

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Western Counties Amateur Swimming Association, held within the City Halls Glasgow on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Jas T. Brown (Kinning Park) President, occupied the chair and there were present some forty delegates.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Association were read and on the motion of Mr Fraser seconded by Mr Walker were approved of and signed.

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A letter was read from Morrison Memorial P.S.A. S.C. requesting permission to hold an exhibition of Graceful swimming, given by the Lady swimmers practising in Clydebank Baths. The Secretary stated that he had granted permit as desired & his action was unanimously homologated.

A letter was read from Ferguson Amateur Swimming Club Paisley, intimating that this club desired to hold a gala on Friday evening 26<sup>th</sup> ~~the~~ November. The Secretary stated that the Pollokshields Baths had already been granted permission to hold a gala on the date referred to. He further stated that as he did not think it would in any way

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affect Pollokshields Baths club's gala, he had allowed the Ferguslie club to hold their gala on the date applied for. His action was unanimously approved of. A letter was read from Ferguslie A.S.C. Paisley requesting permission to hold a 25 yards race at their gala, confined to Ladies employed in Ferguslie mills and also requesting the W.C.A.S.A. to appoint two judges and a referee for the said gala. It was <sup>on the motion of Mr McLaughlin, seconded by Mr Ferguson</sup> unanimously agreed to grant this necessary permission to hold Ladies Race referred to and Mr J. Y. Brown & Mr J.G. McLaughlin were appointed as judges with Mr G. Sheddell as referee.

A letter was read from Mr George T. Reid, secretary of the Springburn & District Charity Gala asking permission to hold a school boys' team race at this gala. The action of the secretary in granting the permit as desired was unanimously approved of.

A letter was read from Boatbridge Co-operative Employees A.S.C. thanking the W.C.A.S.A. for having admitted the said club to its membership, and also thanking Mr. Pettigrew of Gartoherrie Club for his kind assistance in the formation of the club. A letter was read from Boatbridge Co-operative Employees A.S.C. enclosing two tickets for this club's gala on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. It was unanimously decided to leave the disposal of these to the Secretary.

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A letter was read from Town Clerk's Department Govan Town council on behalf of the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the competition for the Corporation Swimming Trophy. Thanking this Association for permission to hold the race for same.

A letter was read from Paisley A.S.C. regarding the remit to this club of the dispute between Mr J. Irvine, of Paisley & Mr Jas Laird, Handicapper. This letter stated that the Paisley Club committee greatly regretted that anything should have arisen at their club's gala to give offence to Mr Laird, and that the committee would see to it that there should be no cause for complaint on any future occasion. Mr Laird having expressed himself as satisfied with this expression of regret and assurance for the future, the matter was allowed to rest there, on the motion of the chairman.

A letter was read from Paisley Postal A.S.C. asking for a rebate to the extent of 50% of the £<sup>5</sup>~~10~~ offered for the hire of the Water Polo match and team race Northern Counties v. Western Counties. The letter stated that J. Mearns of Aberdeen had failed to play in the Polo match & to swim in the team race nor had he fulfilled his promise to give an exhibition of swimming. The letter further stated that the Club would have a deficit of from £12 to £15 as a result of the gala.

The Chairman, while sympathising with Paisley Postal A.S.C. in their misfortune, expressed the opinion that it would be a ~~very~~

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create a very injudicious precedent and would be unfair towards those other clubs who had offered for the events in question, should this request be granted. Mr Sanderson thereupon moved and Mr H. Ball seconded that this Association take no action in the matter. This motion was agreed to without dissent.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr Jas Russell of the Vulcan A. S. C. protesting against the decision of his club committee in allowing R. Russell to take part in and win the Vulcan club championship. The letter from Vulcan Club Secretary to Mr Jas Russell was also read.

After some discussion Mr P. S. Fraser moved that the matter be remitted to a sub-committee, consisting of Mr J. K. Sheddew Mr G. Campbell & Mr W. Slimmon to enquire into and report to the Association. Mr Geddes seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A letter was read from ~~the~~ Mr J. K. Sheddew. referee at the Victoria Baths Gala on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Mr Sheddew reported that 5 swimmers were entered from Pollokshields Baths A.S.C. into the one hundred yards open race, four of whom were unknown to the Handicapper. Mr Laird applied to the Hon. Secretary of Pollokshields Baths Club for the "times" of those members and was informed that that these were G. Coutts 79 secs, A. Gillespie 88 secs E. Martin 85 secs & Gladie 86 secs. A guarantee was given to the Handicapper that this information was correct. The official timekeepers were

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bout. instructed to check the times ~~to~~ given with what were done in the race. They found that G. Goutts time in <sup>his</sup> heat was 74 secs & in the final 76. being a difference of 5 secs in the heat & 3 secs in the final compared with the time submitted A. Gillespie's time was found to be 7 secs faster in his heat & 5 secs faster in the final than the time submitted. Under these circumstances the prizes for this race were, on the instructions of the officials, withheld, pending the decision of the W.C.A.S.A. The race resulted as follows 1<sup>st</sup> G. Goutts (P.B.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Gray (J) 3<sup>rd</sup> J Henderson (E) 4<sup>th</sup> A. Gillespie P.B. 5<sup>th</sup> Jough (J).

