

**MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held in the
CARLTON HOTEL, EDINBURGH, on 28th
JUNE, 1970, at 9.30 a.m.**

Chairman.—Mr J. Reid (Victoria A.S.C.), President.

Present.—N. Beattie, J. Neil, W. Black, West; J. A. Snowden, P. H. Boyd, East; W. Hagan, A. R. Thomson, Midland; D. Ritchie, J. Marnoch, North; J. W. Williamson, General Treasurer; J. Y. Coutts, General Secretary.

Remarks.—Mr Reid opened the meeting on a sad note, referring to the sudden deaths of J. A. Grossart, a Past President, and John Webster, a young and promising swimmer and Water Polo player, also the loss of Bill Juba, a noted swimming journalist who contributed to the Swimming Times. The delegates observed a short silence to their memory.

The Chairman then gave a brief summary of the activities of the Association since the March meeting, congratulating the Scottish team on its victory over Wales and Ireland to regain the Tenovus Trophy, their win over Iceland, and their narrow defeat by Norway. The Polo players had also wins to their credit, and he congratulated the East District in winning the Senior Inter-District Contest, and Portobello in winning the Scottish Cup.

He referred to the swimmers and polo players who had been selected to represent Great Britain, and the 24 swimmers and divers who had been selected to compete for Scotland at the Commonwealth Games, and the delegates joined him in wishing them all success.

50. Minutes of A.G.M.—The Minutes of the A.G.M. were confirmed and passed to the next one for adoption.

51. **Minutes of March Meeting.**—The Minutes of the March meeting were approved as correct.

52. **British Swim Writers Club.**—Letter from the Club requesting a donation for a Memorial Fund to Bill Juba, to be used for training young and promising swimmers. Districts were advised to give this some consideration and if donations were made the Council would add to the sum.

53. **Royal Commonwealth Pool.**—The Secretary reported on a meeting with members of the Edinburgh Financial Committee, and was instructed on how to act after the match with Denmark.

54. **Robinson's Awards.**—In connection with the awards offered by this firm the Council decided to take no action, but it was noted that Martin Shore had been interviewed by a panel, and Council hoped he would be successful in gaining an award.

55. **S.C.P.R.**—The Symposium on small pools had been postponed, and it was agreed that we should keep in touch.

The plan to form Sports Committees had been delayed, and Council decided to keep a watching brief on future actions.

56. **G.B. Committee.**—Letter of thanks from this Committee for the arrangements made for the match with the U.S.S.R. was appreciated by the Council.

57. **Speedo, Ltd.**—This company had offered a sum of money each year for Age Group swimmers, but so far no plan to make use of this sum had been fixed. Secretary was advised on future action.

58. **Leeds Contest.**—The Leeds clubs had invited Scottish clubs to enter for the Poulson Trophy, to be held in Leeds on 3rd October. Districts were advised to inform their clubs on the matter.

59. **European Games.**—Secretary intimated that P. H. Boyd had been appointed as a reserve official for the Games.

60. **G.B. Constitution.**—The Secretary reported on the position of this Constitution, and the changes made by the A.S.A. Mr N. Sarsfield, Secretary A.S.A., was prepared to visit Scotland and talk to the Council or a Special Meeting on the whole position. It was resolved that the Districts should consider the changes and report back to the Council, and after consideration of the reports the Council would decide if a Special Meeting of the Association should be convened, and if so that Mr Sarsfield should be invited to address the meeting.

61. **Games Reception.**—Council agreed that a Reception should be held during the Games for Technical Officials only.

62. **General Secretary.**—Mr J. W. Williamson reported that some move would be made after the Games to find a successor for the General Secretary.

63. **General Treasurer's Report.**—The General Treasurer added to his written report, and gave a summary of the position which showed that owing to the heavy expenses incurred by the training of the team for the Games, the position was not too good, and appealed to the Districts to donate to the Association, especially if Internationals were to be included in the programme for 1971.

64. **Swimming.**—In the absence of a report owing to the Convener being busy with the Games possibles, the Council considered the recommendations of the Committee's meeting, and the following decisions were made:—

Agreed that the Director of Swimming attend the A.S.A. championships to look after the Scottish swimmers.

Agreed that J. M. Hogg be included in the Committee to arrange the Long Course Championships.

