

Minutes of monthly meeting  
of W.C. A.S.A. held within the  
City Halls, Glasgow on Wednesday  
7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.0 pm Mr J.B.  
Reid presided over a good attendance

Minutes The minutes of previous meeting were read and  
on the motion of Mr Fraser, seconded by Mr  
Davidson were approved of.

Correspondence A number of changes in club delegates were  
intimated and were approved of

A letter was read in which the Glasgow Police A.S.B.  
asked for permission to hold a gala at Saltcoats on  
August 25<sup>th</sup>. The action of the Secretary in granting  
permit was upheld without objection

A letter was read in which the Boys' Life Brigade  
A.S.B. asked permit to hold a gala in Whitvale Baths  
(Small Pond) on 6<sup>th</sup> October. The application was  
granted unanimously.

H. W. Ait. Solihull A.S.C. wrote asking for the  
appointment of 2 Judges & a referee for the Club's  
Gala on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. Mr W. Kemp & Moore were appointed  
as Judges & Mr Fraser as Referee.

Paisley Ferguslie A.S. Clubs application for permit to hold  
a 50 yards ladies' handicap race open to workers in  
Ferguslie & Anchor Mills was granted without dissent,  
~~Amos~~ an objection by Mr W. Laughton being  
ruled out of order.



Correspondence A letter was read from Paisley A.S.C. making  
bona application for permit to hold a 50 yards school boys  
race at said clubs gala on 20<sup>th</sup> September. It  
was unanimously agreed that permit be granted  
as desired

A letter was read in which Saracen A.S.C. asked  
that 2 judges & a referee be appointed to said  
clubs gala on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Messrs Gentles & Hogan  
were appointed as judges & Mr Reid as Referee

Saltrigate A.S.C. wrote asking for permit to have  
50 yards & 100 yards open races at Gala on 24<sup>th</sup> August  
also 25 yards races for learners open to (1) Boys under  
14 (2) Boys under 16 (3) Girls. It was unanimously  
agreed that the action of the secretary in granting  
permit as desired be upheld.

Western Amateur S.C. wrote asking for permit  
to hold a school boys team race at this clubs  
Gala on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. It was unanimously agreed  
that permit be granted as desired

The application made by the Eastern Club for  
permission to hold a gala in Burnside Park  
on 10 September was granted without objection.

The Application made by A. Lirvan that permit  
be granted to hold the Annual Charity Gala  
in Springburn Baths on 11<sup>th</sup> November was <sup>agreed to</sup> granted  
without dissent



Correspondence  
Bouta

A letter was read from Mr S. Preston, Master of Works to Govan School Board complaining of the shortness of notice given that the heats of the bout for the Sladen Trophy would be decided on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

September at 4.45 pm. and also of the time at which a start was to be made. Mr Preston stated that 6.0 pm. would be a more convenient hour.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Preston's remarks be noted for future reference.

Letters were read from Mr James Laird, Handicapper reporting <sup>that</sup> several swimmers ~~for heat~~ had swum 50 yards in open races at Galas considerably faster than the time given to him as their "times" over that distance. The names of these swimmers Bernard (B6) Chisbet (Carnegie) & R. Sharp (Woods)

After a considerable discussion, it was ultimately agreed, upon the casting vote of the Chairman to remit the ~~ms~~ whole matter to a special committee of 3 delegates for inquiry & report. Messrs Reid, Bruce and L. Haugland were appointed as said Committee.

A letter was read from Mr R. W. McKenzie, protesting against the date & place of the meeting of the Water Polo committee to select the Inter City Teams being altered without his notified. The Convener expressed his regret that any misunderstanding should have arisen & the matter was left there.

Letters were read from City Police Club Edinburgh asking Western Counties Association to enter for an inter District team race on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept and cancelling same on account of lack of entries.



## Treasurer's Report

Mr Climmon Hon Treasurer submitted his report showing a Credit Balance of £48-11-0½. and intimated that the affiliation fees of the following Clubs were still unpaid.

Brotherwell Celtic

Cooperative

Duchess

Foundry Boys

Rutherglen Parish Church

Thornliebank

It was agreed on the motion of Mr McLaughlan seconded by Mr Gentles that the Secretary write these Clubs & then hand them to the Extension Committee to deal with.

