

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING
DEWARS ICE RINK, PERTH

SUNDAY 18th JUNE 2000 AT 1:00 PM

PRESENT :

Doug Milne (DM)	National Convenor
Andrea Gellan (AG)	East District Convenor
Brian Bain (BB)	North District Convenor
Alison Smith (AS)	Midland District Representative

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Pam Short, Margaret Hodgart and Douglas Brown.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd April were accepted.

3. Matters Arising

Pam Short has resigned as Midland District convenor. AS has been proposed by the Midland District Committee to take over as convenor and this is likely to be ratified at the next Midland District meeting.

4. Correspondence

- Letter from Paul Bush requesting that we make recommendations for requirements related to safety & medical provision.
- LEN Calendar of events for 2001

5. Budget

AS tabled a breakdown of income and expenditure to date. This included an estimated cost for Tollcross facilities on 22nd April was in excess of the actual amount of £213, as a result there is approximately £450 remaining in the training budget.

There is currently £1400 remaining in the international budget.

6. Scottish Open Water Swimming Championships

Entries are now closed for Loch Lubnaig, Monifieth and Castle Pier and show the following breakdown

	Males	Females
Lubnaig (Senior)	5	6
Lubnaig (Junior)	2	5
Monifieth (Junior)	2	4
Castle Pier (Juvenile)	0	5

Medals have been ordered

Certificates have been produced

A draft programme for Loch Lubnaig has been produced.

Loch Lubnaig

The Senior event will start at 10 A.M. with the junior event to follow at approximately 1 P.M.

There will be three private boats and a surf ski available for use in both races. DM to look at additional canoe provision from the Royal Navy Cadettes. BB to discuss with Aberdeen Surf Life Saving Club.

DNV (event sponsors) to be invited to send a representative to attend and present prizes.

It was agreed that more than two people could be in a boat provided there was sufficient room to accommodate a retiring swimmer.

7. Training Day

All invoices for the day have been received and forwarded to the S.A.S.A. office for payment.

8. National Training Squad

The following were selected to form the National Open Water Swimming Squad to receive a weekend's training at Tollcross on 27th/28th May.

Seniors

Elma Alexander	- City of Dundee
Gillian Innes	- Silver City Blues & Bon-Accord Thistle A.S.C.
Brian Bain	- Silver City Blues & Bon-Accord Thistle A.S.C.

Juniors

Sarah Hughes	- Lochaber A.S.C.
Scott McKenzie	- Dundee Arnhall A.S.C.
Naomi Murdoch	- City of Dundee
Stevie Kerwin	- Whitehall A.S.C.
Rachel Smith	- Whitehall A.S.C.

Six of the eight selected eventually declined the invitation as a result of prior engagements, ill health and pending school examinations. As a result the course was cancelled although Brian Bain and Sarah Hughes participated in the masters training course which was being held concurrently. The cost of Sarah's attendance was reimbursed to her.

There is no intention to have a further training course before the end of the open water season.

9. International Competition

Seniors

A suitable competition for a senior team has still to be identified. The proposed World Cup 10km competition in London on 30th September is still a possibility but details are as yet unavailable. BB to contact A.S.S. with a view to getting details of this and any other international events to which a representative team from Scotland could be sent.

Juniors

Sarah Hughes competed in the international event for 14/15 year old swimmers in Nottingham on 10th June where she finished in 5th place. Team kit was provided in the form of a costume, a cap, a tee-shirt and pair of shorts. She received the £100 agreed subsidy prior to the event.

Rachel Smith, who had also been selected to receive the subsidy, did not enter the event.

10. Communications

A newsletter for April/May was issued to approximately 80 people. There are some indications that not all the intended recipients got a copy.

There is an aim to produce the next issue for October/November to provide a report on the season.

Information on Open Water has been submitted to the author of the Masters web site.

11. Development Plan

Discussion deferred to next meeting

12. ASFGB

BB was unable to attend the selection meeting for the European Championships.

13. Use of S.A.S.A. Rescue Boat

YeAABA notified DM on the evening of Friday 16th June that they obtained permission from the S.A.S.A. office to use the S.A.S.A. Dory at their junior single Tay event the following day. DM had attempted to discover who they had talked to but neither Paul Bush or Elaine McKenzie were aware of the situation.

There was some concern that YeAABA may be getting free use of S.A.S.A. equipment for their events while charging the S.A.S.A. for the use of their equipment in Scottish Championships. DM to liaise with office to reach a better understanding of the use of the S.A.S.A. boat by clubs. It was agreed that YeAABA could have the use of the boat for all events where it was not required for S.A.S.A. or district use and that this would be free of charge (cost of petrol to be borne by YeAABA) provide the arrangement was reciprocated. Should YeAABA choose to continue charging for the use of boats the Monifieth event we would seek to charge a fee in the region of £30 per event for the boat. There will also need to be some agreement regarding the making good of any damage.

14. Date of Next Meeting

8th July - Strathyre