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The Scottish Amateur Swimming Association  
Centenary Committee

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting

Held at 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6AA on Saturday  
9th February 1985 at 11 a.m.

Present: Chairman : Mr Peter Heatly CBE, DL BSc CEng FIC  
Members : Mrs H. Brunton (West District)  
Mr A Taylor " "  
Mr A Nichol (East District)  
Mr G Philp " "  
Mr P Smith (Midland District)  
Mr GCC Robb (North District)  
Secretary : Mr W Black (Hon General Secretary)

The Chairman welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Committee and thanked them for offering their services to the project.

1. Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Mr H. Hamilton Smith who was with the Scottish swimmers in Bonn, West Germany.
2. Review: Mr Heatly explained how the Committee came to be formed and how the S.A.S.A Council had invited him to ~~be~~ be Chairman early in 1984. He had been pleased to accept the position and had subsequently presented his thoughts on the Centenary celebrations to the Council who wholeheartedly supported the proposals. (The final nomination from the Districts of their nominations to the Committee we received in December 1984). It was agreed to use Mr Heatly's letter to Council as the basis of an agenda.

- 3.1 It was agreed that the 1988 Annual General Meeting would be a suitable starting point for the Centenary celebrations. The A.G.M. would be due to be held in the North District and Aberdeen the likely venue. It was recommended that a dinner dance be held on the Friday or Saturday evening possibly combined with a civic reception.
- 3.2 The request for a Government reception similar to that given to the S.A.A. at Edinburgh Castle was discussed and it was resolved to make application to the Secretary of State for Scotland some eighteen months before the event.
- 3.3 The City of Edinburgh, where the Association first met, should also be requested to host a dinner similar to that given to the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland on its 50th Anniversary.
- 3.4 The possibility of further functions was considered and resolved that it would be better to concentrate on a few rather than attempt to have too many.

#### 4. Events

- 4.1 The Committee were unanimous in recommending that the 1988 National Open Championships and the Masters Championships should be special Centenary Championships and sponsored accordingly.
- The Masters was thought to be the most appropriate with the opportunity of involving competitors from ~~the~~ past years
- 4.2 The possibility of a Royal presence at some time during the Centenary Year was discussed and it was agreed that it would be most appropriate. Various options were considered e.g. during one of our international or national events or a special gala involving all disciplines



A Royal Patron was also considered and the Committee recommend that Princess Anne - who opened the Royal Commonwealth Pool, be invited as first choice or Prince Charles - who gained all his lifesaving awards whilst at Gordonstoun School.

4.3 District Centenary Events were discussed and it was resolved to ask the Technical Committee of each discipline to consider suitable events in their discipline which could be allocated to the Districts. The Committee felt that it was important that all sections of the Association should be involved in the Centenary Celebrations.

4.4 Centenary Medals: A special medal should be designed for the various Championships and Events.

4.5 Clubs: It was agreed that it would be useful to have a record of the founding date of all Clubs and especially any that were founded in 1888.

4.6 The Eight Nations Contest is due to be held in Scotland in 1988 and should be included in the celebrations in view of its position as one of our major annual events.

## 5. History of the Association

5.1 The Committee discussed Mr Heatly's recommendations and resolved the following:-

(a) That the Record Handbook be updated and a new edition produced. Mr J.W. Williamson had maintained records up until his death and these had been passed to the General Secretary.

(b) An appeal should go out to all clubs for memorabilia in the form of photographs, programmes, medals, badges etc which relate to specific occasions in the history of the Associations. Such items should be gathered by the District representatives on the Committee.

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- (c) Research should be undertaken to establish as far as possible information on the formation <sup>and</sup> ~~at~~ the early years of the Association, and also its links with the A.S.A.
- (d) The Association should take further steps to assemble and preserve its records as they form an important part of the history of sport in Scotland. Skilled advice and financial assistance may be available
- (e) A mounted and transportable exhibition of pictures medals etc be assembled and put on show at major events throughout the year.
- (f) That consideration be given to establishing a Swimming Hall of Fame — with Edinburgh as the most likely venue.

#### 6. Fund Raising :-

6.1 The Committee ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> aware of the need to raise extra funds towards the cost of the Centenary Celebrations and whilst not wishing to cut across other fund raising activities would suggest that Clubs be invited to hold special fundraising events for the Centenary Fund.

6.2 It might also be necessary to consider some sort of per capita levy to build up the Centenary Fund. However if other proposed schemes are successful then this would not be necessary.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 4th May at 11 a.m.  
at 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh.