

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

Minutes of A.G.M held on 9th June 2007 at Priory Community School, Weston Super Mare.

1. Welcome.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Present: G. Pearson, R. Richards, K. Hamblin, D. Williams, M. Horseman, R. Sutherland, C Pearson, P Locke, J Ward, T Smith, A Worrall, R Morten, S Morten, A Conquest, M Silvester, H Muller,

Apologies: D Robson, S Lewis, D. Austin, G Allen, G Burton, K Lewis, B Wright, M Halse

3. Minutes & Matters arising

Minutes of A.G.M held on 10th June 2006 were approved. There were no matters arising

Minutes of the SW Executive Meeting on March 10th, 2007 were approved. No progress on Coaches Conference. GP intending to run Referees course in Plymouth. Wiltshire have one booked on Sept 15/16.

4. Reports.

Written Reports were circulated in advance from the following officers:

4(a) Chairman.

4(b)Secretary. RR complimented Volleyball England on the now regular regional affiliation updates. Concern from the meeting about lack of communication from and with Bath University. RS suggested using Denise Austin as a contact. GP suggested a meeting with Bath University at the University. In addition RR to write to Ged Roddy.

4(c)Treasurer. As a result of some confusion, on the part of the Treasurer, in the accounts of the boys and girls squads the overall accounts have now been rewritten and were available to the meeting. The accounts for the financial year are now in profit.

Agreed to support the junior squads with a set of 12 balls each. PL to negotiate a price with Sportset at the Whitefield Tournament.

JW concerned that often he did not know when the junior events were taking place. Discussion took place on the website and lack of up to date information - HM volunteered to take over administration of the site.

PL concerned that SW are not involved in the National Developing Clubs and Coaches network (due to Sport England SW not agreeing to support this). RR to speak to Craig Handford about this.

4(d)Competitions. KH provided more information about the difficulties faced with some mens teams this season. GP was pleased with the more professional presentation of the SW Championships with the post protectors and the pool of referees.

4(e)Coaching. GP reported that there was a Level 2 course in Plymouth.

4(f) Referees. AW suggested that funding be made available for referees attending the SW Championships - agreed in principle, though concern that entry fees should not rise too much - with a limit of £5 or £10 extra. GP also to investigate possible funding from Plymouth City Council.

4(g)Junior Development.

4(h)Junior Squads. PL outlined how Kim Smith and Janna Rogers, former squad members had been recruited as squad coaches and were excellent, receiving many positive comments. RS commented that both boys squad coaches were not available for the coming season.

4(i) Beach Volleyball. AC concerned that the Countryman Beach tournament was not covered in the national volleyball media. RS suggested that it would be helpful if they could produce their own publicity information and send it in. AW concerned that the national programme includes too many events - with clashes with other events such as Whitefield - leading to difficulties for referees and administrators. He felt that there would be a shortage of referees for the beach events.

4(j) EVA Regional Commission Representative. Report tabled on the day. Very little national activity re regional developments. Discussion

about regional associations and the differences in regions across the country. Concern was expressed that other regions were receiving funding from Volleyball England and then not carrying out a full regional programme.

4(k)Area Associations

Cornwall - report received. Schools beach tournament at Newquay on July 20th. GP suggested that Countryman should apply for Volley 1 2 3 Award - help is available from national association and possibly from local sports development officers.

Exeter - no report received. RS reported that she and Mike Halse were no longer involved in the Exeter Association. She believes a league will be organized.

Gloucestershire - report received. Has been a growth of teams with a wider geographical boundary. RS asked what the Junior Development Officer was doing. MH provided information about his work with Chosen Hill.

Poole - report received. The 80 entries for local junior championships was noted as a particular success.

Plymouth - report received. GP expressed concern at what would happen to the league next year. Developments are better at the top end. A transitional time.

Wiltshire - report received. RM noted recent interest from a new club in Swindon.

5. Election of Officers. 2007/8.

Chairman:	Graham Pearson	Officials:	Andy Worrall.
Vice Chair:	Henk Muller	Coaching:	Vacant
Secretary:	Ron Richards.	Junior Dev	Ros Sutherland
Treasurer:	Jonathan Ward.		
Competitions:	Kevin Hamblin.		
E.V.A.Rep.:	Deryck Williams.		
Child Protection:	Cheryl Pearson		
Beach Volleyball:	Vacant		

Executive Members: Richard Morten, Paul Locke,

6 Urgent Planning Items

- a) **Competitions.** Vets - September 2nd, Bristol University. SW League - entry booklets out soon, closing date end of July. SW Championships - May 10/11 (to allow SW League winners to play in National Regional Champions Event on May 17/18) - Plymouth available unless any other area steps forward.
- b) **Junior Development.** U15/17 - Feb 2nd - possibly Christie Miller. Grand Prix - Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 12 or Mar 15 (also SW Mini Champs) - to be agreed
- c) **Junior Squads.** Provisional boys squad dates agreed, but currently no coaches for the squads. Girls squads personnel as current, will train on national squads weekends.
- d) **Coaching** - RS suggested developing coaching conferences through junior squads programmes.
- e) **Refereeing** - possible joint conference with coaches.
- f) **Beach** - awaiting selection of a Beach Volleyball Officer

- 7 **Report from National Governing Bodies Meeting in May - Ros Sutherland.** GP believes that NGBs could gain additional funding in the next few years and that this is the right time to be involved in NGBs and County Sports Partnerships. GP to attend Building Schools for the Future event in Bridgwater, RR may be able to attend a similar meeting in Bristol.
- 8 **Request from Volleyball England for funding to support extension of hours of Employment of Dorset Community Volleyball Coach.** RR outlined the content of a letter from Will Roberts. In his reply RR said that he would bring the issue to this meeting, but that he was concerned that the association had received no formal contact or reports from Ian Loke. It was agreed that in the light of not knowing what Ian was doing and because there could be further similar requests from other areas, at this moment it was not possible to agree to the request for funding. RR to respond.
- 9 **Proposal by Dan Dingle to establish annual awards for volunteers - to include referee (as existing), coach and volunteer / administrator.** Agreed to support this proposal and establish an additional annual award for a volunteer and to ask

DD if he would be willing for it to be named the Doreen Dingle Award

- 10 Development Plan. To consider final draft and to plan for implementation.**
Agreed to send latest updates to members. Also agreed to make this the major agenda item at the next meeting, where members responsible for each section could lead the discussion.

11 Dates of Meetings 2007/8 (at Priory Community School)

Executive: Saturday September 22nd

Saturday January 5th

A.G.M: Saturday June 7th

- 12 AOB** - congratulations to RS on her National Award "Putting volleyball into the heart of the community".

Concern from AC that it took so long for his coach registration card to be returned from Volleyball England.

PL informed the meeting of the UK School Games in Bristol in August 2008 - which will include volleyball.