

## **EDVA Committee Meeting**

27/01/2011 – 7pm Coaver Club



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The Exeter & District Volleyball Association was formed in 1988 and runs an indoor winter league and tournament program for member clubs in Devon and West Somerset. The EDVA also runs the Exmouth Beach Volleyball Club and the Exmouth beach summer league and associated tournament program.

The EDVA has two web sites, where you can find the latest news, match fixtures, league tables and tournaments etc: [www.EDVA.org.uk](http://www.EDVA.org.uk) and [www.exmouthbeachvolleyball.com/](http://www.exmouthbeachvolleyball.com/)

An Associated Membership program is also available to support Volleyball Clubs (Adult or Junior) in the region and further a field (see web site for details).

### **Officers Attending**

Arthur Mosley (chair), Dave Reece (Sec), Nikki Batho (Tres), Rachel Swindell (Fix)

### **Team Reps**

Dawn Atfield (Taunton), Ben Robinson (Torexe), Sam Crompton (Marjon), Rob Young (Marjon), Thom McWilliams (Wanderers), Ros Sutherland (Kings), Joan Mosley (Exeter College), Ludovica Innocenzi (Exeter Uni), Zosia Jasnikowska (Exeter Uni), James Sweeney (Kirton).

### **Apologies:**

Ian Sidwell (Officials)

### **Clubs not present**

Denbury, Birdmen

### **Matters Arising**

EDVA Constitution out of step, need to get hold of the changes from Simon Padley, Arthur to chase up with Simon. If unavailable or lost, we will have to redo the changes at the next AGM.

### **Chairman's Report**

As part of the process of developing volleyball amongst the Exeter Schools, a meeting was scheduled on 26th January at St Luke's High School to discuss a "Change for Life" programme with the Schools Sports Co-ordinator, Matt Upston.

This was attended by Nikki Batho, Dave Reece and Arthur Mosley, unfortunately, Matt Upston could not attend. Instead, we met with Kealey Sherwood, the Assistant Principal: Director of Community. Kealey assured us of the commitment of the

school to encourage the development of Volleyball, both at the school and within the wider community.

It was arranged that Arthur Mosley would meet with Matt to clarify the administrative details of the programme and in the meantime Nikki Batho and Dave Reece would be available to provide coaching at the school on Wednesdays at 3.15pm for an initial group of junior school children.

### **Secretary Report**

SWVA Development Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, see agenda items below.

Sidmouth Sports Centre activity centre asked for info on one off volleyball sessions for their half term activities - details sent.

New Volleyball Teams in Exeter asked how to join the league. An Asian team formed by Exeter University student Lau Choon Xian – details sent with ref to entry requirements.

Exeter College - Still not registered according to Volleyball England – Action: Arthur

### **Fixture Secretary Report**

With the majority of teams into the second half of their season, it is very tight at the top of division one with Kirton and Torexe Hunters level on league points and sets won, they are only separated by 5 match points. WVC Cardinals are unbeaten in Division 2 and Torexe Spitfires have a slender lead in Division 3.

Fortunately only one match had to be postponed due to the snow, which will be replayed at the end of March.

Following two teams fielding a player from a higher team in their club (Exeter University Rams and Exeter College B), could all clubs please keep track of when players have been transferred and which players are registered for which team. I try to notify teams when a player is transferred, but that is dependent on when I get the scoresheets and may not be before the teams next match and should not be relied on.

This has unfortunately meant that 2 teams have had to forfeit a match. Exeter Uni Supremes also failed to raise a team for their match last Sunday and had to forfeit. A quick reminder to all clubs, that no matter how close to the event, could they please still make an effort to contact the opposition and to let me know as soon as possible. There may still be time to prevent the other players and officials travelling to the sports hall for a non-event.

A big thank you to all the clubs who got their entries in promptly for the forthcoming EDVA mixed tournament, which filled up just before the closing date. There are 4

teams from Torexe, 3 from Exeter University, 2 each from Wanderers and Kings and 1 from Plymouth Marjon, with a good spread across the divisions.

Denbury Eagles are working on a new process, which will allow teams to submit lists of player names at the start of the season, which can be added to if required later in the season. This will hopefully be in place for the start of next season and more details will be published with the rest of the information for the coming season.

Players between 14 and 18 will be allowed into Channings Wood, if they have a signed letter from their parent/guardian consenting to them going into the prison, which will need to be with the player concerned at the time of entry. This came about following an issue with a Taunton match, where they had submitted a list of names well in advance of their match, but it obviously didn't get through. For the rest of this season, can teams please ensure that they get a confirmation from the prison that their list of names has been received.

I did receive an email from Kirton telling me of their plans to postpone a match against Exeter University, however I have not received any further information, when I explained that all postponements have to be with agreement of the committee. (*See agenda item below*)

Score sheet missing from Uni Pandas from November.

### **Treasurer Report**

Nothing to report, currently issuing invoices for supplementary registrations.

