

Glasgow Within the City Hall on
Wednesday 6th May. H. J. Brown
Hon President presiding.

The minutes of the previous
meeting were read & approved of.

Sp. Amateurs

New delegates

Paesley O.

New Secretary

Blackburn

Do

Bothwell Y.H.B.A.

Secy's new address

Barryhill W.

Do

Eastern

New delegates

Thistle

Do

Duckers

Do

Levan Y.H.B.A.

Acknowledging secy's
notice of affiliation

Western A.C.

Applying for permit
for Ladies Gala on
13 May. (Granted)

Sp. Amateurs

Re Charity Gala. &
asking that a Trustee
be appointed in place
of J. Collier resigned.

It was agreed that President
make further inquiries re report.

Derby S.C.

Intimating book.

H. J. Brown reported that after the

last polo League meeting a committee
of gentlemen had been assembled
to make arrangements for promoting
a Referee's Association

Bye Law The report of the Bye Law Committee
Report was given by Mr. J. K. Shadden and
agreed to. Mr. Shadden and his
committee being thanked for their
services. (Report passed in later)

Treasurer's The Treasurer reported as
Report follows:

Income. £ 11: 1: 3

Expenses. 3: 12: -

Balance £ 7: 9: 3.

The Report was passed.

The Treasurer reported that Hamilton
Crest's affiliation fees did not
appear through the books, and
he was instructed to see the. Call
whenever Treasurer, regarding
same.

Polo + The Polo Report as read by the
League Report convenor was adopted as was
also the League report.

Extension B. W. L. Wishart put forward the
name of the Caley Early Club for
affiliation, they were duly elected
their delegates were agreed to, as
was also ^{the last} of their evening display 11 and
The convenor also reported that
he was in touch with a few other
clubs. Adios

Rash's Committee Mr. Shadden reported that he had
received a reply from the
corporation who declined to give
the clubs 1/3 hour extra on

practise night
Report adopted.

School
Boys
Camp

There being no offer for the
School Boys Championship the
matter was remitted to a committee
of 3 to carry through the race
(full powers) Messrs Fraser, Brown
Campbell were elected.

Notice of
Meeting

It was further agreed that
notices for meetings be sent out
to arrive by end of the week
previous

Curfew

A motion to carry through
Inter City March with Dundee
Aberdeen was ruled out of order.
Notice of Motion was given.

This concluded the business

John W. Lundie
Hon Secy.

Ed. J. Brown
President.

Western Counties A.S.A.

BYE-LAWS

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the third week of February in each year on the several days of the week (Saturday and Sunday excepted) to which each affiliated club is entitled to send three delegates, when Reports will be submitted, Office Bearers for the ensuing year appointed, and any other competent business transacted.

2. The General Committee shall meet for the transaction of business during the first week of each month from March to December inclusive, the day of the week to be advanced on day every year (Saturday and Sunday excepted) and during the last week of January on the day corresponding to the monthly meeting of the previous year each evening at 8. Twenty to form a quorum.

3. The Secretary may call a special meeting of the Committee or of the Western Counties whenever he thinks the business to be brought before it is of sufficient importance. A special meeting of the Committee or of the Western Counties shall also be called by the Secretary within 14 days of receipt by him of a written requisition signed by 20 clubs accompanied by a fee of 20s. and stating the reason for which such a meeting is to be called. The fee may be returned.

4. Any club whose headquarters are beyond a radius of five miles from the Glasgow Royal Exchange shall be considered a country club.

5. In addition to Office-Bearers appointed under District Rule 7, page , there shall also be appointed a Minute

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Secretary and a Trustee. All Offices shall be Honorary excepting that of Handicapper.

6. The duties of Trustee shall be to keep in safe custody all the trophies belonging to Western Counties. He shall from time to time deliver trophies, etc., to clubs and competitors winning same as per District Championship Rules, exception 3, page .

7. The following standing Sub-Committees shall be appointed annually:—Water Polo League, Extension, Baths, and Championships.

8. A meeting of Secretaries of affiliated Clubs shall be held in first week of February of each year.

9. The limit in all Open Handicaps shall be fixed as follows:—50 yards 18 secs., 100 yards 34 secs.

10. S.A.S.A. Rule 34, page Exception 2 shall be adopted by Western Counties District.

11. All Open Handicaps held under S.A.S.A. and W.C.A.S.A. Rules to be handicapped by the Official Handicapper, whose fee shall be 10s., which must be paid within fourteen days after Gala. The list of competitors for handicapping must be in the hands of the Handicapper for three clear days before the competition takes place and may be retained by him for one day. The Handicapper shall give a report at Annual Meeting of number of Galas held, Competitors entered, and number and Clubs of Prize-winners, etc.

