**SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017**

Minutes of A.G.M held on June 3rd, 2017 at Priory Community School, Weston Super Mare.

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| 1 |  | **Welcome.** | | | |
|  |  | **Attendance**  Ron Richards, Roy Pankhurst, Dave Reece, Mark Horseman, Jurek Jankowski, Tim Clifford, Chris Semmens, John Boughton, , Geoff Allen, Gillian Harrison, Richard Parkes, Rachel Swindell, Cat Snell, Neil Bentley, Richard Morten | | | |
|  |  | **Apologies**  Cliff Ball, Charlie Huitson, Ben Fairweather, Jo Turville, Dave Walrond, Ros Sutherland, Phil Heads, Anna Maria Lotowska, Andrew Potter | | | |
| 3 |  | **Minutes & Matters arising**  Minutes of A.G.M held on June 4th, 2017 were approved. Matters arising:  GA asked if JJ was now having better communications with the National Office. In his absence, RR felt that he was. CSe also felt that communication had improved.  Minutes of the SW Executive Meeting on March 4th, 2017 were approved. Matters arising:  There were none | | | |
| 4 |  | **Annual Reports.** | | | |
|  | a | Chairman – received and noted. | | | |
|  | b | Secretary - received and noted. GA asked if increased referee and coach registrations were due to an increased number of courses. CSe and JJ felt that this had contributed to the increase. | | | |
|  | c | Treasurer - received and noted. DR explained the difficulties we faced at the end of the previous season with IRC squads funds not having been banked. DR had chased up out of date cheques and most had been paid, a few will be written off. JJ volunteered to chase up the missing cheques. CSn reported that this had been a year of clearing up the accounts and these were now much clearer. The meeting thanked Cat for taking on the task so successfully. RR apologised for not including the accounts in the Annual Report and said he would circulate these to members. | | | |
|  | d | Competitions Secretary - received and noted. GA asked GH if as many weekends would be required for national squads training in the future. She replied that this was dependent on the review that was currently taking place. | | | |
|  | e | Coaching Secretary - received and noted. JJ reported that communications with the national office has improved. No L2 course ran in the region this year, he hoped to arrange one in the coming season. GA asked GH about plans to review / re-jig the L1 & L2 courses. She confirmed that this was under review. It is hoped to make changes to the L1 to increase the numbers able to access this award. Costings were complicated as a shorter course may allow reduced charges, but it is unlikely that Sport England will fund coach development and therefore these costs may have to be covered by participants. JJ asked GH to check on discrepancies in how some coaches qualifications were recorded. RP asked if the L2 requirement for NVL still stood. There was no clear answer to this and there appeared to be a discrepancy between Technical and Competitions Commission on this matter. | | | |
|  | f | Referees Secretary - received and noted. Questions were asked about the referee mentoring. RM said that the SE and SW were at the forefront of this development, though RR and TC felt this had not developed as hoped in Bristol this season. | | | |
|  | g | Junior Development Officer – post vacant | | | |
|  | h | Junior Competitions – no report received | | | |
|  | i | Junior Squads - received and noted. A successful season, all training sessions ran apart from the March date affected by the Riverside fire. It was also a successful weekend with final positons as follows:  U14 Girls A = 6th  U14 Girls B = 6th  U15 Boys = 5th  U16 Girls = 3rd  U17 Boys = 1st  Particular congratulations to the U17 boys (though London are disputing the result). | | | |
|  | j | Beach Volleyball Development Officer – post vacant | | | |
|  | k | Inclusion Volleyball Officer – no report received | | | |
|  | l | VE Regional Commission Representative | | | |
|  | m | Area Associations. Reports were received from: | | | |
|  |  | Bristol | | received and noted. TC added that he felt numbers would probably reduce slightly next year as some teams had been overstressed this season. | |
|  |  | Cornwall | | No report received. CSe reported successes at NVL and regional levels. | |
|  |  | Dorset | | received and noted. A report was also received from RP on the Investment Zone. RP will be co-opted to the local committee. | |
|  |  | Exeter | | No report received. DR reported that 19 teams had taken part in local leagues, which had been completed despite the difficulties caused by the Riverside fire. In the summer a lot of outdoor volleyball takes place. | |
|  |  | Gloucestershire | | received and noted. Riverside a new club have won the league and cup and may move on to join the SW League. Some issues with unplayed games (particularly police and college). | |
|  |  | Guernsey | | Received and noted. | |
|  |  | North Devon | | No report received | |
|  |  | Plymouth | | received and noted. RSu reported that Kitto may well be encouraged to install two full size courts suitable for NVL. The 4 courts used for training / SW Championships would remain. | |
|  |  | Wiltshire | | received and noted. RM reported on good junior development taking place. | |
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| 5 |  | **Election of Officers .** The following officers were appointed: | | | |
