

Glasgow Within the City Hall. on
Wednesday. 7 October 1908 was held
the usual monthly meeting of the Assoc.

In the absence of the President
Mr J R Madden Vice Pres occupied the
chair.

Minutes of previous meeting were
read and adopted on the motion
of Mr E N Boulton sec by Mr McCall.
Correspondence.

Glasgow North Western Club applied for
affiliation. Fee to be for next year, to
be allowed to hold a gala on 11 Nov
this year.

They were accepted as above on
the motion of Mr D Sharpe, sec J B Reid
were also granted permission to
hold a schoolboys Team Race at
their gala.

Garnock Church Bazaar & A. Neil
asked permission to hold a gala under
our auspices. Encloses fee of 2/-

Their application was granted and
fee returned. Mr Lieut Glessart sec A B Craig
Buckhead Baths applied for 6th Nov
for gala & date was granted provided they
held no open events.

Rutherglen Church asked 12 Nov for gala.

It was agreed to left this matter in
the Secs hands to arrange
amicably between them & South D & L.

A meeting of the Polo League Committee was held in Whyte's Hotel Candleriggs on Wednesday 6th October 1908.

The Convener read the report of the match between South Side and Fairfield in Gorbals Baths on 3rd July last in which the Referee (Mr McLauchlan Paisley) complained of the action of C. Simpson of the Fairfield in showing temper and throwing the ball at him with, he believed malicious intent, and with refusing to leave the water when ordered to do so and that the game was consequently awarded to the South Side. A letter of apology for absence was read from Mr Simpson owing to his being in London on business. It was agreed that the matter be allowed to lie over till next meeting when Mr Simpson be asked to attend.

The Convener explained that there was still one match to play between the Glasgow Amateurs and South Side and it was agreed that the Convener endeavour to arrange that the game take place early this month.

The last league game between Paisley and Govan Amateurs took place at Paisley on 11th September. Mr Stephen Sellars (Western Baths) acted as referee and in his report of the game he reported Mr J. Leckie of the Govan Amateurs for using threatening and abusive language to him after the game was finished. Mr McTaggart of Govan Amateurs apologised for Mr Leckie's absence as that gentleman had a previous engagement and was unable to be present. Mr Sellars was also unable to be present and it was agreed to allow this matter to lie over till next meeting when both gentlemen be asked to attend.

This being all the business the meeting closed:-

Expenses:-

Room Rent. 9d.

Postages. 2/2d.

2/11d.

Alloa. Asking permission to hold School Boys race at Gala. Granted
 Gartsherrie. " " " " series of races for Soldiers
 Janos at the opening of Hamilton Pub Baths in Nov. Granted
 with the usual proviso that they be amateurs.
 Nov J Watt. sec Lieut Chesson.

Greenock. Asking 16 Oct for gala. Granted.
 Govanhill School Boys race at gala. Granted.
 Springburn do. do. do. Granted.

bandish Church. were granted a permit for Crusador's race.
 Boy's Bugade " " 5th Nov for gala in Govan Baths.

Officials for same. Referee. W. K. Taggart
 Judges. J. B. Lees & A. Portland.

City Police were granted either 18 or 20 Nov for gala.

A letter was read from Mr W. L. Wishart resigning
 his position as convenor of Caledonian Committee.

The resignation was accepted on the motion of
 Mr D. Sharpe sec. by Mr Chesson & the Secy was
 instructed to thank Mr Wishart for past services.

It was unanimously decided to delay the
 appointment of a new convenor.

Caledonian Club asked for permit to allow J. Lamont
 Jr. to take part in a ring display with Mr J. Percy
 of Glasgow Quakers. Permit refused.

Mr Treasurer reported as follows:

Income	£ 22.12.6 ¹ / ₂
Expenses	2 15 2 ¹ / ₂
Balance	19.17.4

Water Polo Convenor reported on the Edinburgh
 match & report was adopted, as was
 also the League reports.

Roll 10
resolution made earlier in the season to
draw Councillors' attention to our demands
Mr. J. B. Reid read the Special committee's report
on the Irvine case. *(Report passed in later.)*

Mr. H. H. That we accept report, award the
prizes to competitors as they funded the race
Amend. That we accept report, disqualify Irvine
and severely censure Malin.

Amend was carried by 18 votes to 8.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the committee
for their trouble.

