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VICTORIAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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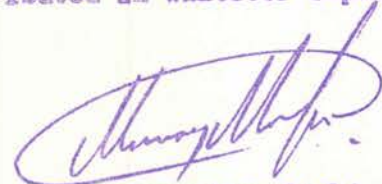
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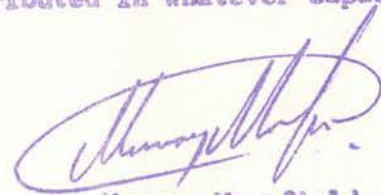
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The new V.A.V.A. constitution gives voting rights to a representative of the V.A.V.C.C.

The direction in which the VAVCC should direct its energies in 1979-80 was discussed at the last executive meeting. It was agreed that (i) more emphasis should be given to awarding coaches, and (ii) that live-in camps for juniors may be a method of raising standards quite rapidly.

Suggestions from secretary for 1979-80:

- 1) Minutes of all executive meetings should be circulated to all members;
- 2) there should be regular executive meetings;
- 3) perhaps regular meetings of all the state coaches should be encouraged for the sake of information exchange, cooperation and mutual support.

Financial position of the VAVCC at 16th Nov. 1979 is \$103.34.
100 of this is on loan from V.A.V.A.

members' shares at present with.