

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
of the Western Counties Amateur  
Swimming Association, held  
within the City Halls, Glasgow  
on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8  
o'clock p.m.

Mr J. K. Sheden, (Western Amateur  
S.C) Vice-President, occupied the  
chair, and there were present  
some 42 Delegates

The chairman intimated an apology for absence  
from the meeting from the President, who, it was  
explained was on holiday

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read and,  
on the motion of Mr Borland, seconded by Mr P. B.  
Reid, were ~~adopted~~, approved of and signed.

Correspondence The Secretary read a number of letters intimating  
changes in the representation at the Association's  
meetings of several clubs,

A letter was read from Motherwell Young Men's  
Institute S.C. announcing that Mr W<sup>m</sup> Allan  
of 7 Abbotsford Place, Millburn Street Motherwell had  
been appointed Secretary in place of Mr J. Thomson  
resigned

A letter was read from Gartsherrie A. S.C. asking  
for a permit for that club's annual outing at  
Mossbank Industrial School. The Secretary stated  
that, as this function took place prior to the W.C.  
A.S.A meeting he had granted the necessary permit.  
This action was unanimously approved of

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The Secretary read a letter from Eastern A. S. C. asking permission to hold a confined gala in Burnside Loch on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. He further stated that he had granted a permit as desired and the meeting unanimously approved of his action.

A letter was read from Alloa A. S. C. asking for permission for a schoolboys handicap team race to be held at this club's gala on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

The action of the Secretary in granting the necessary permit was unanimously approved of.

A letter was read from Hamilton A. S. C. asking permission to hold a schoolboys team race at this club's gala on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The meeting unanimously approved of the Secretary's action in granting permit as desired.

Alva A. S. C. wrote asking for permission to alter the date of their gala from 24<sup>th</sup> September ~~1955~~ to 1<sup>st</sup> October. The secretary stated that, as such a change was very unlikely to affect the arrangements of any other club, he had granted the necessary permission and his action was unanimously homologated.

Pollochshields Baths A.S.C. applied for permission to hold a gala on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting unanimously agreed to this date being granted to said club.

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continued Paisley Postal A. S. C. wrote asking for permission to invite teams ~~from~~ composed of amateur swimmers from the various post offices in Paisley to take part in a Post Office team race at their gala. The meeting unanimously homologated the secretary's action in granting permit for said race.

Paisley A. S. C. wrote requesting permission to hold a 5-a-side schoolboys team race & a 50 yards handicap race confined to Paisley Ladies <sup>at their annual gala</sup>. The meeting unanimously approved of the action of the secretary in granting permit as desired

A letter was read from Paisley Postal A. S. C. asking permission for said club to hold a schoolboy's team race at their gala. The action of the secretary in granting permission was unanimously approved of

A letter was read from Glasgow Hibernian A. S. C. requesting permission to hold a schoolboys' team race at this club's gala. The secretary's action in granting this permission was unanimously homologated

Port Glasgow A. S. C. applied for permission to take part in a Gala under the auspices of the School Board of Port-Glasgow in that town on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. The letter from this club stated that the <sup>exhibits</sup> ~~stalls~~ in which their swimmers would take part were of an exhibitory nature and that no prizes would be taken by any member. The secretary

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stated that he had granted this permission, as his predecessor in office, Mr J. K. Sheddell had done so, with the Association's sanction, two years ago. After some discussion this action on the secretary's part was homologated.

Port Glasgow A. S. C. were also granted permission to hold a schoolboys team race at their gala on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

A letter was read from Greenock A. S. C. which was written thus: "Our autumn gala will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Kindly note." The Chairman took exception to this method of correspondence upon a date for the holding of a gala and pointed out that application should <sup>have</sup> been made to the W.C.A.S.A for permission to hold the gala in question.

He considered this curt form of intimation, as disrespectful to the Association and moved that The Secretary be instructed to write to Greenock A. S. C. that should ~~the~~ said club wish again to hold a gala, an application must be made to the W.C.A.S.A for permission to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted.

