

EXETER & DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1996 - 2000

There are two reasons for including this item on the agenda.

The first is to inform members that the Committee has embarked on the production of a Development Plan which will take Volleyball in this area forward into the next century. It will act as a blueprint to direct our efforts over the coming years and will comprise three main sections: Where are we now? Where do we want to be? How are we going to get there?

Once the final draft is complete it will, of course, be offered to the members for approval. We would welcome contributions from members so if you have thoughts please pass them on to next year's Chairman.

The second reason is to inform members of some exciting proposals.

Already pencilled in on the Development Plan is the creation of our own Volleyball Centre. That dream is much closer to reality following a Sports Centre Scheme being developed by St Luke's High School. The school is proposing to build, with the help of National Lottery funding, a sports centre for use by the pupils. To qualify for National Lottery support, the school must provide at least forty hours of community use each week. To achieve this we have been invited, along with the local Basketball Association, to become the two "focus sports". This means that the Exeter & District Volleyball Association would be granted, at a reasonable cost, exclusive use of the facility for at least two evenings a week and at weekends (by arrangement with the Basketball Association). Our part of the agreement is to provide a full programme of use and to "manage" the premises during our tenancy.

As a result of our discussions so far we have managed to bring about a change in the specification of the building so that it has a semi-sprung floor and can accommodate three practice courts and one match court.

If all goes well the building could be completed before the end of 1996. It must be stressed, however, that this is just a proposal and until a public announcement the information is not for universal publication.

We are not being asked to contribute to the building costs but it has been suggested that any contribution we can make would be warmly received.

Your committee would like to propose that we immediately launch a "building fund" to support this project and we seek your approval to levy a supplement on all competition entry fees and all player registrations and further embark on other fund-raising activities.

Arthur Mosley
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