

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the S.A.S.A. Council Meeting held on 8th. February, 1976
at Perth.

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SEDERUNT:

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

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induction

IN ATTENDANCE:

S. McKinstrie, Director of Administration
R.F. Craig, Convener, Swimming Committee

APOLOGIES:

D. McGowan,
J. Park

CHAIRMAN:

P. Heatly, President, took the chair and opened the meeting by welcoming Council to the last meeting before the Annual General Meeting.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st. December, 1975 were approved subject to the following amendment: Page 2. Item 3. Amend to read "Council agreed that we should participate in the Quadrangular Tournament, now renamed the Willie Mellor's Memorial Trophy.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Clearance lines had been received for E. Riach, W. Devlin and R. Kerr. Consideration of these was referred until later in the meeting.
2. Letter from West District enclosing letter of protest from Paisley A.S.C. Referred until later in the Meeting.
3. Letter from Fred Steele re. his possible future residential status in Scotland. Request to be considered for Scottish W.P. Squad not approved.
4. Transfer lines for Scott Nelson from Carnegie A.S.C., to Polmonthill Dolphins, West District approved.
5. Clearance lines for Gordon Hewit from Warrender B.C. to Paisley A.S.C. approved.
6. Clearance lines for Laura Lister from Glenrothes A.S.C., to N.C.R. A.S.C., approved.
7. Letter from A.W. Percy accepting invitation to join Rules Revision Committee noted.
8. Letter from A.R. Mitchell accepting invitation to join Rules Revision Committee noted.
9. Letter from Wick and District requesting information re. formation of new club passed to North District Secretary for action.
10. Letter from J. Marnoch re. A.G.M. Referred until later in the meeting.
11. Letter from R.&W. Advertising re. Usher Vaux Awards to A. McClatchey, S. Dickie, D. Walker, D. Simpson and F. Hotson. Recipients to be advised that cheque will be forwarded to them upon receipt from Usher Vaux with exception of F. Hotson whose cheque will be paid after expenses have been incurred. Usher Vaux had awarded £500 to A. McClatchey and a total of £200 to be divided between other applicants. Council agreed this be divided equally between the four.
Agreed applications be submitted immediately to the Sports Aid Foundation for the five applicants.

12. Letter from Thistle Hotels. Copies to be sent to District Secretaries.
13. Letter from J. Carter re. Inability to participate in events in April and June noted.
14. Letter from A.S.A. re. European Youth Trials. Noted.
15. Letter from North Eastern Counties. Noted they will be unable to take part in annual contest, this year.
- X 16. Letter from Israel re. Water Polo Tournament. Water Polo Committee have declined invitation.
17. Letter from Warrender Baths Club advising delegates for the A.G.M. Noted.
18. Letter from Walthamstow S.C. Applying for record. To be advised that we no longer officially have Short Course records, only personal bests at our own Championships.
19. Letter from Warrender Baths Club re. Association of Competitive Clubs. Noted J. Snowdon had replied.
20. Letter from Western Baths Club. To be acknowledged congratulating them on reaching their centenary year.
21. Letter from the British Long Distance Swimming Association. District Secretaries had been advised.
22. Letter from Scottish Amateur Athletic Association re. Charles Ramsey. To be advised that we are unable to help.
23. Letter from Vildervank re. Water Polo Tournament. Already copied to Water Polo Committee. Noted.
24. Documents re. Sports Development Advisory Group and Scottish Standing Conference of Sport. Noted.
25. Letter re. meeting of organisations in connection with an appeal on behalf of the Royal Blind Society. Passed to West District.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Minutes of 21. 12. 1975

Page 2. Item 2. Usher Vaux Silver Awards. Mr. Snowdon reported three awards had been made.

Page 4. National Coach for Swimming. Mr. Snowdon reported on the meeting held with the Scottish sports Council and representatives of Stirling University. A letter from the Association of Competitive Clubs was read.

Council accepted the recommendations of the joint meeting that the appointment should be for a National Coach for Swimming and not a Director of Swimming as previously considered. The National Coach would be employed by the Association and be based at Stirling University with office accommodation provided. The advantages of basing the Association office at the University were discussed, also, and an offer of accommodation had been made by the University. Council agreed to proceed, with urgency, to make the necessary appointment. A Selection Committee, comprising the Executive, District Secretaries and the Convener of the Swimming Committee, was appointed. The S.S.C., Stirling University and the Coaches included in the Coaches' register would each be invited to nominate an assessor.

X Messrs. Snowdon and Stevenson were asked to prepare, in consultation with Mr. Craig, a job specification for approval by the Selection Committee. Applications would be invited from the known suitable candidates to ascertain, by an agreed closing date, their interest. Additionally the post would be advertised.

Until a National Swimming Coach was appointed the National Squad training weekends would continue, as at present, to be organised by the Swimming Convener and his Committee. Mr. Craig was congratulated by Council on the continuance and success of these weekends in spite of the difficulties which had been

BUSINESS ARISING CONT:

Page 3. Rules Revision Committee. Item 8. To be referred to the Rules Revision Committee for further consideration.

A meeting of this Committee would be held on the 14th February at East Kilbride at 12.30 pm.

Page 5. Life Membership. Dr. McIntyre, having indicated his willingness to accept is to be written confirming his nomination.