### **Beach Report**

The beach sub committee is currently looking at possible dates for the 2011 season, at the moment we have just two events, the Exmouth Beach 4's (run by Devon Women VC) and the Exmouth Beach Pairs (run by Exmouth Beach VC).

Last year Plymouth Marjon decided to run a tournament on the same day as the beach 4's, they have agreed not to this year.

Currently looking to set up the 2011 Beach Sub Committee, please ask around to all interested players etc.

[Update - The first 2011 Beach Sub-Committee was held on the following weekend Saturday 29th Jan, see details below]

### **Quartermaster**

Sue Back will be donating a brand new beach net.

We need to find a new storage solution for our equipment, as we need to shortly vacate the current location. Various options suggested, including a possible grant (Ros to check).

### **Agenda Items**

SW Development meeting, Volleyball England team led the meeting, Ros updated the meeting on what happened etc. There will be a follow on meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

There could be a Level two coaching course in the SW area, under written by the SWVA. A four-day course, about £150, Exeter College would be a good location, possible free.

A level one course will be run at Exeter Uni later this year. [Details now on the EDVA web site]

Kirton VC request to postpone their match on the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
Kirton have applied to postpone their match away at Exeter University Pandas, scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. With reference to rule 2.3, teams may not postpone matches beyond their original fixture date unless there is an exceptional circumstance.

The committee members had a discussion on various points relating to this subject. Kirton VC informed the committee that two of their players were injured, this left 10 players available for this match (12 players registered in the team). The conclusion was that Kirton VC were unable to present any exceptional circumstance relating to this match and there appeared to have been no effort made to bring the match forward during the preceding three months (which is allowed rule 2.7).

The committee voted against Kirton's request (8 – 3) to postpone the fixture and as the fixture date had now passed, awarded the match to Exeter University Pandas.

Match confirmations – Ian Sidwell

Do we need to go back to using match confirmations two weeks in advance. It was felt that this was not required but left to clubs to arrange if required.

### **AOB**

How to fill the EDVA Press & PR position.

No solution available other than for clubs to ask around for a volunteer.

End of season dates for the Exeter Challenge Tournaments highlighted.

Men 10<sup>th</sup> Apr / ladies 17<sup>th</sup> Apr

### **Next Meeting**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

## **Beach Sub committee**

Meeting Date 29 Jan 2011,

### **Present**

Dave Reece, Ali West, Rachel Swindell

Input via email: Silvia Angelini, Clair Babbage

Accounts via email: Nikki Batho

### **Agenda**

#### **Beach Date**

A list of possible dates have been circulated to interested parties and cross referenced with the Exmouth tide times.

Beach 4's either 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> July

Pairs 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> August

Dave to book dates with EDDC once confirmed by sub-committee.

#### **EDVA Beach accounts**

Beach league had a surplus of £336

Beach pairs refund £60

Beach BBQ & League prizes £90

Beach Pairs Tournament profit £170

Beach equipment approx £250

NB: It's a bit difficult to confirm as EDVA accounts are to the end of July and of course the beach goes on to end of August.

Approx 2010 Profit £100

#### **Tournaments Organising**

Beach 4's - Ali to lead, Devon Women VC to assist

Pairs - Ali to lead, EDVA / EBVC to assist

Juniors (if required) - Dave

#### **Other Tournament Formats**

Mixed Pair Sunday or Tuesday

Mixed Pairs combined with a BBQ in the Park (This option is proving popular with local and visiting clubs). Someone required to take the lead and to organise – Silvia and / or Gosia?

#### **Equipment Storage**

New location & options required.

Self-storage is expensive for the whole year, could we split it with someone's garage during the winter months. Location of Self-storage (which hopefully would give access to various people), e.g. Sowton or Exmouth. Dave to check

Ali may have access to a container locker, to find out more.

**EDDC contact**

What is the current situation with the Beach safety officer & the permanent nets for 2011. Ali to contact EDDC to find out.

**Juniors**

No Exmouth junior events planed for 2011, could add a one or two small events to either of the scheduled tournaments if required.

**Coaching Date**

It is hoped that we can fit in some dates (week days or weekends) for coaching. Need to ask Gosia for input and possible dates etc and to check / arrange PL insurance.

**Press & PR**

EDDC are keen for us to promote the Beach volleyball but unfortunately the post remains unfilled.

**Accounts / Fees for 2011**

TBA

**Equipment Wish List**

Other than the wear & tear items, the aim for the last couple of years, is to build up to 12 available beach nets. At the moment we have 12 available nets but two of these are using the two outdoor anti-vandal nets tied to a set of posts. It is our intention to bring these up to standard this year.

The donation of a new beach net from Sue Back will mean that we only need to upgrade one of these nets to meet our target of 12 fit for purpose beach nets.

Equipment costs / wish list to be presented to the main committee £100 to £150, to be confirmed once we know the 2011 program.