

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the S.A.S.A. Council Meeting held on 19th October, 1975 at Edinburgh.
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SEDERUNT:

P. Heatly C.B.E., President
J. Snowdon, Interim General Secretary
P. Stevenson, Interim General Treasurer
A. Linton, East
T.M. Nichol, East
C. Nash, Midland
A.B. Cooper, Midland
J.W. Thomson, West
Mrs. M.J.R. Houston, West
S.J. Dorey M.B.E., West
H.C. Dobbie, West
G.C.C. Robb, North
R.A. Robertson, North.

IN ATTENDANCE:

S. McKinstrie, Director of Administration
R.F. Craig, Convener, Swimming Committee
* W. Black, Convener, Water Polo Committee *
W. Law, Convener, Diving Committee
D. McGowan
J. Parks

APOLOGIES:

J. Marnoch, North.

CHAIRMAN:

P. Heatly, President, took the chair and welcomed delegates and Mr. R.A. Robertson who was substituting for J. Marnoch. The President paid tribute to the Organising Committee of the Age Group Championships at which 42 records had been broken. Mr. M. Latham, of Speedo, had presented a cheque for £400 to the Association during the Age Group Championships and had expressed his thanks to the Association for his reception thereat. The President confirmed that a date had been arranged for a meeting with Speedo representatives to discuss their potential assistance and collaboration in next year's programme.

MINUTES:

Subject to the following amendment the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th. September, 1975, were approved by Council.

Page 5. Para.5. Swimming Calendar: "The North District expressed the wish that a major swimming event should be held in the North District".

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th. October, 1975, were approved without amendment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the B.B.C. requesting a meeting to discuss contract. Mr. Heatly advised that a meeting had been arranged. Agreed no further action required until meeting had taken place.
2. Clearance Lines received for:
Scott Nelson - from Falkirk Otters to Carnegie.
Alan Jamieson - from Rutherglen to Aberdeen Dolphin.
Ludvic Barrie - from Falkirk Otters to Bon Accord.
Approved by Council.
3. Record Application Form from Carnegie S.C. for Boys 4 x 50 Medley in a time of 2.02.06. Confirmed by Council.
4. Letter from the Water Polo Convener concerning the Red Cross Trophy. W. Black to be advised that decision had been taken at previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE CONT:

5. Letter from West District Secretary. Postponed for discussion under Director of Swimming.
6. Letter re. S.C.C.S. Exhibition at Aviemore. Mr. McKinstrie advised Council that an application had been submitted for a notice board measuring 10ft. by 6ft.
7. Letter from Speedo requesting meeting. In his opening remarks the Chairman had advised that this had been arranged.
8. Letter from the North District Secretary confirming that arrangements had been made for the 1m. Junior Men and Women Diving Championships to be held at Hilton College Pool on Saturday, 15th. November, from 1.30 pm. to 4.30 pm.
9. Letter from the President enclosing copy of letter from R.H. Brown. Noted by Council.
10. Letters from Leeds City Council and North East Counties A.S.A. Noted that decision on possible North East Counties contest would not be known until after 1st. November, 1975.
11. Letter from Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club re. our donation to Tom Thorndale Memorial Fund. Noted by Council.
12. Letters from Lothian Regional Council and Lothian Fanfare. Noted and passed to East District.
13. Letter from National Swimming Liaison Council. Agreed they be advised that we already have the equivalent in the Scottish Consultative Committee on Swimming.
14. Letter from Warrender B.C. re. use of guest swimmers. Referred to Rules Revision Committee for a ruling to be drafted.
15. Letter from North District re. Venue of Short Course Championships, 1976. Postponed for discussion under Swimming Convener's report.
16. Letter from Motherwell District Council re. Water Polo training facilities. Referred to Water Polo Committee.
17. Letter from East Kilbride District Council re. Long Course Championships. Referred to Swimming Committee.
18. Letters from A.S.A. re.:
 - i. Participation in Coca Cola International Meet.
 - ii. Appointment of P. Heatly to G.B. Committee, J. Snowdon as Interim General Secretary and P. Stevenson as Interim General Treasurer.
 - iii. Demise of T. Thorndale.
 - iv. Lotteries Bill 1975.
Noted by Council.
19. Protests re. Age Group Championships from Miss J. Patterson and S.T. Muir, and letter from Referee re. protests. Agreed Referee's decision be upheld, but, under circumstances two additional medals to be presented, and fees for appeals to be returned. Agreed also that R.C.P. be advised of the discrepancies and request an examination of mechanism of lane 5.

MATTERS ARISING:

Meeting of 7.9.75.

Page 4. Item 9. Confirmation of Mr. Black's resignation had been received and regretfully accepted.

Page 4. Item 10. Affiliation Fees. Postponed for discussion under Treasurer's Report.

Page 4. Item 12. A.G.M. Minutes. Mr. Turberville had been approached at the Age Group Championships and had agreed to send these on without delay.

Page 5. Synchronised Swimming. Mrs. Laidlaw to be asked to write to Mrs. Black and Mrs. Black to contact Tulliallan again if considered necessary.