The Glasgow Battalion of the Boys' Brigade A. S. C. made application for permission to hold a gala on 4<sup>th</sup> November. This request was unanimously granted.

Pennistoun Baths A. S. C. wrote stating that they had no objection to the alteration in the date of Paisley Postal A. S. C. Gala.

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A letter was read from Wylie & Hochhead A.S.C. asking permission to hold a confined gala in Townhead Baths (Small Pond) on 13<sup>th</sup> October, and also requesting assistance from a few members of other clubs. The necessary permission was unanimously granted.

Rutherglen Parish Church A.S.C. requested permission to hold a gala on 11<sup>th</sup> November and this was unanimously granted.

A letter was read from Battlefield W.T. Church asking for a permit to hold a gala in aid of the building fund of said church and enclosing one guinea in terms of rule 13 page 89 of handbook.

Mr Borland moved and Mr Slimmon seconded that permission, as requested, be granted and that the sum of one guinea be returned. This motion was carried unanimously.

A letter was read from Hamilton Crescent School Former Pupils Club asking permission to hold a gala on 10<sup>th</sup> December. This permission was granted on the motion of Mr J.B. Reid seconded by Mr Chesser.

Correspondence was read from Mr George F. Reid Hon Secretary of Springburn & District Charity Gala. Mr Reid asked that the Association would permit of this function taking place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and that a gentleman be appointed from the W.T.A.S.A. to serve on committee of the Gala. It was pointed out by the Secretary that ~~this~~ the 19<sup>th</sup> November was

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the date of the Western Baths competition. Mr Foster, on behalf of the latter club stated that his committee would offer no objection to this date being ~~allowed~~ allocated to the Springburn charity Gala, but he thought that in the interest of the promoters of said Gala it would be better for them to hold it on another night. It was ultimately agreed, on the motion of Mr Pettigrew seconded by Mr P.S. Fraser, that the Secretary be instructed to send back the letter to Mr Reid with the remark that the date he applied for was also the date of the Western Baths competition Mr Sanderson moved and Mr McKenzie seconded the appointment of Mr Campbell (Hon. Secretary) to the Committee of the Springburn charity Gala and this was agreed to without dissent.

A letter was read from Coatbridge Co-operative employees A. S. C. enclosing a copy of this clubs rules, also the sum of 1/6 and requesting admission to the membership of the association. On the motion Mr Watt seconded by Mr G.B. Reid the applicant club was unanimously admitted to the Association Mr Fraser raised the question as to whether the subscription fee should cover next year's subscription. It was however, decided that it should only apply to the current year.

The Northern A. S. C. applied for permission to present a trophy for a hundred yards back stroke race scratch, under Championship rules. It was ~~suggested~~ moved by the chairman that this request be granted provided that the race be not billed as a

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continued Championship event. This was unanimously agreed to

The Dolphin A. S. C. wrote asking that one of their members, a boy named Livingston Murch be not held to have forfeited his status as an amateur swimmer through his having competed in a gala organised by Mr Daniel Beaton.

A letter was also read from Mr Beaton on this subject, stating that Murch had returned to him the prize he had gained. In view of the fact that Murch had acted in ignorance of his position, and taking into account his youth & the fact that Mr Beaton had taken advantage of these points to persuade the lad to swim, Mr Chesser moved that Murch do not forfeit his status as an amateur. Mr Gentles seconded this motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr Fraser moved that Murch be not allowed to take the prize won by him and that Mr Beaton be written to to that effect. Mr Robertson seconded the motion which was agreed to without dissent.

A letter was read from Mr James Laird, Handbridge reporting Mr J. Irvine of Paisley A. S. C. for interfering with him in the course of his duties as Starter at the Paisley A.S.C. Gala on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr Watt moved that a sub-committee be appointed to meet Messrs Laird & Irvine and deal with the dispute.

Mr Pettigrew seconded the motion.

