

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

A Meeting of the S.A.S.A. Council was held in Room 2A15, Cottrell Building, University of Stirling on Sunday 10th February 1985 at 10.00 a.m., when there were present:

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

In attendance:

Mr. D. McGowan
Mr. R. Betteley
Miss K. Cairney

On behalf of the Director of Swimming
Director of Administration
Minute Secretary

1/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Manson (Midland District) and the Director of Swimming. Mr. Clarke attended as a substitute for the Midland District. Mr. D. McGowan attended on behalf of Mr. H. Hamilton Smith.

2/85 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President opened his address by welcoming Mr. D. McGowan to the Meeting. Since the last meeting he had had an enjoyable two months. The first event after the last Council Meeting was the Short Course Championships in Aberdeen. He congratulated the North District on the fine organisation of the event. The Championships went very smoothly.

He had attended the Dinner for the presentation of the Skol Awards - seven awards for swimmers had been made to Jean Hill, Ruth Gilfillan, Robin Brew, Paul Brew, Paul Easter, Ian Campbell and Neil Cochran, and also the Menzieshill Womens Water Polo Team. He had also attended a Water Polo Meeting in Dundee followed by a Ladies Water Polo Competition - there were five teams present of varying standards and the Contest had been won by Menzieshill. He had had great pleasure in attending the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships at the Royal Commonwealth Pool - some very good times had been achieved. He was sorry that he had not attended any diving event.

3/85 MINUTES

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3/85 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th December 1984, which had been circulated were subject to the following amendments:

Minute 169/84 (3) Fund Raising Project - sub para (c) delete "as a fait accompli" in last line.

Minute 172/(1)(e)(ii)/84: Delete and substitute:-
"The Treasurer made a recommendation at the G.B. Meeting that the Chairman's expenses be shared by the three constituent countries. This had not been included in the minutes"

Minute 172/84 Resolution (a) - Item 45(3) should read Item 39 (3)

: confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

4/85 J. Y. COUTTS MEMORIAL AWARD (Previous Minute 156/84)

RESOLVED: That: alternative quotations be sought for the supply of the medallion.

5/85 CENTENARY YEAR (Previous Minute 158/84)

Mr. W. Black submitted Draft Minutes of the Centenary Committee's first meeting. Mr. Black said that Mr. P. Heatly would wish to speak at the A.G.M. to inform members of what the Centenary Committee intend doing. They thanked Mr. Black for producing the report.

6/85 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was reported that the Age Group Championships would be held on 27th to 30th June 1985.

7/85 WATER POLO: ANNUAL COMPETITIVE FEES (Previous Minute 165/84)

The Director of Administration reported that Renfrew Aqua were the only club not to have paid these fees. He had explained to Mr. Stevenson that if the fee was not paid the Club would not be able to be represented at the forthcoming A.G.M.

8/85 TIMING EQUIPMENT (Previous Minute 166/84)

The Director of Administration reported that the application for Grant Aid for the equipment had been made. The Sports Council had asked for further information but a decision would not be made until May 1985. Clubs would not be allowed to use the new timing equipment if a grant was made.

9/85 SCOTTISH SPORTS COUNCIL - OPEN MEETINGS (Previous Minute 167(2)(b)/84)

The General Treasurer and the Director of Administration reported on the Open Meeting they had attended on the 18th December on the Scottish Sports Council's Revised Grant Aid Scheme.

It was also reported that a letter, with Guidance Notes, had been received regarding Grant Aid for 1985/86

10/85 SUB-NATIONAL FACILITIES (Previous Minute 167(2)(c)/84)

The Director of Administration submitted letter from the Scottish Sports Council defining "Central Belt" in connection with Sub-National Facilities.

11/85 SPORTS COUNCIL SPECIAL GRANT AID - COMMONWEALTH GAMES (Previous Minute 169(2)/84)

It was reported that the Scottish Sports Council had offered an ad-hoc grant of £2,000 towards the Fitness Monitoring Project with the West German Institute of Sport.

The cost of two officials attending the 1985 European Championships could not be grant aided. The offer of a Grant of £2,000 had been accepted.

12/85 FUND RAISING PROJECT (Previous Minute 169(3)/84)

(a) The Executive reported that they had met Mr. Juba regarding his suggested proposals for fund raising. The Executive recommended that the School Financial Advisory Services be signed subject to the 35% fees on sums between £60,000 and £120,000 be reduced to 25%. *agreed*

RESOLVED: That: the recommendation be accepted.

(b) The Director of Administration reported that Mr. Templeton, a partner of the Association's Legal Advisor (who was ill) had advised that any Trust Deed in connection with the project should be separate from the Swimming Awards Trust Deed.

RESOLVED: That: our Legal Advisor be requested to prepare a draft Trust Deed in connection with the project. The General Secretary to also communicate with Mr. Bob Mitchell for advice on the matter.

13/85 CLUB MEMBERSHIP: CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE (Previous Minute 169(5)/84)

It was reported that the proposal for Club membership and structure had been submitted as a Change of Rule for consideration at the A.G.M., and not as a decision item.

14/85 NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Previous Minute 170(2)(a)/84)

A letter was submitted from O.C.L. offering the sum of £1,000 as sponsorship of the 1985 National Open Championships.

RESOLVED: That: the offer be accepted with thanks.