Agreed that the Director of Swimming be not sent to the European Championships.

Agreed that the officials for the Age Group Contest in Wales be Manager, Chaperon, and Technical Director. Each District was invited to send one representative at their own expense, or the Districts'.

Agreed no badges be awarded this year, but Council would consider the matter during 1971.

Agreed that no Mini-Gyms be purchased this year, but Council would consider the matter next year.

Agreed by 8 votes to 2 that Blazers be presented to Messrs Hogg, Ashton and Thomas, and that the Secretary endeavour to get badges and passes for them from the Organisation Committee for the Games.

It was noted that 24 swimmers had been selected for the Games.

65. **Diving.**—It was noted that four divers had been selected for the Games. The Inter-District League had been won by the West.

66. **Water Polo.**—Noted that 8 teams had entered the Polo Cup, and 9 in the Youth League.

Portobello A.S.C. had won the Cup.

The Senior Inter-District Championship had been won by the East.

The Select Team had defeated the Royal Navy and the Army, but lost by the odd goal to Ulster.

Arrangements for the matches with Denmark and for the Residential Course at St. Andrews were well in hand, as was the Four Nation Tournament at Burntisland.

67. **Education.**—It was noted that 19 Preliminary certificates had been awarded, and a Course in the Midlands started, and one was due to commence in Aberdeen in September.

The East District raised the question of the resignation of their delegate from the Committee, owing to lack of information. The Secretary was instructed to request an explanation from the Convener.

68. **Swimming Officials.**—Mr Sarfas reported that the May examination had been attempted by 74 candidates, and the results would be intimated later.

69. **Synchronised Swimming.**—Mrs Black reported that the Group had been practising steadily and had improved immensely, and had arranged to stay in Edinburgh during the Games. The Group had fitted themselves with uniforms and swimsuits, and Council agreed that some assistance be given in connection with board.

70. **Age Group.**—No report was forward, but the last meeting had decided to request Districts to consider many questions, and their answers were awaited.

The finals would be held at Dundee on Saturday, 7th November, and would be televised.

71. **Emergency Committee.**—The Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency Committee were approved.

72. **Technical Committee.**—J. W. Williamson, Director of Swimming for the Games, gave his report, and it was agreed that he and the Secretary be the delegates to the Federation Technical Committee. The programme Editor would be J. Y. Coutts.

73. **Joint Awards.**—The Trustee gave a report on the scheme, which appeared to be going well, although no particulars were available at present. The Secretary intimated that he would be advising clubs in due course.

The West District was advised to make any complaints to the Secretary at the office.

74. **B.B.C.**—The Secretary reported on the meeting with the B.B.C., and intimated that the programme for 1971 would be finalised at the October meeting.

75. **Learn to Swim.**—The President gave a review of the Learn to Swim Gala, held in the Royal Commonwealth Pool.

76. **Records.**—The following records were passed to the A.G.M. for confirmation:—

RECORDS

MEN AND JUNIOR

- 110 yds. *Breast Stroke*—1 min. 13.4 secs.; D. Wilkie, Warrender; Crystal Palace, 14/3/70.
- 220 yds. *Breast Stroke*—2 mins. 36.8 secs.; D. Wilkie, Warrender; Crystal Palace, 19/6/70.

WOMEN AND JUNIOR

- 110 yds. *Freestyle*—1 min. 06.7 secs.; L. Allardice, Hornchurch; Crystal Palace, 14/3/70.
- 440 yds. *Freestyle*—4 mins. 57.0 secs.; A. Mackie, Thistle L.; Crystal Palace, 20/6/70.
- 880 yds. *Freestyle*—10 mins. 11.1 secs.; A. Mackie, Thistle L.; Crystal Palace, 19/6/70.

AGE GROUP — BOYS, 10 YEARS

- 50 yds. *Freestyle*—31.1 secs.; D. Campbell, N.C.R.; Dundee, 14/3/70.
- 50 yds. *Back Stroke*—36.0 secs.; D. Campbell, N.C.R.; Dundee, 5/6/70.

77. **Technical Director.**—It was decided to convene a Special Meeting of the Council to deal with matters from the Director's report.

Next meeting was arranged for 11th October, the venue to be fixed by the Secretary.