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Mr Borland moved that Mr Laird's letter be remitted to the Paisley A. S. C. to find out what caused the trouble referred to therein  
Mr Archibald seconded the motion  
Mr Borland's motion was agreed to

A letter was read from Wellington A. S. C asking that Mr J. K. Sheddell act as judge of a graceful swimming contest to take place at this club's gala on 13<sup>th</sup> October

As this club is not affiliated to the Association, and had not applied for a permit for the gala referred to, The chairman ruled the request out of order.

A letter was read from Mr J. B. Reid of Fairfield A. S. C. asking that permission be granted to the combined clubs of Govan viz:- Govan A. S. C. Fairfield A.S.C. Pearce Institute A.S.C. & Govan Y. M. C. A. A.S.C. to hold a gala in Govan Baths on a date about February or March, to be fixed later, and also applying for a permit to allow of unattached swimmers competing. The letter stated that the clubs concerned had been asked by Govan Town Council to co-operate with the latter in the endeavour to make Govan Baths more popular during the winter months and that the Govan Town Council had offered a trophy for annual competition among amateur swimmers in Govan

Mr Pettigrew moved that the permission requested be granted and Mr Fraser seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to

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continued The Chairman, in the course of a few eloquently eloquent remarks on the public spirit shown by the Govan Town Council, expressed the cordial thanks of the Association to that body and moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Council in appreciation of their endeavours to promote the art of swimming Mr Gentles seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

An application was submitted from Glasgow Police A.S.C. requesting permission to have a team race 4 men a side, confined to Bath attendants, swim at this club's gala on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Mr Borland moved that permission be granted Mr Gentles seconded the motion.

Mr Reid (Faufield) moved that permission be not granted

Mr Watt seconded the motion

Mr Chapman, being appointed teller in the division found that Mr Reid's motion was carried by 19 votes to 15

A letter was read from Mr J. Gentles Jr., Referee of the recent contest for the Corporation Shield, stating that, prior to the start of the race a protest was lodged with him on behalf of Western A.S.C. against Mr Zett being allowed to represent S.S.A.S.C. in the race, as it was contended that he was not eligible under the rules of the W.C.A.S.C.  
a letter was also read from W.C.A.S.C. intimating protest.  
The chairman moved a sub-committee be appointed to enquire into the matter & report  
Mr Pettigrew seconded the motion

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Mr Borland moved "That the matter be discussed  
now forthwith"

Mr Robertson seconded

After considerable discussion, during which the chairman offered to vacate the chair, a proceeding which was not considered necessary by the meeting. The motion to remit the matter to a sub-committee was carried by a very large majority, it being found unnecessary to count the votes.

Mr Fraser moved that Messrs ~~Fox~~, Brown (J.), Shimmon & Campbell form the committee, with Mr Campbell as Convener

Mr Reid seconded the motion, which was agreed to without dissent

A letter was read from Mr McLaughlin of Paisley asking permission for his club to play a <sup>polo</sup> match in the Paisley Baths on 9<sup>th</sup> October between "Western Baths" and a team from the Rest of Glasgow. The secretary explained that this match was to take place at the same place & on the same date as the final tie for the Scottish Water Polo Championship. He also stated that he had granted the permit requested & the meeting unanimously supported this course.

treasurers' Report Mr. Slimmon, Hon Treasurer, submitted his report which showed a balance at the credit of £33-0-1½ Mr. P. S. Fraser moved that the report be adopted Mr. J. B. Reid seconded the motion, which was agreed to Mr. Slimmon mentioned that the Caledonian & Claremont Wesleyan Amateur Swimming Clubs had not yet paid their affiliation fees for the current year. It was unanimously decided to take no action to enforce payment.

Water Polo Committee Report The Secretary read the convener's report. Mr. McLaughlan being absent on account of his being a judge at Woodside A.S.C. Gala.

The report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Chesser, seconded by Mr. Thomson

Polo League Committee Report Mr. McKenzie, convener, stated that this committee had not met since last meeting of W.B.A.S.A.