G.B. Administrative Costs. Approved by Council.

Coaches Register. To be handed over to Swimming Committee and to be maintained by them.

Age Group Costs. District's to advise office of final, actual costs within 10 days.

Appendix to Handbook. Agreed that copies of these to be distributed free of charge to affiliated clubs as soon as available.

Page 6. A.O.C.B. Item 3. Council agreed that a further amendment to the Minutes was necessary and that this should be amended to read: "Letter from the West District President re. formation of special committee. Council agreed that the facts already discussed by them together with Mr. Black's agreement to reconsider his position made this unnecessary".

Dr. McIntyre's Letters of Resignation. Council agreed no action be taken and that the matter be further discussed at the next meeting.

Administrative Office. Mr. McKinstrie confirmed that the new typewriter had been acquired.

Meeting of 12.10.75

Rules Revision Committee. Agreed that Executive and one member to be nominated by each district should hold initial meeting on November 9th. 1975. Districts to advise nominees to Administrative Office. Initial meeting to report to Council on short-term requirements.

COACHES' OBSERVERS:

D. McGowan presented copies of the draft constitution of competitive clubs to Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer was requested to investigate and recommend a method of sharing any net refund of V.A.T. to districts. The rules regarding Gala Permits were referred to the Rules Revision Committee for consideration. Council adopted the Treasurer's Report.

CONVENER'S REPORT:

EDUCATION

West District's enquiry re. Teachers' Certificate Courses being given by Local Authorities to be referred to D. McGillivray. 1976 budget of approximately £1,300 approved.

~~SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING.~~

Budget of £400 approved. ~~X~~

AGE GROUP.

Budget of £3,860 approved.

OFFICIALS.

Notice and agenda of meeting received and noted.

SWIMMING.

Minutes of Meetings held on 6th. and 21st. September noted.

1976 Programme: Approval given to net expenditure of £9,000 to cover 4 and 8 Nations' Tournaments, British Colleges, N.E. Counties and Training Weekends. Cost of latter to be pruned and together with British Colleges and N.E. Counties to be effected from savings on 4 and 8 Nations. Balance of proposed programme approved subject to finance being available. Agreed invitations be sent out to West Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia to attend 4 Nations in Edinburgh each country sending not more than 30 people for 3 nights. Teams would be accommodated at Stirling University.

Coaches: Council were advised of, and accepted, the co-option of J. Parks to the Swimming Committee. No nomination had yet been received for a National Coach. Messrs. D. McGowan and J. Parks explained to Council that they proposed nominating a group of Coaches one of whom would be nominated for each International event. Council accepted this proposal.

Venues: Agreed that Short Course Championships be held at Dundee subject to consultation with the B.B.C. Agreed that R.C.P. be approached regarding availability. If R.C.P. not available then East Kilbride offer to be accepted. Council agreed Bellshill as venue for the Inter District contest.

~~WATER POLO.~~

~~X~~ Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th September noted.

Mr. Black advised Council that the Senior Inter District was confirmed for the 15th. November at Rosyth. A sponsor had been arranged for the Scottish Youth W.P. Championships being held at Wishaw on 2nd. November and it was hoped that a further sponsor would be found to cover the cost of the pool. He further reported that a circular would be sent out to advise clubs of the W.P. Conference being held at the end of November in Stirling.

1976 Programme: The budget as presented by Mr. Black was approved by Council, and, subject to additional finance and/or sponsorship being available the events, additional to those proposed for Aarhus, Denmark, Cairo and Manchester, were accepted by Council.

At this point Mr. Black advised Council that Synchronised Swimming Courses had been organised for two weekends at Fort William and one weekend at Aberdeen. He also clarified the position re. Synchronised Judges.

DIVING.

To his written report Mr. Law confirmed the arrangements for the 1m. Junior Men and Junior Women at Aberdeen.

1976 Programme: Budget as presented was approved, the decision as to which two out of three possible International events to be finally arranged being left to the Diving Committee. It was agreed that countries participating in the 4 Nations at Edinburgh be asked to send two divers each to take part in a Highboard (female) and Springboard (male) competition.

Edinburgh Diving Club: Mr. Law reported that the E.D.C. had been invited to take part in a meet in London. This was approved by Council.

GREAT BRITAIN:

Mr. Black's report had been received by Council and was amplified by the Chairman. It was agreed that a decision regarding possible Technical Officials for the Olympic Games be made at the next meeting of Council. The report was accepted.

A.O.C.B.

Agreed General Treasurer should proceed to prepare and submit budget for 1976 to the Scottish Sports Council.

Agreed that Mr. J. Snowdon continue as Interim General Secretary until the A.G.M.

Director of Swimming: Agreed no action to be taken until meeting had been held by President, General Secretary and two Coaches' representatives, namely, D. McGowan and J. Parks.

The General Treasurer's request to withdraw the reserves with Kirkintilloch Burgh Council was approved.

Midland District Secretary's proposal that District Treasurers be invited to Scottish Championship events was approved.

There being no further business and after a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting closed at 5.30 pm.