVA over many years.

2. **Attendance and Apologies**
Present: G. Pearson, R. Richards, K. Hamblin, A. Worrall, D. Williams, R. Morten, D. Dingle, M. Horseman, R. Sutherland, V Francis, J. McGugan, G Burton, K Knowles, T Clifford, P Locke, C Staines, J Ward, R Pankhurst, H Muller.

Apologies: D Robson, M.Halse, C Pearson, S Lewis, D. Austin, S Dobney, J Kaskow, D Jenkins, R Dreher, G Allen, J Burt, W Nicholas, M Bowes,

3. **Minutes & Matters arising**

Minutes of A.G.M held on 13th June 2004 were approved.

Minutes of the SW Executive Meeting on January 8th, 2005 were approved.

DW asked about progress on volunteer handbook. KK replied that it was not yet ready, but would be soon. DD reported that it had not been possible to arrange the coaching course with Jefferson Williams.

4. **Reports.**

Written Reports were circulated in advance from the following officers:

4(a) Chairman. GP congratulated City of Bristol on their success and foresight. However DD questioned whether the other essential elements had been provided such as coaching and referees courses. GB suggested that it was early days and that these would be provided in future. RR suggested that we look again at this under Area Associations. He also suggested that all of our top clubs should be applying for Clubmark.

4(b) Secretary. DW asked about affiliations. RR replied that they were about level with the past, though he expressed concern that he only got figures if he asked the National Office for them.

4(c) Treasurer. Accounts were handed out to the members present. JW expressed concern that we had not received all the income from the EVA that we had expected due to some boys squad sessions not taking place and also

due to poor returns from the boys squads. Discussion took place on this. RS clarified the methods by which the SW funded its junior squads – in the past RS asked the squads how many sessions would take place, a grant application was then completed and the region would then receive funding on the basis of completed activity reports sent to EVA. PL would like a clear indication of the sum available to the squads at the start of the season. DD and RS urged the Association to use its balance for the year to underwrite the junior squads. This was agreed by the meeting.

4(d)Competitions.

GP thanked KH for his efficient organisation of competitions during the season. Concern was expressed at the lack of neutral, appointed referees for SW Championships. Agreed to ask the Officials Secretary to investigate this for further seasons. DD expressed concern that the Veterans Tournament was postponed. KH explained the reasons - the clash with the Weymouth Tournament and the unavailability of some teams.

Concern was expressed at the use of chairs to get referees on to jumping horses at SW Championships. AW suggested that if proper referees stands were not available referees should be refereeing from the floor. KK will take back to EVA the need for the issue of referee stands and post protectors to be included in equipment guidelines available to Sports Centres and Local Authorities. Proposed by AW that SWVA purchases 4 sets of padding for posts to be used at official events – this was agreed. Agreed that at SW Official Tournaments, including SW League matches, correct referee stands should be used and if not available the referee should stand on the floor.

Concern also expressed at the lack of centre lines for the SW Championships at Weymouth.

PL asked for clarification on the allocation of dates for SW League matches. KH explained that dates were written in accordance with teams lists of available dates. Teams were asked to check and verify them prior to season starting. Problems only developed after the playing season had started. Discussion took place on entry dates and the difficulties faced through having university / college sides.

4(e)Coaching.

JG apologised for not having been able to carry out the role as he would have liked during the year.

4(f) Officials.

Bert Williams Award to be awarded to Sue Brennand of Wiltshire. Congratulations to all those listed in the report who have been promoted this year.

4(g) Junior Development. No further discussion following the full written report.

4(h) Junior Squads.

PL reported that this had been a good year for the girls squads, particularly as this was a transition year with the introduction of the younger age groups and the 4 a side U14 event. Concern was expressed at the lack of opportunities for girls in U17 / U18 age range. RP believed that the boys squads had achieved their objectives of reaching the finals. GB was grateful to Mark Taylor and Ty Sanderson for their help and support.