Extension Committee Mr. Armour, convener, being absent, no report was submitted

Books Committee Mr. P. S. Fraser, convener, submitted this committee's report, which was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gentles.

Paisley A.S.C. Mr J. B. Reid desired to know why the Paisley  
Scottish Cup A.S.C. had been allowed to hold the Final  
Final Lie Lie for Scott. Polo championship on the same  
Date date as Hamilton A.S.C. Gala v.g. - 9<sup>th</sup> Octr  
He stated that the latter club had previously  
been granted this date, and that the  
allowing of the Final to be played on the same  
night was bound to have a harmful effect  
on the Hamilton clubs Entertainment  
The Secretary stated that as the arrangements  
for the Final Lie were made by the S.A.S.A  
the W.B.A.S.A could not be held in any way  
responsible for the two events referred to falling  
upon the same night and therefore could  
take no action in the matter. The subject  
then dropped

There being no further business, the proceedings  
terminated with the customary vote of thanks  
to the chairman

Jas. J. Brown  
President

Water Polo League Report to the W. C. A. S. A.

read in City Hall on 3rd Nov. 1909.

Mr. Chairman,

Gentlemen,

Since the last meeting of the Western Counties A.S.A. the League Committee have held one meeting - 3rd November.

There were present Messrs. J. T. Brown, G. J. Campbell, W. Slimmon, J. G. McLauchlan, J. Moore, W. ~~McKenzie~~ and O. W. D. McKenzie, Convener.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been moved and adopted, a report was read from Mr. C. G. Sellars, stating that on 14th Oct. the Fairfield turned up without the requisite number of players at Gorbals Baths to play return match with South Side Amateurs. It was decided to fine Fairfield 2/6d and award the points to South Side Amateurs.

The League Table being now completed the following are the details:-

1st DIVISION.

Goals.

Teams	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agt.	Points.
Paisley.	8	6	1	1	22	6	13
Govan.	8	6	2	0	26	14	12
South Side.	8	4	2	2	10	13	10
Glasgow.	8	2	5	1	20	23	5
Fairfield.	8	0	8	0	8	30	0

## 2nd DIVISION.

FINANCIAL A.

Teams.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		Points.
					For	Agt.	
2nd Paisley.	10	10	0	0	40	9	20
2nd Western Baths.	10	6	3	1	30	18	13
Western.	10	4	5	1	16	17	9
Clydebank.	10	3	5	2	16	22	8
Thistle.	10	2	5	3	11	18	7
West of Scotland.	10	1	8	1	8	37	3

## 2nd DIVISION.

B.

Teams.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		Points.
					For	Agt.	
Paisley Victoria.	5	3	0	0	29	8	16
Northern.	5	4	4	0	22	18	8
Kinning Park.	5	4	4	0	17	16	8
Springburn.	5	4	4	0	14	15	8
Govan Y.M.C.A.	5	0	8	0	2	27	0

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Paisley Victoria.

The Convener then put forward the Financial Statement which was approved of.

Fixtures. The details are as follows:-

Paisfield.

Glasgow.

Kinning Park.

Springburn.

Fixtures ended.

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Advertisement.

P. A. Paisley

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INCOME.

## FINANCIAL

To Subscriptions.	1st Division.	
Fairfield.	5/-	20. 9. 9.
Glasgow.	5/-	
Govan.	5/-	£0. 0. 9.
Paisley.	5/-	
South Side.	5/-	
	J. G. McLaughlin	
	8/6	
		£1. 5. 0.
2nd Division. (A. Section).		£1. 11. 0.
Clydebank	2/6	
2nd Paisley	2/6	
Thistle.	2/6	
Western.	2/6	
2nd Western Baths.	2/6	
West of Scotland.	2/6	
		£0. 15. 0.
2nd Division. (B. Section).		
Govan Y.M.C.A.	2/6	
Kinning Park.	2/6	
Northern.	2/6	
Paisley Victoria.	2/6	
Springburn.	2/6	
		£0. 12. 6.
Fines.		
Fairfield.	7/6	
Glasgow.	2/6	
Kinning Park.	1/6	
Springburn.	1/6	
		£0. 13. 0.
Fixture Cards.		
366 @ 1d.	30/6	
Advertisement		
F. A. Lumley.	10/-	£2. 0. 6.
Deficit.		£0. 12. 6.
		£5. 18. 6.