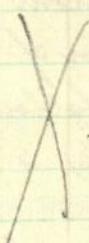
The Secretary of the Pollokshields Baths, on being asked for an explanation of what had occurred stated that the times submitted by him were correct so far as he knew. He also made a statement to the effect that the times given by the official time-keepers of the Association at the gala were not the correct times ~~to~~ in which the race was swum as he had taken them himself and got a different result.

Mr Laird handicapper stated that Mr Sheddell's letter was a correct summary of what had occurred. He further said that the reason <sup>why</sup> he had asked for a guarantee from the Secretary of Pollokshields Baths A.S.C. of the correctness of the times given and the reason <sup>why</sup> he asked the timekeepers to check these times was that ~~the committee~~ the Pollokshields club had given him incorrect time on a previous occasion.

Mr. J. B. Sheddell moved that ~~the winners be~~ Goutts & A. Gillespie be disqualified & the prizes be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> J. Gray (J) 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Henderson (E) 3<sup>rd</sup> J. Jough (J)

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could Mr Moore move that the race be re-swum  
Mr McCall seconded.

After some discussion, during which Mr Borland  
(S.S.) offered on behalf of his club to have the race  
decided at a Gala the S.A.S.C. were promoting,  
Mr Sheddens motion of was carried by a very  
large majority



A letter was read from ~~report~~ Springburn A.C.  
reporting misses B Jamieson (K.P) & Simpson (H.P)  
of Swansea (S.S.) for refusing to take the prizes  
won by them at said clubs' gala on 7<sup>th</sup> October &  
also reporting Miss Etta Mc Kay for interference  
in the matter

The Chairman moved that no action be taken  
Mr Gentles seconded

Mr Sheddew moved that the Secretary write  
to Kinning Park & Old Side Clubs & report matter  
& request these clubs to ask the reported  
swimmers to accept the prizes won by them  
~~& to~~ Mr Logan seconded.

The Chairmans motion was thereupon withdrawn  
& the amendment became the unanimous  
finding of the meeting

Agenda  
SASA meeting

The agenda for the next meeting of the S.A.S.A.  
Genl. Committee was submitted

Treasurers  
Report

Mr Slinnion, now Treasurer presented his  
report, which showed a credit Balance of £38-18-6  
The report was adopted on the motion of Mr  
D.B. Sheddew seconded by Mr Fraser

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Mr Glummond Non Treasurer, also submitted a letter from the master of works of Govan School Board asking for payment of an account for expenses incurred by school boys under his board in connection with the Slader Trophy Race.

Mr Moore moved that a reply be sent asking for details of the expenditure.

Mr Robertson seconded

Mr Sheddell moved that a reply be sent declining to pay the account

Mr Reid seconded

Mr Sheddell's amendment was carried by a large majority

Water Polo  
Committee  
Report

Mr McLaughlan Convenor submitted his committee's report, which was adopted on the motion of the convenor, seconded by Mr Campbell.

Water Polo League  
Report

Mr McKenzie, convenor submitted his committee's report, & moved its adoption. ~~Mr Brown~~  
The chairman seconded the motion which was agreed to.

The chairman moved that the Association heartily thank Mr McKenzie for his ~~invaluable~~ invaluable services as convenor of the Water Polo League, and for the efficient way in which, at considerable personal inconvenience, he had carried through the competition.

Mr Gentles seconded the motion which was carried with acclamation

Baths  
Committee

Mr Fraser, convener, reported that his committee had not met since last monthly meeting of the Association and he had therefore nothing to report.

Western  
Amateurs  
Protest  
against  
A. Gatt of  
Soside A.S.C.

The Secretary read the report of the Sub Committee appointed to enquire into the Protest of Western Amateurs A.S.C. against Soside in connection with the Race for the Corporation Shield.

The Secretary moved that the Recommendation of the committee be adopted, namely "That the Western Amateurs protest be upheld; that the protest fee be returned and that A. Gatt and The South Side A.S.C. be censured for violation of the rules of the Association"

→ Mr Bellairs seconded.  
Mr Borland requested, on a point of order, to know if the committee had power to make any recommendation to the meeting.

The Chairman ruled that such came within the scope of the sub-committee.  
Mr Borland moved that the Western Amateurs' protest be dismissed and the protest fee be retained

Mr Robertson seconded

After a protracted discussion, during which Mr Borland came into conflict with the ruling of the chairman. The sub-committee's recommendation became the finding of the meeting by a great majority

annual social evening

The Chairman asked for an expression of opinion as to what form the social gathering of the Association should take  
Mr McLaughlin moved that a "supper" be held  
Mr Gentles seconded  
The motion was unanimously agreed to  
It was decided to make further arrangements at the next monthly meeting.

Mr Borland moved that a hearty vote of thanks be awarded to the chairman, which was cordially given  
The proceedings then terminated