

Bill Black

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

A Meeting of the S.A.S.A. Council was held in Room 3A7, Cottrell Building, University of Stirling, on Sunday 26th August 1984 at 10.00 a.m., when there were present:

Mr. J. A. Snowdon	President (In the Chair)
Mr. D. Cape	Vice President
Mr. W. Black	General Secretary
Mr. L. W. Turberville	General Treasurer
Mrs. H. Brunton	West District
Mr. R. F. Craig	West District
Mrs. J. Cochran	North District
Mr. G. C. C. Robb	North District
Mr. D. McGillivray	Midland District
Mr. D. Phinn	Midland District (substitute for Mrs. A. Manson)
Mr. J. I. B. Macfadyen	East District
Mr. A. McLeod-Bain	East District

In attendance:

Mr. H. H. Smith	Director of Swimming
Mr. R. Betteley	Director of Administration
Mrs. H. I. Graham	Minute Secretary

107/84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. A. Manson (Midland District). Mr. D. Phinn attended as substitute.

108/84 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Since the last meeting, the President had attended the 8 Nations Swimming and Water Polo Contests at Cardiff, the 6 Nations Water Polo Tournament at East Kilbride, and the O.C.L. National Championships and he congratulated the swimmers and players on their successes. He had attended many Committee meetings also and thanked Mr. Cape for substituting for him on occasion - the Runciman and Junior Inter District Water Polo Contests.

The President congratulated the Scottish members of the Olympic Team and the European Junior Championships Team on their successes, and Mr. Black on successfully getting through the change of rule for Masters Swimming at the FINA Congress.

He reported that Mrs. Mary Sreenan was still in hospital following her road accident and on behalf of members, wished her a speedy recovery.

109/84 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th June 1984, which had been circulated, were, confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

110/84 WATER POLO TIMING EQUIPMENT

The equipment had broken down in use, but the matter was being dealt with.

111/84 FINA REPRESENTATIVE TO INSPECT THE R.C.P. (Previous Minute 78/84)

The General Secretary reported that he had spoken with Mr. Artie Shaw, from FINA regarding the problems relating to the Pool improvements for the Commonwealth Games. Mr. Shaw had thought it possible that Mr. Alan Clarkson might be given authority from FINA to attend Commonwealth Games meetings and advise on technical matters.

112/84 PROPOSED WATER POLO TOURNAMENT 1986 (Previous Minute 79/84)

The English A.S.A. had enquired whether financial assistance would be available for their team. Members supported the Water Polo Committee's recommendation that no financial assistance be given.

The General Secretary reported that Mr. Artie Shaw had confirmed New Zealand's interest in the Tournament. They would meet their own travel costs, but would be grateful for any support once in Scotland. Mr. Shaw had given him the name of a contact for possible sponsorship and he would discuss this with the Directors of Swimming and Administration.

The General Treasurer stressed that the Tournament must be self-financing. Members understood that the Commonwealth Games Committee were giving the use of the R.C.P. free of charge for the Tournament, so the main costs would be on accommodation.

113/84 JOHN Y. COUTTS MEMORIAL AWARD (Previous Minute 81/84)

Samples of the award were not yet available due to problems with the granite. The North District had not yet paid their donation to the fund.

114/84 PURCHASE OF TIMING EQUIPMENT PADS (Previous Minute 85/84)

Mr. Macfadyen apologised for not yet having supplied his technical report. Aware of the urgency due to the Sports Council's cash-flow system, he would prepare it immediately, now that he had received a full FINA report regarding timing equipment.

115/84 HIRE OF TIMING EQUIPMENT (Previous Minute 85/84)

Aberdeen A.S.C. had paid the hire charge for the timing equipment under protest, detailing in a letter points of concern regarding maintenance. Mr. Macfadyen assured Council that at least three times a year, the pads were inspected in detail and on another three occasions they were inspected for minor faults and he therefore refuted the allegations made by Aberdeen A.S.C. He understood that the Association could not afford the cost of repairs by Omega, but if they wished to take out maintenance with Omega, he would support this.