### EXPENDITURE.

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**By Postages -**

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\* Expenses to Paisley. } - acted as Referee during the  
James Duncan. } £0. 0. 9.

## "Printing."

Fixture Cards - J. Thomson. 28/6

Entry Notices - J.G. McLaughlin 2/6

11. 11. 0.

"Prizes."

**1st Division - Paisley.**

7 Medals @ 5/- ea. 35/-

2nd Division (A. Section).

2nd Paisley.

7 Medals @ 3/- ea. 21/-

**2nd Division (B. Section):**

### Before Victoria.

7 Medals @ 3/- ea. 21/-

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£5. 18. 6.

In concluding, my Committee desire me to thank the Referees and all other workers for their assistance during the present season.

The following gentlemen acted as Referees during the season:-

D. Anderson.	A. Scott.
J. Anderson.	C. G. Sellars.
G. Brown.	S. Sellars.
G. J. Campbell.	J. K. Shedden.
A. G. Chalmers.	W. Slimmon.
J. Chapman.	A. Wallace.
T. K. Corrigall.	J. Watt.
W. H. Copland.	J. S. Yuille.
D. Davidson.	
J. Dunson.	
J. Foster, Junr.	
P. S. Fraser.	
J. Gray.	
T. Gentles Junr.	
W. H. Haynes.	
J. Irvine.	
H. B. Jones.	
W. Kirkwood.	
W. A. Lawson.	
J. W. Lundie.	
J. G. McLauchlan.	
W. McTaggart.	
J. Moore.	
J. B. Pringle.	
J. B. Reid.	
C. B. Ross.	

O.W.D. McKenzie  
Convenor

Report by Sub-Committee appointed  
to enquire into protest - Western Counties  
v South Side - Corporation Shield Race.

*Mr*

Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to lay before you the report of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Western Counties Amateur Swimming Association at their meeting on 6th October, 1909, to enquire into the grounds for protest by the Western Amateurs Swimming Club, as contained in their letter of 15th September, alleging that the South Side Amateur Swimming Club at their Gala on Thursday, 11th Septr., 1909, in the Team Race for the Corporation Shield violated Rule 57, page 18, of the S.A.S.A. handbook, and also Condition 6, page 114, in having as a member of their team A. Izett, who did not possess the necessary qualification to entitle him to compete in this competition.

We have examined the books of the South Side Club, and find that A. Izett was accepted by the Committee as a member on 14th Jany. 1909, and that he paid his entry fee and annual subscription on 2nd Septr. 1909, and that the date of his Clearance Certificate from the Pollokshields Club is 8th Septr. 1909.

We are of the opinion that the said swimmer violated Rule 6 page 114, and also Rule 57 page 18, in the first instance, in that he was not four months a member of the South Side club; and in the second instance, in that his Clearance Certificate should have been granted four months previous to date of competition, and would further point out that intimation has not yet been forwarded to the Hon. Secy. of the Association, as required under Rule 57 page 18; that Izett has transferred from Pollokshields Baths Club to South Side Club for competition purposes.

After reviewing all the facts of the case we consider that we are justified in recommending that the Western Amateurs' protest be upheld; that protest fee be ~~returned~~ <sup>refused</sup>, and that Mr Izett/

Izett and the South Side Swimming Club be censured for  
violation of the rules of the Association.

(sgd).      J. T. BROWN,  
W. SLIMMON,  
G. J. CAMPBELL,

Members of Sub-Committee.

3rd Nov. 1909.