12. HON. SUBSCRIBERS.—The Western Counties may elect Hon. Patrons who have contributed to the funds of the Western Counties; they may also appoint Hon. Members who have rendered services to the Western Counties or to the art of swimming. The fee for life Membership to be five guineas. All Hon. Members and Life Members, whether Delegates from their Clubs or not, to have the privilege of attending all Annual Meetings and of taking part in the proceedings and voting.

WATER POLO CHALLENGE CUP CONDITIONS

1. That the Cup shall be called the "WESTERN COUNTIES CHALLENGE CUP."
2. The competitions for the Cup shall be annual, as follows :—
A, Major Competition ; B, Minor Competition ; and shall be open to all the clubs and Private Baths affiliated to the Western Counties (except Ladies' Clubs).
3. All Clubs affiliated to Western Counties shall be included in Competition (except 16 Clubs exempted by Polo Committee).
4. The Clubs exempted and last sixteen in Minor Competition shall form competitors for Major Competition, and as soon as last sixteen of Minor Competition are known the first round of Major Competition shall be drawn, and succeeding rounds fortnightly thereafter. The Club drawn first in ballot to have choice of bath, except in final tie.
5. The competing teams shall number seven players, each a bona-fide member ; and, while a team may change its players, no individual shall play for more than one club throughout the ties.
6. No club shall receive more than one bye in the season.
7. The Water Polo Committee shall name dates on which ties shall be played.
8. The Final Tie shall be played in whatever neutral Bath the Water Polo Committee may determine.
9. In the event of any game resulting in a draw, the game to be replayed within eight days in the away club's bath, and in the event of a second draw, six minutes extra to be played.
10. Any club refusing or failing to play the club against which it has been drawn on the dates specified, shall be disqualified.

Clubs unable to form a team for any tie shall at once advise Secretary of club drawn against, also Polo Convener, at least 24 hours before match.

11. Any club playing an ineligible player shall be disqualified.
12. The Convener of the Polo Committee shall intimate to each of the clubs drawn the name of the club they are to play, and the dates set apart for their tie. Three days' notice at least must be given of same.
13. Notice of the result of each game shall be sent by the Referee, so as to be in the hands of the Convener, within three days after the match has been played.
14. The Water Polo Committee shall have full power to appoint Referees and Goal Scorers for all Cup ties.
15. The Referee in all Cup ties must not be a member of either club, unless mutually arranged by competing clubs on night of tie, and in the Final tie, Referee and Goal Scorers must be members of neutral clubs.
16. It shall be the duty of the Home Club Committee to see that no spectators be allowed on the side of the Bath where the Referee stands.
17. If in the opinion of the Referee a player is guilty of deliberate rough play or misconduct, he shall be reported to the Convener of Polo Committee. The Polo Committee shall deal with such player as the circumstances of the case may warrant.
18. Captains of competing teams shall hand to the Referee and Captain of opposing team, previous to the game, the names of the players in their respective teams. The Referee shall forward list to the Convener of Polo, along with the result of the match, within three days thereafter.
19. On questions of interpretation of the Rules of Cup Competition, an appeal may be made to the Polo Committee of the Western Counties ; but the Referee's decision must be acted upon during the game, although under protest. Appeals against the result of ties shall be made within one day, to Polo Convener, and be accompanied with a deposit of Five Shillings, which shall be retained if protest be frivolous.

CONDITIONS
OF THE
GLASGOW CORPORATION
CHALLENGE SHIELD

1. That the Shield be called "THE GLASGOW CORPORATION CHALLENGE SHIELD."
2. The Shield be competed for annually by Amateur Clubs practising in Glasgow Corporation Public Baths.
3. The competition for same be a team race (5 a-side).
4. The race be two lengths of pond for each member of team.
5. The Club winning competition hold the shield for one year, and each member of winning team receive gold badge.
6. Swimmers representing Clubs must be, at least four months previous to Race, Members of the Club they represent.
7. Any dispute arising in other than the foregoing, shall be settled by the Western Counties.

CONDITIONS
OF THE
MURRAY CHALLENGE SHIELD

1. That the Shield be called "THE MURRAY CHALLENGE SHIELD."
2. The Shield be competed for annually by clubs affiliated to the Western Counties.
3. The competition for same be a Team Race, Handicap (5 a-side), to be held in Maryhill Baths.
4. The Race be Two Lengths of Pond for each Member of Team.
5. The Club winning Competition hold the Shield for one year, and each Member of Winning Team receive Badge.
6. Swimmers representing Clubs must be, at least four months previous to Race, Members of the Club they represent.
7. Entry Fee be 5/- each team.
8. Any dispute arising in other than the foregoing shall be settled by the Western Counties.