A point was raised by Lieut Chesson re the
insuring of Trophies belonging to the Association
Mr. Pettigrew moved. That we insure the Trophies
Mr. Lumsden seconded.

Mr. Watt moved. That every winner insure the
Trophy won by him or her. *and having to insure
they desire to transfer to
the Association*

The amendment was carried by 14 votes to 8
the matter was left in the Trustees' hands.

The Chairman drew attention to the rule
dealing with permits for galas, & pointed out
that all clubs required permits for displays.

The chairman drew attention to the fact that
Miss Mary Livingstone, (who recently was reinstated
as an amateur) has again broken the Amateur
laws. She was unanimously declared
professional.

Mr. D. Sharpe objected to the referees' rulings at
the Polo match at Thistle's gala, the matter
was referred to Polo Committee.

IRVINE - INQUIRY.

GLASGOW AMATEUR'S GALA 1ST. SEPTEMBER 1908.

at the Glasgow Amateur's Gala on 1st September 1908. He stated that he had been informed that his best time for the 50 yards was 35 seconds. In connection with the remit from the last meeting of the Western Counties Amateur Swimming Association into the Complaint by Mr Laird against Mr Milne, Secretary of the Kinning Park Amateur Swimming Club for stating Mr J. Irvine's time for 50 yards at ⁴²36 seconds whereas the said swimmer did the distance in 35 seconds, so winning first prize in the open 50 at Glasgow Amateurs Gala on 1st September 1908 with ease, a meeting of the Sub Committee was called for Friday, 18th September, in Kinning Park Baths at which Mr Laird, Mr Milne and Mr Irvine were asked to be present. A letter was read from Mr Laird apologising for his inability to be present owing to a previous engagement. Mr Lundie did not put in an appearance. Mr Milne was first asked to be present at our deliberations. Mr Laird's letter of complaint was read over to him and he admitted that it stated the facts of the case correctly. He stated to us that he did not know what Mr Irvine's time for 50 yards was, but he just guessed that it would be about 42 seconds. He admitted that he had not asked the Handicapper of his Club for the time and he did not take any steps to ascertain whether the time he had forwarded to Mr Laird was correct. He also admitted that he thought he had stated the time fully in the expectation that Mr Laird might take a second or so off the swimmer but stated his surprise when he learned that Irvine had done the 50 yards in 35 seconds and that a year ago the same swimmer had taken 36 to the same distance. He admitted looking to the performance of Irvine that he had made a mistake and expressed his regret for not dealing with such a matter more carefully.

Mr Irvine was next asked into our Inquiry. He stated that he had asked Mr Milne to enter him for the open 50 yards handicap at/

at the Glasgow Amateurs Gala but that he had had no conversation whatever with Mr Milne as to what his time for 50 yards was. He stated that he had been informed that his best time for the 50 yards was 38 seconds and he believed that he had never done better than that. He said he had never been informed that he had done the distance in less time. He admitted that he was a little surprised when he saw the handicap as he thought he would have got 2 second less.

After our examination of these two gentlemen and carefully talking over the matter and considering all the points and evidence given we are of opinion that no blame attaches to Mr Irvine in this matter but that Mr Milne has had a totally inadequate conception of the harm that can be done by an Entry Secretary acting in this haphazard, unbusiness like and grossly careless manner to himself, the swimmer in question and the other entrants at the Gala as well as to Mr Laird the Official Handicapper.

This concluded the business.

J. W. Lundy
Minute Secretary

Jas Y. Brown.
President.

A Meeting of the Polo League Committee was held in Whyte's Hotel, Candleriggs, on Thursday, 29th October, 1908.

The first business for consideration was the complaint by Mr McLaughlan (Referee) as to Mr. C. Simpson of the Fairfield refusing to leave the water when ordered to do so by the Referee in the League Match between South side and Fairfield on 3rd July. After hearing Mr McLaughlan's statement and Mr. Simpson's defence the Committee found that Mr Simpson had acted in direct breach of the rules and he was suspended for one month.