## Water Polo Committee Report

Mr McLaughlan however presented his Committee report. & moved its adoption. Mr Gentles seconded. Mr Fraser protested strongly against the conduct of the Edinburgh Polo team in arriving very late at Woodside Baths on the evening of the games. He thought that the team, having elected to travel by the North British Railway, were more to be pitied than blamed, there having been an accident on the line. This explanation seemed to satisfy Mr Fraser and the meeting. ~~For~~

The motion was then adopted

Report of S.A.S.A. meeting  
Mr McLaughlan read a report of the last Quarter meeting of S.A.S.A. Council.



Permit

Permit was granted to Springfield Amateurs A.C.  
to hold a ~~Team~~ School Boys Race at Gala on  
6<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting terminated with the customary vote  
of thanks to the Chairman.

J. B. Reid  
President



## COMPLAINTS

by

The Official Handicapper (Mr J. Laird)

against

G. Bernard (Bent Colliery) C. Nisbet, (Dunfermline)  
and R. Sharp (West of Scotland for wrongous times  
being furnished to him.

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At the Meeting of the Western Counties Amateur Swimming Association held on 7th September 1910 three letters were read from Mr Laird complaining that the above swimmers had forwarded their wrong times to him and after ~~reading~~ discussion it was remitted to the following sub-committee to enquire fully into the matter and report to this meeting of the Western Counties Amateur Swimming Association, viz:- Mr J. B. Reid (Fairfield) Convener, Mr J. G. M'Lauchlan (Paisley) and Mr D. Bruce (City Police).

It was arranged that a meeting of the Committee bein called for Wednesday 21st September 1910 at 8 o'clock and that the Convener advise all the parties interested and ask them to be present on that date. The full Committee met on that date.

It was agreed that the Committee deal with the complaints in their chronological order and hear all the evidence that could be adduced both for and against all the parties implicated

The first case was that of G. Bernard of the Bent Colliery Club Hamilton. Mr Laird's letter was read in which he complained that the time of G. Bernard had been supplied to him as 47 sec for the open 50 at the Bent Colliery Club's Gala at Hamilton, on 20th August last. Mr Laird stated that this swimmer had covered the distance in 39 sec. Mr Laird informed the Committee that he had had great difficulty in getting the correct times for the swimmers from the Hamilton Clubs and that the Bent Colliery Club were one of the chief offenders



in this respect. The Convener informed the Committee that he had written Mr Condie the Secretary of the Bent Club asking him to arrange for Mr Bernard being present at this office and to have with him all the evidence he could bring. The Convener read a letter he had received from Mr Brown the Financial Secretary of the Bent Club, in which he stated that he did not see that Mr Laird had any ground for protesting against this man as it was the first time he had swam in an open 50 yards and that Bernard did not get placed in the final, and won no prize and further that it was the Bent Club Officials who had forwarded the time to Mr Baird.

Mr Condie, the Secretary, attended the meeting, and corroborated the statements made in Mr Brown's letter to the Convener. He stated that he believed Mr Bernard's time for 50 yards to be 47 sec. He stated that the Bent Club had made up a handicap for certain members of the Club in which Bernard took part, that they had never time Bernard specially but that they had arrived at his time by the rules of addition and subtraction. He further stated that Mr Bernard did not win that handicap.

The Committee also heard Mr A. Wallace (Dolphin) who had acted as Timekeeper on Mr Laird's instructions for the events in which Bernard competed. He informed the Committee that Bernard covered the distance in the heat of the open 50 in 39 sec, the first 50 yards in the final of the Dixon Cup in 40 sec and the semi-final of the open 50 immediately thereafter without changing his costume in 43 seconds.

The Committee after considering all the evidence adduced are decided that the time was forwarded to Mr Laird by the Bent Club Officials, that this was done with Bernard's knowledge. They feel that this practice of sending on wrong time is detrimental to the best interests of the sport, and a decided hardship on the remaining 55 swimmers who took part in the Gala, they are of the opinion that the Bent Club should also be penalised on this occasion and they are of the



opinion that this end could be attained by penalising Bernard as his actings will reflect and react on the Club.

