

**SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009**

Minutes of A.G.M held on 6th June 2009 at Priory Community School, Weston Super Mare.

1		Welcome.
2		Attendance G. Pearson, R. Richards, R. Sutherland, A Worrall, R Morten, L Wainwright, M Silvester, A Nicholls, D. Williams, M. Horseman, J Ward, H Muller, S Brennan, J Jankowski,
3		Apologies K. Hamblin, D Austin, A Conquest, P Locke, C Pearson, Y Saker, S Lewis, D Walrond, S Paessler, M Beck, G Allen,
4		Minutes & Matters arising Minutes of A.G.M held on 7th June 2008 were approved. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW asked if the SW was involved in UKSG this year. RM responded we were only involved through the South team. • AW - beach referee training did not take place due to issues re pricing structure (now resolved). Minutes of the SW Executive Meeting on March 14 th , 2009 were approved. There were no matters arising.
5		Reports - were all noted and accepted:
	a	Chairman.
	b	Secretary. SW Annual Awards were noted. It is hoped that there may be more nominations next year.
	c	Treasurer.
	d	Competitions Secretary RM questioned the make up of a team at the SW Championships. In this particular instance the committee were happy with the situation, as the players were ex members of the club. Agreed to discuss with KH at the next meeting. Congratulations to Plymouth Women, winners of the Regional Champions Trophy.
	e	Coaching Secretary Tutor pack - LW apologized for the delay, due to attempts to seek sponsorship. It is now sponsored and ready for printing. RS has used the pack and found it very helpful - particularly for those in education, though she was concerned that it did not match up with other publications. GP asked about the FIVB course. LW replied that 40 had registered, but she

			could not provide names - she would ask Steve Jones to provide further information.
f	Referees Secretary		RS asked if a course could be arranged in Exeter and the possibility of financial support. RM suggested that RS contacted Stuart Dunne.
g	Junior Development Officer		RS hopes that Ruth Lovell will arrange an U19 (colleges based) competitions next year. GP asked if we would be working with CSC Competitions Managers. RS has had no contact with them, though DA had in Devon. GP to find out about the Regional NGB group. Area Secretaries encouraged to contact their local CSCs.
h	Junior Squads		Congratulations to the squads on their excellent performance this year - winning three titles.
i	Beach Volleyball Development Officer		Congratulations to DA on the organization of such a large number of junior beach events this summer.
j	VE Regional Commission Representative		Has not attended a meeting this year - hence no report. RR has attended Regional Chairs meetings (two this year). LW sees the Regional Chairs meeting as an Advisory Group. Discussions are taking place re the future structure of national / regional communication and organization. The meeting thanked DW for his many years of service in this role, from which he wishes to stand down.
k	Area Associations. Reports were received from:		
	Cornwall		Dave Robson has resigned as Secretary after many years of excellent service, his successor has not yet been appointed.
	Exeter		RR suggested that the Exeter Association should nominate another person to attend SW meetings in addition to RS. RS is trying to arrange this. It is hoped that the committee membership next year will be broader than just the one club (who did effectively "save" the league this year).
	Gloucestershire		Discussion took place over the set up at Hartpury College and the potential for work with them.
	Jersey		LW to look at potential for a way of bringing the Association into an affiliated status.
	North Devon		RS asked LW to ensure that VE calendar decisions were made early and not changed and also that U14 structure be looked at urgently (particularly its 4v4 structure).
	Poole and Bournemouth		Hoping to bring players from teams that have folded into existing clubs. Have been some difficulties this year re new venue - but hopeful of new clubs next year.
	Wales		RR noted that we will lose affiliations next year as VE clubs in Wales are affiliated to the Welsh Association in future. RR suggested that we will need to discuss whether Welsh

		clubs would still be allowed to take part in SW competitions.
	Team Bath	A report was tabled on the day. The report showed a very comprehensive programme in place, for which the meeting offered their congratulations. Members hoped that there could be more ongoing communication between Team Bath and SWVA. RR to write to Simone Lewis about Team Bath and the possibility of them being more involved in the SW coaching administration structure.
	Wiltshire	There is currently no Chair. No meetings have taken place, but this will be resolved.
	Other	DW asked what had happened in Plymouth. GP reported that there was no local association, but there has been a league. There are successful regional and national league teams. There should be a better structure in place next season.
6	Election of Officers . The following officers were appointed:	
	a	Chairman Graham Pearson
	b	Vice Chairman Henk Muller
	c	Secretary Ron Richards
	d	Treasurer Jon Ward
	e	Competitions Secretary Kevin Hamblin
	f	Coaching Secretary vacant
	g	Referees Secretary Andy Worrall
	h	Junior Development Officer Ros Sutherland
	i	Beach Volleyball Development Officer Denise Austin
	j	VE Regional Commission Representative Ron Richards (with Deryck Williams as reserve)
	k	Child Protection Officer Richard Morten
	l	Executive Officers Paul Locke Deryck Williams
7	<p>Volleyball England Update - Lisa Wainwright, Chief Executive</p> <p>LW was grateful for the opportunity to attend and congratulated the Association on its 40 successful years. She commented on it being a busy year, with a lot having happened in that time.</p> <p>Sometimes things are not in the control of VE - they do have to meet international and governmental demands, so apologies hat sometimes dates / arrangements have to change.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan is an England plan. 46 governing bodies submitted plans. SE have shifted their resources away from regional delivery to national delivery. Volleyball was particularly successful in its submission.</p>	