4(i) Womens Development

VF expressed her concern at the difficulties she had faced in trying to get some development activities going. HM felt that interest / demand had to come from the clubs. GP suggested that VF could work more directly with the clubs. PL suggested a tournament similar to that run by Dave Reece.

4(j) EVA Regional Commission Representative. No written report received. DW provided verbal report. There have been no Commission meetings this year and the meetings arranged with Frances White have not taken place. Discussion took place on EVA AGM agenda items – particularly the motion of no-confidence in the Competitions President – agreed that SWVA representative should be delegated to listen to the debate on the day and use his best judgement to vote. With regard to alcohol sponsorship the SW representative will vote against the AGM motion and will support the current regulation remaining in place.

4(k) Beach Volleyball – written report available on the day.

4(l) Team Bath – written report available on the day.

4(m) Area Associations

Cornwall – report received

Gloucestershire – report received

Poole – report received

Wiltshire – report received

PL requested that there should in future be a report from the Bristol and District League.

5. Election of Officers. 2005/6.

Chairman:	Graham Pearson	Officials:	Andy Worrall.
Vice Chair:	Roy Pankhurst.	Coaching:	vacant
Secretary:	Ron Richards.	Junior Devel':	Ros Sutherland
Treasurer:	Jonathan Ward.	Womens Devel':	Veronica Francis
Competitions:	Kevin Hamblin.		
E.V.A.Rep.:	Deryck Williams.		
Child Protection:	Cheryl Pearson		
Beach Volleyball:	vacant		
Executive Members:	Henk Muller, Richard Morten, Tim Clifford, and Dave Robson.		

6 Urgent Planning Items

- a) **Competitions.** KH proposed that League rules be amended. Agreed that KH would produce list of proposed changes for consideration by clubs and that the final decision would be made by Chairman, Secretary and Competitions Secretary. RS proposed an U19 competition. GP will contact Team Bath to check on Bath University as a possible venue for SW Championships May 13/14), Plymouth to be held in reserve. Veterans September 11th venue as currently arranged and to be repeated each September. GB suggested a central venue for SW League matches to make fixtures more attractive, given travelling distances, refereeing commitments etc. DD suggested a hybrid with one central event and the remaining matches
- b) **Junior Development.** U15/17 – Bristol to investigate venue, RS to allocate date. Mini Championships - RR volunteered to run it at Hutton Moor. U19 – Exeter or Poole? Mike Halse agreed to do Grand Prix fixtures. Volunteers needed to arrange individual events – bookings, on the day management etc. Plymouth and Wiltshire will each organise one. Sue Pierce and Poole to be invited to run one.
- c) **Junior Squads** – RP and RS to arrange structure for boys squads, coaches for boys squads, budget for all squads and EVA training dates / SW training dates. RS would like to look at whole coaching structure.
- d) **Coaching** – awaiting appointment of coaching secretary.
- e) **Refereeing** – to be organised by AW

7 EVA Updates

KK provided an information sheet about Workforce Development and spoke about the Whole Sport Plan and Marketing Strategy. She stressed the importance of increasing the number of active volunteers, qualified and active coaches and also of implementing a volunteer strategy. GP asked what the grant aid was for Whole Sport Plan. KK explained that the amount we will receive as exchequer funding is £350,000 per year. In addition to this over the next 2 years we will receive some funding from DCMS for PE and school sport club links (PESSCL)

and Step into sport (SIS) this is for £67,000. This means we will be getting £417,000 for 2 years and £350,000 for the last 2 years if no further DCMS funding is available. GP asked how the EVA would be providing information as to how to work with County Sports Partnerships. KK said that the contact would have been Jemma Green, but she is leaving, hopefully to be replaced. RR asked that a clear document be made available to regions and areas as to what Whole Sport Plan entails and how regions and areas are expected to contribute to the plan and how they may benefit from it. Members expressed concern that they had not seen the EVA newsletter, which is available on the EVA website.

8. Dates of Meetings.2005/6.

Executive: Saturday October 1st or 8th to avoid NVL.
Saturday January 21st
A.G.M: Saturday June 10th.