

VICTORIAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

At the Ashburton Library, 154 High Street, Ashburton, on Saturday 13th April, 1985, commencing at 11.00am sharp.

AGENDA.

1. Roll call and apologies.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
3. Business arising.
4. Presidents address.
5. Executive Directors Report.
6. Treasurers Report and presentation of statements.
7. Victorian Coaching Commission Report.
8. Victorian Referees Commission Report.
9. V.C.V.C. report.
10. Correspondence relating to the A.G.M.
11. Notices of Motion - as circulated.
12. Election of office bearers.
13. General Business.

4 Major Activities.

Country Champs  
U20's Country Champs  
Aust Country Champs

October Conference 2 Day.

Record Secs Report from VCVC 2 Day AGM & Conference.

④ This 2 Day Conference once again fruitful - All Country Assocs involved

- With many initiatives coming forth.  
- Bible

① Country Champs - Ballarat - Main Event for year

② U20's - Horsham

③ Aust. Country Champs - Wodonga - We sent full M & W Squads - Best Country Rep Side

Too expensive to do this in future.

Tom Stevens / Past-President Retired from committee after 10 years on VCVC.

During the past twelve months, Victoria has established itself as the biggest State Association in Australia and without any doubt, the best run. In a rather difficult year we were able to maintain a significant level of growth and more importantly, a credit balance; the latter being due to an enthusiastic program of fund raising, maintaining a high level of membership, and the restrained use of existing funds. Victoria is one of the few States that does not rely on Government funding for its existence, being almost 90% self sufficient. The A.V.F. itself generates only 10% of its funds, relying on the Federal Government for the remainder. An unhealthy situation which eventually will cost the States (particularly Victoria), a lot more in affiliation fees to correct.

A.V.F. - Has become a much more stable body, developing policies for the benefit of all States but more particularly, for the good of the game. Most of the problems of the previous administration have been overcome and, I am happy to say, that Victoria's relationship with the National Body has never been better.

L.A. Olympics - Because of volleyball's popularity in U.S.A., the TV coverage we received during the Games was far in excess of what we had hoped for. Never has the game been given such exposure in prime viewing time on a commercial channel - the effect on viewers was dramatic and immediate. Dozens of viewers rang each day asking where they could play. All enquiries were channelled to the nearest Association and most, I believe, are now members of V.A.V.A. It must be admitted, however, that some Associations viewed new players mid-season as a nuisance and did little, if anything, to accommodate them. Such is the mentality of a few people who have been known to loudly expound the cause of volleyball development at any cost.

Australia Games - The highlight of the last twelve months, and undoubtedly the biggest and most successful volleyball promotion ever to be seen in this State. Australia playing a top line Japanese team on five occasions across Victoria (4 games in the Country) all well attended and an excellent variety of results. The Melbourne game was perhaps the greatest of all, only because Australia won 3-0, and did it on national television. Those of us who were directly involved would not want too many such tours as the work load was overpowering, and whilst on this subject, I would like to return the N.E.D.'s compliment and thank him for the co-operation and assistance he gave me before and during the tour of Victoria. It is somewhat mollifying to know that my services could produce a small tip in the not too distant future.

State League - It is now firmly established as the premier volleyball competition in Victoria (and probably Australia), with more and more teams each year vying for inclusion. The V.V.L. Executive however, have resisted the temptation to expand the competition and have wisely opted for quality rather than quantity. The Executive comprises a small group of dedicated people who are happy to do the work without any acknowledgement whatever. To them I extend my thanks for a job well done. 1984 saw Frankston men take the Division I title from Heidelberg, whilst Wallabies women also defeated Heidelberg in their division and Bendigo accounted for Eureka in Mens Division II.

National League - With players having to find in excess of \$750 each for air fares and Accommodation, Victoria was only able to field a womens team - the men being unable to raise the money. It is interesting to note that all Queensland players received a Government grant of \$250, whilst Western Australia's teams were given a 50% travel subsidy by their Government - value \$400 per player. Government contributions in this State remained constant at \$0. Our girls played well early in the season and looked likely grand finalists until a late season slump ended their chances.

Incorporation - During the year preliminary steps were taken to have the V.A.V.A. incorporated. In the next few months the Constitution will be re-drafted in conformity with the various legal requirements and members asked to vote on the motion to incorporate the Association.

Fundraising - Without detailing all of our fund raising activities, it can be said that during the year just passed, the flow of revenue from this source exceeded anything in years gone by. One promotion however, that did not yield the return expected, was "volleyball wine", which faltered due, we now know, to the fact that the average volleyball player's knowledge and experience of wine, is restricted to that hardy perennial "Chateau Cardboard" - a fact that will be taken into account in future when we launch "volleyball lager".

Volunteers - Still the most difficult commodity to find in volleyball (and most other sports). Interestingly enough, the proposition that payment for services rendered will overcome the lack of helpers, doesn't seem to be working too well in the case of our referees, who are the only segment of the volleyball fraternity to receive payment every time they indulge in their hobby. In the last State League round, only one referee officiated in Mens Division I. If money can't induce people to give a little of their time, what can?

The Executive Council - had a very busy year - meeting on twice as many occasions as required by the Constitution, and making decisions on such diverse issues as player suspensions, junior development, and the reshaping of the V.A.V.A. and the Executive itself through workshop discussions, to which every affiliated Association was invited. Several decisions taken at these workshop sessions have already been implemented (e.g. News Sheet) and others will follow in the months ahead. In conclusion, let me say that 1984 was the busiest and most exciting year I have experienced in volleyball and only the unstinted support of Council Members made it possible for me to see out the year. I thank them all sincerely, secure in the knowledge that no matter how hectic the year ahead may be, it will once again be a successful period for Victorian volleyball, due to the strength of the team running it.

R.M. ROWE.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.