CONDITIONS
OF THE
SHAW STEWART CHALLENGE CUP

(Cup and Medals presented by Sir M. H. Shaw Stewart,
Bart.)

1. That this Cup be called "THE SHAW STEWART CHALLENGE CUP."
2. That the Cup be competed for annually by Amateur Clubs practising in Baths in Renfrewshire, Glasgow, and Govan.
3. That the Competition for the Cup be a Team Race (handicap), 5 a-side, to be held in the Kinning Park Baths.
4. That the Race be two lengths of the pond for each member of the team.
5. That the Club winning competition shall hold the Cup for one year, and each member of winning team shall receive a badge. The Cup to be held in perpetuity.
6. That the Entrance Fee shall be 2/6 each team.
7. That the Western Counties shall allocate the contests in rotation to the several Clubs practising in Kinning Park Baths.
8. That any dispute arising in other than the foregoing shall be settled by the Western Counties.

CONDITIONS
OF THE
LADY ALICE SHAW STEWART CHALLENGE CUP

(Cup and Medal presented by Sir M. H. Shaw Stewart, Bart.)

1. That the Cup be called "THE LADY ALICE SHAW STEWART CHALLENGE CUP."
2. That the Cup be competed for annually by Ladies, members of Amateur Clubs practising in Baths in Renfrewshire, Glasgow, and Govan.
3. That the competition for the Cup be a 50 yards Handicap to be held in Kinning Park Baths.
4. That Swimmer winning competition shall receive Badge, and shall hold the Cup for one year. The Cup to become the property of Swimmer if won three years in succession.
5. That the Entrance Fee shall be fixed by the Club holding competition.
6. That the Western Counties shall allocate the contests in rotation to the several Clubs practising in Kinning Park Baths.
7. That any disputes arising in other than the foregoing shall be settled by the Western Counties.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

100 yards Championship
 220 " "
 Team Race "
 100 yards (Juniors) Championship
 100 " (Ladies) "

The foregoing Championships shall be held, managed and controlled on the same basis as the Championships of the S.A.S.A. with the following exceptions:—

1. Offers shall be sent out to Clubs on or before 1st May.
2. The value of the Medals is £3.
3. That a winner of a Championship Trophy shall be entitled to receive and hold the same from the time of his giving satisfactory security to the Trustee, either by deposit of money or otherwise, until one month prior to the date fixed for the next Competition, or until requested in writing to return it by the authority of the Trustee. In the event of a Championship being withheld or not taken up, the holder shall return the cup or trophy.
4. Entries close within seven days of Race with Convener of Championships.
5. Allocations shall be made by Western Counties General Committee at June monthly meeting.
6. The Championships shall be open to Amateurs in Western Counties as per S.A.S.A. Competition Rule 2, page 2.
7. The value of Medals shall be:—1st Prize 28/-, 2nd Prize 18/-, 3rd Prize 14/-.
8. All disputes shall be decided by the Western Counties General Committee.

Exceptions to Special Conditions for Champions

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Gold Medals of the value of 12/- will be given to the Winning Team.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Competition shall be open to Amateurs as defined by Rule, S.A.S.A. Competition, Rule 2, page 2, members of Boys' Brigade, and Schoolboys residing in Western Counties of Scotland, who shall not exceed the age of sixteen years as at 31st December of the year in which competition is held.

WHYTE'S HOTEL, CANDLERIGGS, 18th May 1908.

A committee meeting of the Polo League was held in Whyte's Hotel on the above date, when a large Committee were present.

The first business arose out of the match between Dolphin and Northern which was played at Townhead Baths on 23rd April and which was not finished. The Convener read the Referee's Report (Mr John Gray, Fairfield) in which it was stated that shortly after the commencement of the game some feeling began to show itself, that when he was watching in the vicinity of the ball Mr Hood of the Dolphin had come out of the water and asked him if he allowed one player to strike another. He stated that he had not observed any such incident happening and he certainly would not allow such. After the game had been restarted and the Referee had cautioned Mr Hood and Mr Ferguson of the Northern for fouling one another, Mr Hood came out of the water and the majority of the Dolphin team followed him, and refused to go in again. A letter was also read by the Convener from the Dolphin explaining their attitude in this matter stating that their player, in their opinion, had been badly handled by the Northern player and asking that the game be replayed. A letter was also read from the Northern in which they asked that the point be awarded to them as they were leading by 2 goals to 1 at the time and were quite willing to finish the game.