RESOLVED: That repair and maintenance of the timing equipment be carried out by Mr. Macfadyen as previously.

116/84 SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE (Previous Minute 86/84)

Mr. Robb expressed concern regarding Aberdeen District Council grants for the Short Course Championships, which were given in retrospect. The Leisure and Recreation Committee had turned down the 1983 grant application, but it had still to be considered by the full Council. Recognising the urgency for finalising the 1983 Championships financial statement, he would make further enquiries and report back.

- RESOLVED: 1. That the 1984 Championships be held in Aberdeen.
2. That Mr. Robb make application to the District Council for a grant for the 1984 Championships.
3. That the Championships Organising Committee finalise the financial statement for the 1983 Championships as quickly as possible.

117/84 LOCAL SPORTS COUNCILS' SEMINAR (Previous Minute 93/84)

It was understood that certain duties relating to sports grants had been taken over by the City of Edinburgh District Council.

118/84 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM COACH (Previous Minute 98(2)(b)/84)

At the request of the Association, Ian Mason had attended the Championships as a Coach, with full expenses of £500 to be met by the Association. It was now understood however, that one of the original three coaches had withdrawn from the team.

RESOLVED: The G.B. be asked, in view of the coach's withdrawal, to consider Ian Mason an 'official' coach with his expenses being met in the usual manner by G.B.

119/84 SHALLOW END STARTING (Previous Minute 98(3)(a)/84)

The water level had been raised at the National Championships.

120/84 CENTENARY YEAR (Previous Minute 98(4)/84)

Mr. T. Nichol and Mr. G. Philp (East District) and Mr. P. Smith (Midland District) were nominated and accepted as members of the Centenary Committee. Nominations from the other Districts were not yet made.

121/84 REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY1. Report of FINA Congress(a) FINA Synchronised Swimming Technical Committee

Members congratulated Mrs. Mary Black on her appointment to the FINA Synchronised Swimming Technical Committee.

The General Treasurer, while supporting Mrs. Black's appointment, expressed concern at the cost to the Association of having ^{two} FINA representatives.

(b) Masters Rule Change

Mr. Black had been successful in getting his proposed Masters Rule change passed at the FINA Congress.

RESOLVED: That he include in Swimszene, clarification of what the Rule now meant.

(c) Members expressed concern at the lack of interest and input by G.B. into FINA regarding the Rules of Swimming.

RESOLVED: That Council's concern be expressed to G.B.

2. Commonwealth Games(a) Minutes of Swimming Technical Committee Meeting of 25th June

Members noted that Mr. Black had requested an allocation of approx. 100 tickets for the Association for aquatic events.

3. General Report(a) G.B. Minutes of 6th July

Mr. Black expressed great concern regarding the accuracy of the G.B. Minutes. The Secretary of the Welsh A.S.A. shared this concern and had written to Mr. Hassall accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Association write to Mr. Hassall stressing the need for accurate G.B. Minutes.

Arising from the Minutes:

(i) Technical Committees: Representation

It was recommended to each constituent country that the Technical Committees be set up as previously proposed: 3 from England, one from Wales and one from Scotland. Members discussed the matter, taking into account the decision of the A.G.M. to support 2 members from each constituent country for the Technical Committees.

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of 3-1-1 be accepted, and that the Association members be asked at the next A.G.M. to support this action.

(ii) Sports Council Meeting: G.B. Development Plan

Members agreed on the importance of the constituent countries being represented at the meeting with the Sports Council to discuss the finances of G.B. and the proposed Development Plan.

Members expressed disappointment in the Development Plan, feeling it to be static and lacking perspective. They proposed it be a one year plan only and that it be passed to the proposed Technical Committees for consideration and action for the future.

(iii) Beechams/Lucozade Club Championships

The Association had written to G.B. asking why the Club Championships were open to English Clubs only, when in fact past recommendations had been for a G.B. event. In reply, the Minutes stated there was only money available for an England event. Members queried whether Beechams/Lucozade had been aware of whether they had been sponsoring a G.B. event or an England only event and it was

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Beechams/Lucozade on the matter.