Therefore in view of the evidence led, and in order that this practice may be put a stop to, they unanimously recommend that Mr G. Bernard be suspended for a month from this date.

The case next considered with that of Mr C. Nisbet of the Carnegie Amateurs Dunfermline who swam in the Open 50 Yards at the Dolphin Club's Gala on 25th August 1910.

Mr Laird's letter was also read which shewed that Nisbet had forwarded his time as 46 seconds whereas he completed the distance in 35 seconds.

Mr Laird informed the Committee that he had received the entry from Mr Ferguson the Gala Convener who stated that Nisbet's time was 46 seconds and that the swimmer had not competed in an open race before. Mr Laird inform the Committee that this was not the case, as Nisbet had competed in the Graceful Swimming Championship at Gorbals Baths in June 1909 and that had this information been supplied to him he would have remembered the swimmer. The Convener informed the meeting that he had written to Mr Nisbet asking him to attend this meeting or to forward a report of the matter from his point of view. A letter was read from Mr Nisbet in which he stated that he had informed Mr Ferguson that his time was 36 second, that he had been 8 weeks ill and he might allow him a few seconds on this account, and that he had also supplied Mr Ferguson with the name of the handicapper in Dunfermline. He further stated that he was of the opinion that Mr Ferguson had either made a mistake or had allowed him 10 seconds. Mr Keith of the City Police Club attended the meeting and testified as to the truthfullness of the land and he admitted that he was not present at the interview between the land and Mr Ferguson.

Mr P. S. Fraser (West of Scotland) an official timekeeper of the Association informed the meeting that Mr Laird had asked him to time Nisbet which he did. His time for the heat



of the open 50 yards was 35 sec, his time for the semi-final 34  $\frac{4}{5}$  sec and his time for the final 34  $\frac{3}{5}$  sec, so that each of times were better, even than 36 seconds, stated by Mr Nisbet to have been forwarded.

Mr Ferguson was then called and informed the Committee that Mr Nisbet had called at his house and stated that his time was 43 to 46 seconds, that he had never swam in an open event before, and asked Mr Ferguson to give him a chance. Mr Ferguson said the boy told him he was a schoolboy and he therefore forwarded to Mr Laird his highest time viz:- 46 second, and that he had made no statement to him as to having been ill. Mr Ferguson was positive that no mistake had been made by him and informed us that Mr D. Kent of the Dolphin Club could give corroborative evidence. He stated that Mr Kent could not be present on that night. Mr Kent however forwarded a letter to the Convener in which he stated that Mr Nisbet inform him on the night of the Gala that his time was 43 to 46 second thereby substantiating Mr Ferguson's evidence to us.

The Committee are of the opinion that Mr C. Nisbet did wilfully inform Mr Ferguson of his wrong time. Therefore they recommend <sup>to the Alva & Blackmarnan School Association</sup> that Mr Nisbet be suspended for one month from this date, that the prizes be handed to the 2nd 3rd and 4th in the final, viz:- J. Farrell E. Campbell and J. Lamond respectively.

The third case was that of Mr R. Sharp of the West of Scotland who at that Club's Gala swam 50 Yards in 36  $\frac{4}{5}$  sec. whereas the time forwarded was 41 seconds.

Mr Laird inform the Committee that after considering this case further he was of the opinion that he had made a mistake in reporting this man as he was of the opinion that he was just about off the right mark.

The Committee however heard the West of Scotland Club's Officials/



Officials and from the handicapping books which were produced to the Committee they showed that Sharp had swam twice and that his time in these races had been 40 and 41 second respectively and that he had won neither. They also showed that according to the programme of the Open Event as compared with the Club's handicap they coincided. They also heard Mr Sharp who stated that he had no idea of his time and that he had been practising for about 3 weeks before the Gala in order that he might have an opportunity of doing his best.

The Committee are of the opinion that there is no case against either Sharp or the West of Scotland Club and recommend that both be exonerated from any blame in this matter and that the Club be instructed to hand over to Mr Sharp the third prize won by him in the Open 50 Yards at the Club's Gala.

J. B. Reid

Convener of  
Sub Committee.

J. G. M. Lauchlan

Member of  
Sub-Committee.

D. M. Bruce

Member of  
Sub-Committee.