|  | a | Chairman | | | Dave Reece |
|  | b | Vice Chairman | | | Roy Pankhurst |
|  | c | Secretary | | | Ron Richards |
|  | d | Treasurer | | | Cat Snell |
|  | e | Competitions Secretary | | | Rachel Swindell |
|  | f | Coaching Secretary | | | Jurek Jankowski |
|  | g | Referees Secretary | | | Chris Semmens |
|  | h | Junior Development Officer | | | Jurek Jankowski |
|  | i | Beach Volleyball Development Officer | | | Vacant (GA to seek possible nominations from Dorset) |
|  | j | Inclusion Volleyball Officer | | | Andrew Potter (tbc) |
|  | k | VE Regional Commission Representative | | | Ron Richards / Dave Reece |
|  | l | Safeguarding Officer | | | Neil Bentley |
|  | m | Executive Officers | | | Charlie Huitson  Ros Sutherland  Richard Parkes  Cliff Ball  Anna Maria Lotowska (tbc) |
| 6 |  | **Urgent Planning Items for 2017 / 18** | | | |
|  | Competitions | | Vets – Oct 29, open to teams beyond the SW if an early advert does not attract sufficient teams from within the SW. There was discussion about the timing of the event, but RSu would be unable to run it if it was after Christmas as TC suggested. League entry forms to go out this week. Closing date July 12, fixtures early August. Entry fee £95 per team, to remain the same. SW Championships May 12/13. Kitto are likely to increase fees significantly and we may need to wait until 9.00pm on the Friday evening to set up. Discussion took place on entry policy and dates for SW Championships, given that this season it was oversubscribed. Agreed to leave the decision to RSw. | | |
|  | Junior Development | | JJ suggested SWJGP dates in a paper which RR has forwarded. JJ wanted to involve Bristol, Bournemouth, Plymouth and N Devon in these events. NB suggested that Wiltshire could also be involved. | | |
|  | Junior Squads | | Discussion took place on the possibilities of the age groups / dates of IRC being altered. Freda Bussey’s consultation on junior competitions will influence this. GH noted the comments and will feed back into the national consultation. JJ suggested training dates and other arrangements in a paper which RR has forwarded. Agreed to move some training dates to Bournemouth and Bristol. RSw to look at the possible changes to Riverside bookings. GA is hoping to set up a satellite programme in Dorset in the first half of the season. | | |
|  | Coaching | | No urgent planning items. JJ hopes to arrange a L2 course where the most appropriate venue would be. | | |
|  | Refereeing | | Possibility of running upgrading sessions in Bristol. RSw suggested the SW Vets tournament could be used as well | | |
|  | Beach Volleyball | | No urgent planning items | | |
|  | Sitting Volleyball | | No urgent planning items | | |
|  | Finance | | DR recommended the same charges for events / training next season, though he recognized the difficulty of some local charges for double court venues (as in Keynsham). There will need to be an adjustment of squads training fees to reflect shorter girls session / longer boys session. JB suggested that the meeting ought to have sight of and approve a budget which shows proposed income and costs (could be the AGM or the September Exec meeting). | | |
| 7 |  | **Volleyball England Update**  GH delivered a presentation on recent changes at Volleyball England and the proposals for new development plans. The VE AGM has been moved to July 29 and GH urged members to support the proposals. JB urged members to spread the word to other members – particularly using the new digital technologies & media. JB is standing down as a Board member and this was his last meeting as a Board representative to SWVA. JB thanked the association for its welcome, hospitality and good work over many years. The meeting passed its thanks and best wishes to JB. | | | |
| 8 |  | **SW Annual Awards 2017**  Were awarded as follows:  Bert Williams Referees Award – Chris Semmens (also nominated – Jacqui Pang)  Coaches Award – Andrew Potter (also nominated – Joana Osorio, Denise Austin)  Doreen Dingle Award – Tim Clifford (also nominated – Ron Richards, Dave Reece, Matt Stevens)  Commitment to SW Volleyball - Geoff & Lynn Allen (also nominated Ros Sutherland, Dave Reece)  Presented at the SW Championships – Player of the Match Award:  Men – Jason Brinck – Yeovil  Women – Magda Morgan – Kernow Benenes  Congratulations to all our winners. | | | |
| 9 |  | **Dates of Future Meetings:**   * October 7th * February 24th * June 2nd (AGM) | | | |
| 10 |  | **AOB**   * DR recommended appointing Andrew Potter’s company to produce branded SW kit. It was agreed by the meeting. * DR raised the issue of a number of squad players who have not paid the entry fees for the IRC (more detail was provided to the meeting by NB). GH suggested that there should be a code of conduct for squad members. NB will look at the wording on parental conduct forms. DR’s proposal was agreed with some abstensions. * GA would like to increase awareness / involvement of Dorset clubs in the regional association. There was discussion on this item. RP hoped to be a conduit to these links. DR reminded members to send information to him for publication in the SW newsletter (or post it themselves on the SW website). * TC expressed concern that no trophies were presented to SWGP winners and runners up. Agreed to look at this for next season. | | | |
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