(b) Commonwealth Games(i) 'B' Finals

Mr. Black reported that at the Sports Division Meeting of 16th August, it had been reported that 'B' Finals for the Games had not been approved. Convinced of the importance of 'B' Finals, members

RESOLVED: That member countries of the Commonwealth be asked for their views on the inclusion of 'B' Finals and, if in favour, their replies to be passed to the Commonwealth Games Committee for the matter to be reconsidered.

(ii) 1985 Events

Mr. Borthwick, Chairman of the Games Organising Committee had expressed willingness to help in any way he could regarding pre-Games events in 1985. It was understood however, that at present there would be no reduction in hire charges for facilities for such events.

(iii) 1985 Triangular Meet

Members discussed the proposed meet in detail, considering the availability of teams, the format, and the financial aspects, including possible sponsorship. They agreed it was a viable project, but required great commitment from members of the Association.

RESOLVED: That the meet, in some form, go ahead and that the interested countries be invited, officially, on G.B. notepaper, to take part (with the U.S.A. in place of Australia, who had withdrawn) - on the understanding that it be self-financing - and that approaches be made to possible sponsors.

Also, that a Meet Sub-Committee be set up under the organisation of the Executive and the Directors of Swimming and Administration.

4. J. Y. COUTTS AWARD

Details of the costs involved in producing the John Y. Coutts Award were given. Members expressed some concern at whether the donations to the fund were sufficient. It was noted that Bon Accord Club would cover the cost of the die.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the General Secretary be accepted.

122/84 REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER1. Statements of Per Capita and Annual Competitive Fees

Members considered the statements. Anomalies were noted and the

Director of Administration was asked to query these with the Clubs involved.

The Director of Swimming felt that the statements could be an excellent means of analysing various aspects of club development.

2. Budget

A presentation to Council regarding budget submission to the Sports Council for 1985 was submitted by the Directors of Swimming and Administration, giving details of 1984 expenditure and proposed costings for 1985. The probable financial deficit at the end of the current year was brought strongly to members' attention.

RESOLVED: That the projected 1984 budget figures be accepted.

Regarding the 1985 budget, members were of the opinion that the Water Polo Budget should be cut back in relation to the Swimming Budget. They also supported an allocation of funds for updating the computer.

RESOLVED: That a Budget Working Party - the Executive, one member from each District and the Directors of Swimming and Administration - meet with Committee Conveners on 8/9 September to discuss and, where necessary, amend the budgets, and allocate responsibility for preparation of the detailed grant application to the Sports Council.

123/84 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING

The Director submitted his Report. Arising therefrom:

1. Notification of Events

It was noted that District Secretaries requested notification of all events being organised.

2. The Director was reminded that proposed holidays and attendances at meets down south should be cleared with the General Secretary.

3. Contract

The Director had not yet signed his contract, as it now appeared that it could be possible for him to participate in a superannuation scheme. This situation was currently being investigated and if feasible, would be included in the contract.

4. Car Loan

The Director asked about the possibility of a short term loan from the Association to assist with the purchase of a new car.

RESOLVED: That at the present time, such a loan was not possible, but that the matter be reconsidered at the next meeting of Council.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Director of Swimming be accepted.

124/84 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

The Director submitted his Report. Arising therefrom:

1. Standing Committee Reports

RESOLVED: That for future Council Meetings, Committee Conveners submit a report setting out their Committee's decisions, proposals and recommendations which require Council's approval. A copy of minutes and reports would still be submitted to the office for record purposes and would be available to Council members wishing to read same.

2. Water Polo: Annual Competitive Fees (Previous Minutes 101(3) and 102(d)/84)

The Executive had agreed that ten clubs had taken part in games with players for whom no Annual Competitive Fee had been paid. They had agreed that the Clubs should be fined, but that the competition results should stand. To date, only two clubs had paid their fines. Others had queried the matter.

RESOLVED: 1. That the Executive's decision regarding fines be endorsed and that the Clubs who had not yet made payment be reminded that until payment was made, their club was banned from taking part in water polo competition. Also that if payment was not received by 30th September, consideration be given to taking further action against the clubs in question.