LW's initial view of VE was that despite good work taking place, the association was too disparate in its organization. She has attempted, in the plan, to bring together indoor, beach, talent, coaching, sitting etc.

LW's powerpoint presentation described the Strategic Plan mission and vision.

Volleyball will be the first sport to start delivering the Premier League 4 Sport Programme and the third to be approved by DCMS onto the Competitions Framework. We are beginning to be recognized as a sport that can deliver targets and fits well with socio-economic criteria.

Targets for investment:

Grow: (25%)

58,500 adults playing weekly

8,000 young people participating in accredited clubs

850 young people engaged in volunteering

Sustain: (61%)

Satisfaction with sporting experience

Excel (14%)

600 in high quality training environments

140 in full time training environments

Programmes:

- Let's Play Volleyball
- Higher Education Volleyball Initiative
- Outdoor 1 - Set up and play
- Outdoor 2 - Volleyfest
- Outdoor 3 - Beachfest and beach volleyball
- Talent Pathway 1 - Club Coach Project
- Talent Pathway 2 - National Programmes
- Talent Pathway 3 - Sitting Volleyball (Playground to Podium)
- Talent Pathway 4 - National Training Centre (currently hoped to be at the Kettering Conference Centre)

Issues for the SW:

- Can we strengthen links with HE (HEVI)?
- Community Development Coaches - LW awaiting responses from CSCs in the regions - prior to a mapping exercise
- Festivals
- Permanent Beach facilities?
- Club & coach scholarships (SW now included)
- Sitting volleyball?

		<p>Press agency has been appointed - Promote PR - details to follow.</p> <p>Staffing structure - many new staff (see presentation). Gary Stephens appointed as Head of Development (previously from Bath). JJ asked how the jobs had been advertised. LW said this was through the VE website and also via UK Sport website.</p> <p>GP thanked LW for an excellent update on the VE Strategic Plan. He commented that the region had never received such a comprehensive and well structured report of the future work of the national governing body.</p>
8		<p>Development Plan</p> <p>LW asked if the region would like a template for a Development Plan. Members said yes. It would probably be available in August, following the sign off of the new Delivery Plan (the Business Plan).</p> <p>To be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>
9		<p>Urgent Planning Items for 2009 / 10</p>
	a	<p>Competitions</p> <p>SW Championships - suggest May 8/9th</p>
	b	<p>Junior Development</p> <p>RS will look at dates prior to the next meeting. She does need to know of volunteers willing to run the competitions. Suggested that Mini Volleyball Championships be at Hutton Moor (RR willing to run depending on dates) and U15 / U17 at David English Sports Centre (MS to talk to GA). U14 - details not yet known.</p>
	c	<p>Junior Squads</p> <p>Meeting to follow the AGM.</p>
	d	<p>Coaching</p> <p>n/a</p>
	e	<p>Refereeing</p> <p>n/a</p>
	f	<p>Beach Volleyball</p> <p>Summer programme in place</p>
10		<p>SWVA 40th birthday celebrations</p> <p>RR had received some suggestions from GA. The meeting felt that the cheaper and more flexible suggestion 3 would be preferable. RR to speak to GA.</p> <p>With regard to the Vets tournament, it was hoped that it might be possible to have some competition on the Sunday (possibly separate from the main event) that was suitable for some players who might want a more limited lower level competition (perhaps a one match over 45 / over 50 game?).</p>
11		<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p>

		<p>Agreed as: October 3rd in Poole / Bournemouth (afternoon meeting) February 6th June 5th</p>
12		<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW - website - he followed up on the discussion at the last AGM re hosting on the VE website. LW said this was still being developed and may be possible in a few months. • DW asked how many areas had made contact with CSC Competitions Managers. It was suggested that this had happened in Devon and Dorset. • JJ expressed concern at the clashes of VE National Squad sessions and Regional Development Squad sessions. RS said it was a particular problem for those on the fringes of the national set up who might be involved in national training, but then not involved in the playing squad. LW to take back to the National Office.