

*Mr W Black.*

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Minute of 3rd Meeting held on 2 November 1985 at the Scottish Sports Council Offices, Edinburgh at 11.00 am.

Sederunt:           Chairman:       Mr P Heatly CBE  
                           Secretary:      Mr W Black  
   Mrs H Brunton  
   Mr Alex Taylor  
   Mr T Nichol  
   Mr G Philp

10 Apologies:       Mr G C C Robb     *Mr P. Smith*

11 Minutes:        Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of 4 May 1985 were agreed a correct record.

12 Mr Heatly suggested that all pertinent business was contained in the Minutes and it was agreed to take matters arising as the agenda.

13 AGM 1988

As previously agreed this will be the starting point for the Centenary Year. The North District will be the host in 1988 and the Committee have assumed that ABERDEEN will be the venue. Liaison with the District regarding the programme was now essential. After discussion it was agreed that there should be a Dinner Dance on the Saturday evening and that the Past Presidents be asked to hold their Dinner on the Friday night. It was hoped that there would be some Civic recognition either during the AGM or preferably as part of the Dinner Dance.

14 The Secretary reported that the Association were strong contenders to host the 1988 LEN CONGRESS and CALENDAR CONFERENCE. Only GDR (EAST GERMANY) had expressed an "interest" in bidding for the same meetings but had withdrawn when told about our Centenary plans.

The Committee discussed the LEN CONGRESS and a Centennial Dinner, after exploring the possibilities the consensus of opinion was that the Centennial Dinner be held in Glasgow some time in April and the LEN CONGRESS held in Edinburgh with the possibility of a reception from the Secretary of State in Edinburgh Castle at the end of May.

A presentation would require to be made and put to the LEN CONGRESS in Bonn in 1986. (The Chairman and Secretary will both be in attendance in Bonn.)

15 A proposed programme was considered as follows:-

February	AGM - Dinner Dance	Aberdeen
March	↑	
April	European Diving Cup <i>Centenary Dinner</i>	RCP
May	LEN CONGRESS/CALENDAR CONFERENCE	
June	National Championships	RCP
July	8 Nations - Swimming/Water Polo	RCP
August		
September		
October	Centenary Scottish Masters	
November		
December	European Swimming Cup	Dunfermline

- 16 The Secretary reported on the response to requests for floral displays. Aberdeen will place one in Union Terrace Gardens from June to September 1988. Edinburgh will make a definite reply in January 1988 when their programme is finalised for that year. Glasgow will be hosting the International Garden Festival in 1988 and further meetings are proposed to consider how swimming can be involved. Enquiries were also being made in Dundee. The District representatives agreed to make enquiries about other local authorities that could be approached regarding floral crests.
- 17 The Secretary gave an update on progress with the compiling of a historical record of the Association.

Centenary Book: Don Hawthorn has agreed to assist with the compiling of the book. He has started to research the early years of the Association. At the present time we have the following sources as reference:-

Western District Minute Books from 1906.

The Development of Sport in Glasgow 1850 - 1914 by Peter Bilsborough

SASA Account Books

Record Handbook - 1960

Western Amateurs Jubilee Book 1879 - 1929

Exerpts from Carnegie ASC Minutes 1888

Not very much to go on but other items have been promised. Mr Turberville has the early minutes of the Bon Accord Club which he says proves that it is the oldest club in Scotland. Forbes Gentleman also has promised memorabilia including photographs from the European Championships of 1947. Bob Donn claims to have information about the early years of the Association - an article which he wrote for Jock Coutts for the Record Handbook but it was not used.

The Chairman showed some examples of other centenary publications and after discussion it was agreed to look at the hardback format similar to the Scottish Amateur Athletics Association publication.

The Secretary suggested a layout as follows:-

1. Historical/Administrative Structure
2. Swimming
3. Water Polo
4. Diving
5. Synchronised Swimming
6. Masters Swimming
7. Long Distance Swimming
8. Education
9. Life Saving/Personal Survival
10. Award Schemes
11. Records
12. Office Bearers
13. Current Clubs

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to National Newspapers seeking memorabilia from people no longer directly involved in the Association. The Secretary would attend to this and District Representatives would relay it to local press.

18 Word Processor

The Secretary reported that the Scottish Sports Council word processing service had already started to put the Records on to discs so that the information can be amended and be made ready for printing or be available for easy reference.

19 Budget

The Committee considered ways of raising the necessary funds to finance the Centenary events. It was recommended that a special levy of £1.00 per head be made in 1986 and in 1987, this would provide a basic fund and some incentive to sponsors to also support the programme. Secondly, a Prize Draw to be staged during 1987 with a substantial prize e.g. a holiday in Korea for the Olympic Games of 1988.

20 The possibility of a Commemorative Postage Stamp was considered and thought unlikely to be accepted by the Post Office; however, special franking of our mail in 1988 seemed possible.

21 The Meeting concluded at 1.15 pm

22 The date of the next meeting was agreed as 11 January 1986 in the Scottish Sports Council Offices in Edinburgh.