2. That the system of entry forms for Water Polo contests, showing the players' names and competitive numbers be reintroduced.

3. Appeals

(a) The appeal by Dunfermline WPC against the decision of the Water Polo Committee had been dismissed by the Appeals Committee.

(b) The appeal by Mr. A. Devlin against his suspension imposed by the Water Polo Committee had been dismissed by the Appeals Committee.

4. Tenancy: Director of Swimming's Office

The University proposed that the Association have the free tenancy of the Director of Swimming's office and that in return, instead of the Association providing the services of the Director of Swimming to coach the University Swim Team, they come to a financial agreement with the coach of Stirling A.S.C. to coach the University team.

5. Protest: National Championships

Carnegie S.C. had protested that their swimmer, Paul Smith was denied the honour of being Scottish National Junior Champion for the 200m I.M., due to a break of the rules of the competition. The programme for the Championships had stated that Consolation Finals would be held only if 20 or more swimmers took part in an event, where, in fact, Consolation Finals had been held for events with 16 or more swimmers. Paul had been unaware that his event was to have a Consolation Final and had left the Championships convinced that his heat time made him the Junior Champion.

RESOLVED: That the protest be rejected on the grounds that adequate notice was given throughout the Championships of the alteration to the meet conditions.

6. International Permits

RESOLVED: That the following Permits, issued since the last meeting, be approved:

Largs & District	Lisburn, N. Ireland	10-13 August
Paisley	Holbaek, Denmark	13-20 October
Paisley	Jersey	14-21 October
St. Thomas	Roermond, Holland	29 September - 7 October

: and that the following visit be noted:

Heart of Midlothian	Derby	16 September
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7. Visiting Clubs

RESOLVED: That the following visit be approved:

Frankfurt	Kirkintilloch	13-21 August
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8. Records

RESOLVED: That the Records shown in Appendix 1 be approved.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Director of Administration be accepted.

125/84 REPORTS OF CONVENER1. Water Polo Committee

(a) Minutes of Meeting of 3rd June. Arising therefrom:

- (i) The Convener was asked to ensure that Mr. A. Gilhooly, as East District Convener, was invited to all meetings.

RESOLVED: That the Agenda and Notice of Meeting for Water Polo Committee Meetings be sent from the S.A.S.A. Office, as was the procedure for all other Committees.

- (ii) Midland District members raised several queries regarding membership of the Water Polo Committee and the rights of those attending meetings, to vote.

RESOLVED: That their queries be raised direct with the Water Polo Convener.

(b) Report of Convener dated August. Arising therefrom:

- (i) Council congratulated the Scottish players selected for the G.B. Junior Team in Tenerife.

(c) Letter from East District: 6 Nations U21 Tournament

- (i) An explanation was requested as to why the selected players had not received notification of selection in writing. One Club knew no details of the team and would have protested at the non-inclusion of one of their players.

The Director of Administration accepted full responsibility

for not sending out selection letters and apologised. He had been under the impression that the team had been notified verbally of selection and full details for this home international.

- (ii) East District members criticised the presentation of medals at the Tournament to team captains only. Members understood this had been done due to lack of support from water polo officials in running the tournament.

RESOLVED: That in future, medals be presented to each member of teams.

Arising from this, members considered the lack of organisation for the Tournament.

RESOLVED: That the Convener be notified that in future, the organisation of events be done in liaison with the office.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Water Polo Convener be accepted.

2. Swimming Committee

(a) Minutes of Meeting of 10th June. Arising therefrom:

- (i) Report re: G.B. Trials

The Director of Swimming had discussed the matter with members of the relevant Swimming Committees, who were further considering the matter.

- (ii) 3/4 Nations Youth Contest, Holland: March 23/24

It was confirmed that the date clashed with the Schools International and therefore G.B. could not take part.

(b) Report of Convener dated August. Arising therefrom:

- (i) District Championship Dates

It was confirmed that the proposed dates for District Championships in 1985 were recommendations only.