The next matter for consideration was the complaint by Mr Stephen Sellars (Western Baths) against Mr J. Leckie of Govan Amateurs for using threatening and abusive language to him at Paisley immediately after the league game between Paisley Amateurs and Govan Amateurs on 11th September when Mr Sellars acted as Referee. Mr Sellars wrote regretting his inability to be present and reported more fully as to the circumstances of this matter. Mr Leckie was also unable to be present but Mr McTaggart of Govan Amateurs made a statement on behalf of Mr Leckie. After considering the whole matter the Committee were of the opinion that this was a case where the Referee ought to be supported and in consequence they have suspended Mr Leckie for one month.

A letter was read from the Dolphin Amateur Swimming Club asking that their fine (1/6) for failing to play their league fixture with Paisley (2nd) at Paisley should be refunded as they considered that no inconvenience had been caused to any one by their scratching. The Convener explained that this game was originally fixed to take place on 9th June but owing to Paisley having a Cup Tie on that date at Paisley the match was postponed and he had fixed it to take place on 7th July. He had received a post card from the Secretary of the Dolphin about ten days prior to the 7th July stating that as they could

not get a team to travel to Paisley the Dolphin would scratch, and that in accordance with Rules he had asked for the usual fine. In remitting the fine the Honourary Treasurer of the Dolphin had asked that the money be refunded as he was of opinion that no inconvenience had been caused. The Committee ^{opinion that} ~~there~~ ^{there were} after considering the matter were of the/no exceptional circumstance in this case to warrant the granting of the Dolphin's request and consequently they decided that it could not be acceded to.

The Convener reported that in accordance with the remit from the last League Committee Meeting he had fixed the League Game between Glasgow Amateurs and South Side to take place on Tuesday, 20th October, being the first vacant Tuesday from Galas in the month but that it was still unplayed.

He read a letter he had received from the Secretary of the South Side (which he had only received on the evening of the match) stating that he had written the Glasgow Amateurs postponing this match the reason being owing to a South Side team being in the final of the Life Saving Championship which took place on 22nd October in Gorbals Baths. The Convener stated that as he did not think that seeing the final took place two evenings after the match and as at the most only 4 of the team could take part in it that this was sufficient reason for postponing the fixture and that he had written the South Side stating this opinion and had informed them that he intended to hold that team as scratching. A letter was also read from Glasgow Amateurs in which they stated that they had received a letter postponing this game, and which had only been received at the Baths per messenger, on the night of the fixture and after their team was ready to take the water and that in their opinion the reason for postponing the game was rather far fetched and that they claimed the points. A letter was/

was also read from Mr Shedden the Referee for the Match complaining about going over to Kinning Park Baths on a fool's errand particularly as he had had a pressing engagement on that evening and as to the unbusinesslike manner in which the South Side had carried through the arrangement for ^{the postponing of} this match. He also pointed out that two of the South Side team had turned up to the Baths and were prepared to play they knowing nothing about the postponing of the game.

Mr Galbraith of the South Side stated to the Meeting that the South Side Life Saving Team desired to have a practice at the Hibs Practice on the Tuesday in Gorbals Baths and stated that he thought the Life Saving of more importance to his Club than the Polo League Game and thought that the South Side had acted as fairly as they could and that the means justified the ends.

After considering the matter fully the Committee were of the unanimous opinion that seeing this game had been postponed on no less than seven previous occasions the South Side had not acted as they should have done in the matter and homologated the action of their Convener in writing to the South Side on 22nd October and they acceded to the Glasgow Amateurs demand that the points be awarded to them and that Rule No 13 of the Polo League should be applied.

In regard to the prizes which have been won by the various league it is recommended that a Social Function of some kind should be gone on with ^{at} ~~xxx~~ which all the prizes in connection with the Western Counties could be presented.

The following is a financial statement of the League:-

Received.		Expenditure.	
5 Fees @ 5/-	£1 : 5 : 0.	Prizes (1st Div)	£1 : 15 : 0
10 Fees @ 2/6	£1 : 5 : 0.	Prizes (2nd Div)	£2 : 2 : 0
Kinning Park Fine	1 : 6.	Room Rent &	
Paisley's Protest		posts.	18 : 1.
fee	2 : 6		
Claremont's fines	3 : 0.		£4 : 15 : 1.
	£2 : 17 : 0.		

Income

Expenditure.

ford.	£2 : 17 : 0
Y.M.C.A. fine	1 : 6.
Eastern Fine	1 : 6.
Fairfield fine	2 : 6.
Dolphin fine	1 : 6.
	£3 : 4 : 0.
South Side.	2 : 6.
	£3 : 6 : 6.