The Referee was present at the Committee Meeting and answered a few questions that were asked of him. The delegates of the Dolphin and Northern stated that they had nothing further to add to the letters from their respective Secretaries. The Committee after discussing the case fully came to the conclusion that the Dolphin were entirely wrong in taking the law into their own hands in leaving the water/

water and that the points should be awarded to the Northern, and this is their recommendation.

The next business was on a Report from Mr J. Watt (Glasgow Amateurs) Referee as to the ordering out of the water of Mr Moore of Northern and Mr Robertson Eastern in the game between these two Clubs on 1st. May. Mr Watt stated in his report that Mr Robertson had pulled Mr Moore back by the pants and that Mr Moore had retaliated by striking Mr Robertson and that Mr Robertson then again pulled Mr Moore by the pants. The Convener stated that he had asked the Secretary of the Eastern to ask Mr Robertson to attend this meeting. Mr Moore stated in his defence that he did not strike Mr Robertson although he admitted having assumed a rather threatening attitude towards that gentleman. Mr Robertson had not put in an appearance at the meeting. The Committee after considering the matter fully and while determined to put down rough play thought that this case would be met with a censure on both of these players and this is their recommendation. They also desire to record their dissatisfaction with Mr Robertson in ignoring the request to be present at that meeting, and in not sending any word of his inability to be present, if he were prevented by business or other reason^s

The next matter arose out of the Match between Fairfield and Govan Amateurs in Govan Baths on Friday, 1st May which was not played to a finish. The match was refereed by Mr J. K. Shedden (Western Amateurs). In a long Report Mr Shedden stated that the game was being played in a friendly spirit. One of the Fairfield got the ball and shot hard for goal and both teams thinking that the ball had gone through the goal were preparing to line up but as Mr Shedden was not certain he consulted the Goal Judge (Mr Leckie Govan Amateurs) who stated that the ball had not gone/

gone through and consequently he gave no goal. This decision apparently did not go down with the Fairfield team as they disputed the decision. Shortly after half time a Govan Amateur player shot the ball for goal and they claimed the ball had gone through. Mr Shedden stated he was not certain as to this and again consulted the goal judge (Mr Leckie) who stated that the ball had gone through and Mr Shedden accordingly gave a goal. The Fairfield team left the water stating that they were not getting justice. After some time passed in endeavouring to persuade the Fairfield Team to go back and they had done so the Govan Amateurs raised difficulty by stating that they would not play as they had been in the water all the time but ultimately they agreed to proceed with the game and the teams lined up but Mr Shedden discovered that, as there was more than half of the second half to go, and as it was near ten o'clock he declared the game off.

Mr Shedden was present at the Committee Meeting and made a few supplementary remarks on his report. Mr McTaggart of Govan Amateurs took exception to that part of Mr Shedden's Report as to the Govan Amateurs leaving the water and protesting about their being in the water. A Motion was made that the match be awarded to the Govan Amateurs and an amendment that the match be replayed and on going to the vote the Motion was carried by a small majority so that the Committee's recommendation is that the Govan Amateurs be awarded the points.

The next business arose out of a protest by the Paisley Amateurs in regard to a game between their Second team and West of Scotland played at North Woodside Baths on 7th. May. The Convener read a report from Mr C. C. Sellars Western Baths the Referee enclosing a protest by the Captain of the Paisley's team stating that short time had been played in the second half. A letter was also read/

read from Mr P. S. Fraser, who acted as Timekeeper on the occasion in question stating that the time played in both halves was full. A letter was also read from the Polo Convener of the Paisley Club making the protest formal and enclosing the usual deposit. He stated that the Club objected to the practice of playing this match viz:- ten minutes all in, and which he contended did not conform to Rule, and asked that the match be ordered to be replayed as the Rule had been violated. Mr Sellars the Referee was present at the Committee Meeting and when asked if he had anything to add to his Report stated that in addition to his report when the game had been finished the Goal Judge for Paisley came up to him and stated that full time had not been played during the second half - as it had only lasted 6 minutes 30 seconds instead of 10 minutes. Mr McLauchlan on behalf of the Paisley Club stated that the practice of playing a fixed time all in was contrary to rule and asked that on this ground the match be ordered to be replayed. The view had been expressed that in Second Division (A. & B. Classes) matches the playing members of these teams were not so able to last out the game as a first league player and that it had been the custom and practice for a long number of years to play a fixed time all in in certain of these games, and as this view was substantiated by almost all the members of the Committee it was agreed that this match be considered played to a finished and they dismissed the Paisley's protest.

This being all the business the meeting
closed.

J. E. Reid,

Convener.

EXPENSES:-

Room Rent 9d.

Postages. 2/7d.

3/4d.