

VICTORIAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Notes of Planning Meeting held on 10/5/80, at Youth, Sport and Recreation Secretariat, Swan Street, Melbourne, at 10.30 am.

Present: W. Gollong (Chairman), W. Youl (Seymour), A. Moorhouse (Eastern), K. Akarsu (VAVACC), M. Mansfield (Secretary), J. Lithgow (VAVA), E. Hayman (Part only), J. Ostermeyer (N.E.D.), M. Darby (VAVA)

Apologies: Hamilton Association, T. Stevens.

1. Future Structure

The Secretary outlined the club based structure as proposed by the AVFCC, and agreed to by the recent AVF Planning seminars. The following points came out of the discussion:

Existing clubs need to be re-structured - more efficient

Basic Coaching manual is needed

More and improved facilities are required

Club based tournaments need to be encouraged

Formation of 'Sports clubs' will assist Volleyball

Clubs need to identify with localities - club names

Need club run school competitions

VAVA should lead development along club base.

2. Local Problems - Victoria

It was agreed that a general lack of interest exists, as is indicated by the attendance at this meeting.

It is obvious that too few are trying to do too much.

Specific areas of the State need attention, especially in the Metropolitan area.

Discussion ensued on the organization of the S.D.C. and his duties. A desperate need exists in areas such as the Western suburbs, where a facility exists but no organized competition.

K. Akarsu indicated the problems the Coaches Commission faced in providing effective coaching to coaches. Several clinics have been run with very poor attendance, yet coaches are desperate for the type of program offered. The problem exists in letting coaches know that a course is being offered. A more active committee is needed on the commission to make the body work better.

A. Moorhouse raised the matter of uniformity of presentation of the sport. Typical problems are the use of International scoresheets, the enforcement of players uniforms, the abundance of local rules, some not even recorded, and the un-professional organization of some competitions.

3. SOLUTIONS:

Three main problems appeared to require solution - Club structure, establishment in new areas and communication. In addition, the general promotion of the sport and the seeking of sponsorship for a host of programs needs to be improved.

a. Club Structure The AVF have agreed that a club guide package needs to be produced to assist clubs in their re-structure. This would be a very broad document which would have to be supplemented by State based seminars and

specific guidance.

b. New Areas Thought needs to be given to a re-direction of the S.D.C.'s duties to assist in this area, but in addition, administrative help is essential to ensure that the enthusiasm generated in players is backed up by providing an efficient and similar competition administration. It was seen as pointless sending the S.D.C. into a new area where no competition exists to generate enthusiasm amongst schools and the like, if we cannot establish a competition which will be self supporting almost immediately.

c. Communication Possibly the best means of improving communication with both players and clubs is by means of a Victorian magazine. Information currently disseminated to Associations is not reaching clubs and players, so some other means needs to be established. This would assist both Coaches and Referees Commissions in promoting their programmes and keep the clubs and players better informed of what is going on in Volleyball.

d. Promotion in General More International team visits, promotional posters, improved registration system, etc. were all seen as imperative to the future development of the sport.

The one underlying trend in all of the above requirements was 'Who will do this work'? It was agreed that now is the time to seriously consider the implications of the employment of a full time Executive staff member. Such an appointment could see all of the above problem areas overcome, and the sport would be able to continue its rapid growth and enable the already overloaded volunteer work force to concentrate on specific areas of interest.

It was agreed that the idea of an Executive Director would have to be 'sold' to the existing Associations and a thorough investigation would need to be carried out on the financing of such an appointment, the specified duties of such an appointment, and the benefits which such a position would return.

The Secretary agreed to consider the following areas over the next few months, with the view to proposing such an appointment to commence in 1981:

- Financing including fee structure, other income and overheads
- Job specification
- Marketing of the idea
- Proposing the appointment and taking the decision
- Advertising the position
- Interviewing and appointing

The meeting was declared closed at 5.00 pm

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