Page 5. Office Accommodation. Due to pressure of work it had not been possible to visit the premises offered by Glasgow District Council. Arrangements were being made to visit these on Thursday, 12th February.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Draft accounts for 1975 had been circulated to Council. Mr. Stevenson emphasised the need for care and economy during 1976. He referred to the Olympic Fund and the Sports Aid Foundation as potential sources of income and these were to be pursued immediately.

Council adopted the accounts and approved the opening of a No. 2 Imprest account with the Royal Bank of Scotland to enable payments not exceeding £20 to be made on Mr. McKinstrie's signature alone.

CONVENERS REPORTS:SWIMMING:

The Swimming Committee's Minutes of 20th December 1975 and 24th January 1976 were approved. West Germany had belatedly accepted the invitation to participate against Scotland and Czechoslovakia. Council voted to agree to their participation and confirmed that the event would be staged at the R.C.P. Edinburgh. Czechoslovakia to be advised of this and both countries to be sent a copy of the order of events.

Executive, in consultation with Swimming Convener to put arrangements in hand immediately.

WATER POLO

The Committee's request for the sum of £68 to purchase Voit balls and caps was approved.

Council re-appointed D. Barr as Director of Water Polo on a salary of £900 p.a., effective 1st March, 1976.

D. Barr's report, as circulated to Council, was Noted.

DIVING:

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 24th January, 1976 were approved and Council agreed nominations of W. Law to attend as a judge at the Springboard Trials for the 6 Nations Match and Messrs. Law and Taylor to attend as judges at the Olympic Trials - Junior European.

The Convener's report of December was Noted.

SWIMMING/DIVING EVENTS:INTER DISTRICT:

Preparations and arrangements to date were reported by Mrs. Houston. The programme would be sent to the printers before the 12th. instant and the names of entrants would require to be sent not later than 21st. February.

LEISURE COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Arrangements to date reported on by Mr. Cooper. The list of qualifying swimmers was available for typing and would go out to clubs together with the Annual Report and Agenda for the A.G.M. Swimmers' passes would be sent to the office for distribution to Clubs. Council approved prices for programmes and admission. Jaffa were again sponsoring this event to the sum of £500.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Initial interim committee had been set up. No sponsorship had yet been arranged. Agreed the first meeting of the Organising Committee in the West District should invite Chairman of last years committee and the Diving Convener.

EDUCATION:

Report accepted.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING:

 Mrs. Black's letter read out and Council expressed appreciation of the donation from the Highland Region Education Department.

AGE GROUP:

No report.

OFFICIALS:

No report.

GREAT BRITAIN:

A.S.A.'s letter re. G.B. Training in Majorca was approved, but noted that G. Abrahams was not a Scottish swimmer.
A.S.A. had advised Mr. Heatly that they had obtained a grant of £136 towards the meeting of the F.I.N.A. Diving Committee in Stockholm.
A.S.A.'s Letter. G.B. estimates for 1976 noted.
A.S.A.'S letter advising cost of expenses of the G.B. Mens' Team at the B.B.C. Sports Review of the year was noted and expenditure approved.
Mr. Heatly gave Council details of the agenda for the next G.B. Committee Meeting and details of expenses of Officials attending the Olympics. Council agreed that Mr. Heatly represent the Association at the L.E.N. Calendar Conference in Paris.

Council agreed that the joint nominations of the Scottish and Welsh Associations to the Congresses of the F.I.N.A. and L.E.N. should be from Scotland and Wales respectively. Subject to agreement with Wales it is proposed that Mr. Heatly, who will be attending the Olympic Games as Secretary of the International Diving Committee, be nominated to attend the F.I.N.A. Congress in Montreal.

B.B.C./S.T.V:

Mr. Snowdon reported on the successful conclusion of negotiations with the B.B.C. who would be televising the Short Course, the Scotland v West Germany v Czechoslovakia contest and the Long Course Championships in 1976. In addition an agreement had been successfully concluded with Scottish Television who would be televising the Age Group Championships, a Water Polo match at Wishaw on the 24th. March, the European Diving Championships and would produce a short series of instructional films.

SPONSORS:

Jaffa's sponsorship of £500 has already been referred to above.
Correspondence with the S.M.M.B. was read to Council which indicated that they had declined the offer of individual events. Council agreed that a further letter be sent to Mr. Kennedy of the S.M.M.B. with a view to arranging a meeting between the

SPONSORS; CONT.

Executive and members of the Board of S.M.M.B.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Mr. Marnoch's letter was read to Council, advising details of arrangements made. Two additional changes of rule had been added to the proof sent to printer, as these should have been included under Age Group changes. These were approved by council for inclusion in the Agenda.

MEDALS:

Agreed order Inter District and Short Course medals from Emalie and further consideration to be given by new Council to alternative, possibly cheaper sources for later events.

8 NATIONS:

Council approved participation in this contest.

PAISLEY A.S.C.-COMPLAINT:

Council considered that this was a matter to be dealt with by the West District until further information could be ascertained. In this connection Council approved the following transfers to The City of Glasgow A.S.C:
E. Riach, from Bon Accord A.S.C.
W. Devlin, from N.C.R. A.S.C.
The requested transfer of R. Kerr from Dundee University A.S.C. to City of Glasgow A.S.C. was deferred to the next meeting of Council. Council approved an International Permit for Elaine Gray to swim at Bremen, representing the City of Glasgow A.S.C.

The President closed the meeting by expressing his thanks to Council for the courtesy they had extended him during his year of office, and for their support.

S.J.Dorey proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Heatly and there being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.