- (ii) Ulster Games 1985

RESOLVED: That as finance from the National Budget was not available to send a Scottish Team to the Ulster Games 1985, Districts be invited to make up a Scottish Select Team of high level swimmers, bearing the costs pro-rata. Eight Nations swimmers would not be included.

- (iii) National Squad Staff and Staff Payment

RESOLVED: That the following squad staff appointments be approved:

Senior Group:

Head Coach (Women): Danny McGowan
 Head Coach (Men): Jim Park
 Support Coaches: Archie Brew, Tony Knowles,
 Frank Osborne
 Physiotherapist: Judy Sproul
 Team Manager: Ron Taylor

Intermediate Group:

Head Coach: Ian Mason
 Support Coaches: Bob Gauld, Jim Gray,
 John Macauley, Gordon White*
 Pam Smith
 Physiotherapist:
 Team Managers: Viv Johnstone, Charlie Raeburn

Youth Group:

Head Coach: Drew Gordon
 Support Coaches: Owen Flanigan, Ian Milne,
 Dave Nicolls, Gordon White*
 Physiotherapist: Lesley Hume
 Team Managers: Helen Brunton, Carole Wilson,
 Helen McLeod-Bain, Sheena
 Taylor

* either group, as appropriate

: and that the following payments be approved:

Head Coaches: £50 per weekend + expenses
 + an annual retainer
 Support Coaches: £15 (subject to budget meeting)
 + expenses
 Specialists: £50 per attendance

(iv) Richard Gordon

RESOLVED: That Council's previous decision not to allow Richard Gordon to swim for Scotland be rescinded and his invitation to join the Squad Programme be approved, with the English A.S.A. notified accordingly.

(v) G.B. Appointment Nominations

RESOLVED: That the following recommended nominations be approved:

Team Manager: Support Alan Hime
 Coaching Panels: Senior: Jim Park, Drew Gordon,
 Archie Brew*
 Junior: Ian Mason, Drew Gordon*
 (All, if appropriate. If not,
 first named only)
 Physiotherapist: Joan Lee

Arising therefrom, it was

RESOLVED: That a full list of G.B. appointments be passed to Committee Conveners for recommended nominations for consideration at the October meeting.

(vi) Team Manager's Report: 8 Nations

Members expressed great concern that the Report of the 8 Nations Contest was not yet to hand. It was understood that all relevant reports, with the exception of the Team Manager's, had been received, and that it was the intention of the Director of Swimming to amalgamate them all into one report.

RESOLVED: That Council's concern be expressed to the Team Manager in the strongest terms and that he be asked to submit his report immediately.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Swimming Convener be accepted.

3. Diving Committee

- (a) Norway Diving Cup: Report of Team Manager
- (b) Aachen Meet: Report of Team Manager/Coach
- (c) Prague Meet: Report of Team Manager/Coach

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Diving Convener be accepted.

4. Synchronised Swimming Committee

- (a) Choreography Course, Tulliallan: 25th/26th August
 - (b) Prelim Teachers Course, Jordanhill: 15th/16th September
 - (c) Teachers Course, Dunfermline College: 14th-16th September
 21st-23rd September
- Details of the above courses were submitted.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Synchro Convener be accepted.

5. Medical Committee

- (a) Minutes of Meeting of 24th June + Appendix. Arising therefrom:

- (i) It was noted that apologies for Drs. Calder and Booth should have been included on the Minutes.

- (ii) RESOLVED: That the proposals for a medical service for Scottish swimmers as detailed in the Appendix be approved and recommended to Districts for consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Medical Convener be accepted.

6. Masters Swimming Committee

- (a) Report of Meeting of 20th June. Arising therefrom:

- (i) RESOLVED: That the Committee's recommendations for registration of Masters swimmers be approved,

subject to agreement of fees at the A.G.M.

(ii) RESOLVED: That the Committee's proposed International event at Dunfermline be approved in principle on the understanding that it be held at no cost to the Association.

(iii) It was confirmed that Masters events run under FINA or SASA Rules could only be held by affiliated bodies.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Masters Convener be accepted.