Ford. £4 : 15 : 1.

Expenditure

£4 : 15 : 1.

Income

£3 : 6 : 6.

£1 : 8 : 7.

First.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points.
Paisley.	8	7	1	0	14.
Glasgow.	8	6	2	0	12.
Govan.	8	5	3	0	10.
South Side.	8	2	6	0	4.
Fairfield.	8	0	8	0	0.

Second (A).

Northern	8	6	2	2	14.
Paisley (2nd).	8	5	1	2	12.
Dolphin.	8	4	3	1	9.
West.of Scotland.	8	1	6	1	3.
Eastern.	8	1	7	0	2.

Second (B).

* Clydebank	9	8	1	0	16.
8 Paisley Victoria.	9	7	2	0	14.
Kinning Park.	8	3	5	0	6.
Claremont.	8	2	6	0	4.
Y. M. C. A.	8	1	7	0	2.

* Deciding match as both teams had tied at 14 points

In submitting this my final report of the League I would just like to say that taken on the whole I think the League has been worked very expeditiously as at the end of June there only/

only remained 3 league games to be played and I found it to be my experience that the cause for this was owing to the manner in which the Western Counties Cup Ties are drawn. All the Clubs being put into the hat in the first round and then drawn resulted I think in no game taking place at all and the second was not much better and to add to this certain of the Clubs who were drawn did not take the trouble of advising the Polo Convener that they did not intend to play which had the effect of postponing certain league games which, had word been sent, could have been gone on with, and so facilitated the working of the league.

I should just like to thank the various gentlemen who acted on the Polo League Committee for their assistance to me, and also the various Club Secretaries and Polo Conveners.

I should like to express my appreciation for the unflinching courteousness and great assistance which I received from the gentlemen who so freely gave of their time to act as Referees for me through the Season, some of them owing to the shortness of notice they received from me, going I know at great personal inconvenience.

Personally I shall always look back and remember the Season 1908 with great pleasure as being one of the happiest I have spent amongst Swimmers and Swimming.

Room Rent 9d.

Postages 1/1.

1/10d.

J. B. Reid,

Convener.

Western Counties Amateur Swimming Association.

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Glasgow, 3rd November 08

Water Polo Committee's Report

Whytie Holet
Candleriggs 29th Oct. 08

Meeting of the above committee was held
on above date Messrs Watt, Brown, Campbell, Shedden,
Moore, Wallace, Calbraith & the convenor being present.

Receipt from Western Counties last meeting Re complaint
against Mr G. M. Buchanan referee Deaconsdown Baths
v. Glasgow Amateurs at Thistle A.S.C.'s Gala.

Letter was read from Deaconsdown Baths A.S.C.
stating their complaint & after consideration
it was unanimously agreed that the referee
was quite conversant with the rules & had
exercised them to the best of his ability.

Water Counties Polo Match Eastern A.S.A. v. W.S.

Letter was read from the Secy Eastern A.S.A.

asking that a central referee be appointed. The
convenor stated he had written stating that
W. K. Shedden had been appointed & asking
that his association might concur also
pointing out that the expenses of a central
referee was the drawback. The reply
from the Eastern Counties Association was
then read intimating that unless a central
referee be appointed they would not play.
The expenses of the referee to be paid by
the home association, they suggested the
name of Mr. Perrie Perth. The feeling in
the committee was very strong against
the attitude taken up by the Eastern Association.
After consideration it was agreed to write asking
them to again reconsider their decision and
agree to W. K. Shedden refereeing but should
they not agree we would agree to Mr. Perrie
providing the same arrangement that a central
referee be appointed next year be confirmed.
The convenor was instructed to write Mr. Perrie
& see if you could accept if required.

Polo Cup Prizes

It was recommended that the prizes for
this competition: either to the value & allocated by the
association or augmented by the club be

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Polo Report continued

be presented to the winners in a formal manner

This was all the business

J. G. Maclean
& Rob Currier

case

asking that a neutral referee be appointed. The
convenor stated he had written stating that
W J K Shedden had been appointed & asking
that his association might concur also
pointing out that the expenses of a neutral
referee was the drawback. The reply
from the Eastern Counties Association was
then read intimating that unless a neutral
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Gold Cup Prizes

It was recommended that the prizes for
this competition: either to the value & allocated by the
association or augmented by the club be