7. 1984 Sun Life Masters Championships Organising Committee

(a) Minutes of Wind-Up Meeting of 16th July. Arising therefrom:

(i) RESOLVED: That the Committee's recommendations regarding Number of Sessions, Announcer, Programme and Venue be referred to the next Organising Committee.

(ii) RESOLVED: That medals should be Scottish medals, but if required, a sponsor's name could go on the reverse.

(iii) RESOLVED: That approaches for sponsorship be started as soon as possible.

(b) Letter from Sun Life

A letter was received from Sun Life Assurance, regretfully informing the Association that their involvement with Masters Swimming would cease at the end of 1984.

RESOLVED: That Sun Life be thanked for their sponsorship in the past.

126/84 OPEN MEETINGS

A letter was received from the Scottish Sports Council giving notice of various Open Meetings.

RESOLVED: That the following members attend the meetings:

Thursday 6th September: Drug Abuse and Sport for All
- W. Black, H. H. Smith, Dr. R. Howat

Tuesday 6th November: Coaching Developments and Information Services
- W. Black, H. H. Smith, R. Betteley

Tuesday 18th December: Current Grant-Aid
- L. W. Turberville, H. Hamilton Smith, R. Betteley

127/84 TRAINING OF COACHES SEMINAR

A Report on the Sports Council Seminar on the Training of Coaches was received from Drew Gordon.

RESOLVED: That Mr. Gordon be thanked for his report.

128/84 SPORT FOR ALL CAMPAIGN 1985

Information was received regarding the Sport for All Campaign 1985. The Director of Administration confirmed that he would circulate it to Districts.

129/84 PRESENTATION OF BOOK

A book - "The History of Swimming" - was presented to the Association by the author, Professor Cameron.

RESOLVED: That the book be accepted with thanks.

130/84 PRESENTATION OF TROPHY

The General Secretary passed to the Association the "Best Mens" Trophy won by the Scottish Team at the 8 Nations Contest in Cardiff.

The Meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.

APPENDIX A

RECORDS

Long Course

Esso Scottish Age Group Championships
Royal Commonwealth Pool
22nd-24th June 1984

ABERDEEN A.S.C. GIRLS 4 x 50m Medley Relay 2.11.48 *
Scottish Senior Women

PAISLEY A.S.C. 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay 1.56.01 *
Scottish Junior Women

*Newly established records

8 Nations Contest
Cardiff
June 30th/July 1st 1984

BEVERLEY ROSE, JEAN HILL, 4 x 100m Medley Relay 4.24.33
CAROLE LEWIS, STEPHANIE WATSON Scottish Senior Women

ROBIN BREW 400m I.M. 4.31.02
Scottish Senior Men

JEAN HILL 200m Breaststroke 2.38.47
Scottish Senior Women

200m I.M. 2.21.29
Scottish Senior Women

LINDA DONNELLY, JULIE ROBERTS 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay 8.48.92 *
FIONA DAVIES, RUTH GILFILLAN Scottish Senior Women

*newly established record

PAUL EASTER, PAUL BREW, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay 3.32.25
GRAEME WILSON, NEIL COCHRAN Scottish Senior Men

S.A.S.A. National Championships
Royal Commonwealth Pool,
25th-28th July 1984

ANTHONY ROSE 50m Freestyle 25.93
Scottish Junior Men

PAISLEY A.S.C. 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay 8.24.46
Scottish Junior Men

STEPHANIE WATSON 50m Freestyle 27.27
Scottish Senior & Junior Men

European Junior Championships,
Luxembourg,
July 26th/29th

GARY WATSON 100m Breaststroke 1.07.44
Scottish Junior Men

IAN CAMPBELL 100m Butterfly 58.80
Scottish Junior Men

100m Butterfly 58.40
Scottish Junior Men

IAN CAMPBELL 200m Butterfly 2.10.06
Scottish Junior Men

ANDREW SMITH 200m Butterfly 2.10.03
Scottish Junior Men

ANDREW SMITH 400m I.M. 4.42.08
Scottish Junior Men