15/85 CHAMPIONSHIPS: ROYAL COMMONWEALTH POOL

A letter was submitted from the Director of Recreation of the City of Edinburgh District Council confirming the availability of the Royal Commonwealth Pool for the Spring Meet and the Esso Age Group Championships. Unfortunately, the dates for the O.C.L. National Championships were not available. He offered alternative dates in August.

RESOLVED: That: negotiations take place regarding the use of the Royal Commonwealth Pool in July for the National Championships.

16/85 BUDGET (Previous Minute 170(i)/84)

The Director of Administration reported that the Budget Committee had met and made reductions in all Committee Budgets - the total reduction was £1,6295. In addition the Committee decided that all expenditure in connection with Inter District events would be deleted from the Budget and not be met by the Association. This meant that if Districts wished to participate this year in the contests, the cost must be met pro rata by them. All Conveners had been informed of the Committee's decision.

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RESOLVED: That: the reductions made be approved.

17/85 WATER POLO - OSLO TRIP (Previous Minute 173(1)(a)(i)/84)

A letter from the Water Polo Convener regarding the alleged incident in Norway, stating his Committee felt no action could be taken until details were received from Norway.

RESOLVED: That: the Director of Administration communicate with the Norwegian Federation.

18/85 SCOTTISH MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Previous Minute 173/(6)(a)(i)/84)

The Director of Administration reported that the City of Glasgow District Council had granted free use of the Whitehill Baths for the Championships.

19/85 REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary submitted copies of his written report to the meeting. Arising therefrom:

1. A.S.A. Annual Report

The General Secretary reported he had written to the Secretary of the A.S.A. regarding the contents of the paragraph in their Annual Report and he indicated the contents of Mr. Hassall's reply, which was that the A.S.A. Committee decided what was included in the report.

2. Contract - Director of Swimming (Previous Minute 161/84)

The Director of Swimming had raised with the Executive a number of issues regarding his contract:-

- Form of Medical Examinations required.
- He wished to be included in a Superannuation Scheme.
- He wished a review of the post after two years, and if satisfactory the term of appointment extended at that time.
- A clause added to his Contract, defining his status in relation to the rest of the staff. The Executive had left the matter with the General Secretary and the Director of Swimming.

3. Visit of Dr. Madson

Concern was expressed that not enough Scottish Coaches had taken part.

4. Centenary Committee

Draft Minutes of the first meeting of the Centenary Committee were distributed.

5. Service to New Clubs

The General Secretary felt some sort of introductory packs should be issued to new Clubs, with a method of monitoring them to assist in them becoming established.

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

20/85 REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

The General Treasurer gave a verbal report.

- The accounts and the Per Capita and Annual Competitive Fee returns for the year ended 30th November 1984 were included in the Annual Report.
- He understood that there would not be a Debit Balance on the Short Course Championships.
- Seven Clubs had been asked for copies of their accounts. Four had so far supplied same.
- Notification had been received of increased car allowances.
- The Scottish Schools Swimming Association had paid their Bulk Affiliation. A communication would be sent regarding increases.

RESOLVED: That: the report of the General Treasurer be accepted.

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21/85 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING

Mr. McGowan gave a verbal report on behalf of the Director of Swimming. The International Swimming Meets seem to have gone very well so far. No bad reports had been received and our swimmers had swum well.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

22/85 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

The Director of Administration gave a verbal report:-

1. The presentation of the Esso Sponsorship cheque would be presented on the 17th or 19th April.
2. The Wilkie Award Lunch would be on the 8th March.
3. Suggested Dates of Council Meetings:-

21st April 1985
16th June 1985
25th August 1985
13th October 1985
8th December 1985
2nd or 9th February 1986

RESOLVED: That: these dates be accepted.

4. Mr. Hassall, Secretary of the Great Britain Committee had intimated that the British had indicated they would be prepared to finance Coaching Courses/Clinics - one in England, one in Scotland and one in Wales during 1985/6/7, and asked if in principle Scotland would be prepared to organise one in 1987. The Director of Administration had replied he felt sure we would wish to do so.
5. Mr. Hassall had indicated that at the next G.B. Committee Meeting, the A.S.A. representatives would probably raise the question of "Sports Countries".
6. The Scottish Sports Council were organising an Administration for Sport Seminar on 24th February.
7. A letter dated 31st January had been received from the Scottish Sports Council regarding Coach Education. A copy had been sent to the Scottish Swimming Coaches Association.
8. A letter had been received from the Scottish Sports Council regarding General Services to Governing Bodies of Sport.
9. A letter had been received from the Newcastle Building Society regarding "GT Sports Bond" incorporating a donation to the Sports club of the Investors choice. Copies had been sent to District Secretaries.
10. Sports Council for Glasgow - Sports Seminar 23rd February. Copy sent to West District.

11. Letter from Scottish Sports Association regarding Rating Revaluation. Copies sent to District Secretaries.
12. British Olympic Association re Medical Seminar 13th April.
13. Scottish Association of Sports Councils re Seminar 11th/12th May, Erskine.
14. The Director of Administration formally reported the resignation of Mrs. H. Graham, with effect from 6th January. He and members of the Council wish recorded their thanks for the work of Mrs. Graham.

The Director also expressed his thanks to Miss K. Cairney for her valuable assistance in carrying out extra duties since Mrs. Graham's departure.

It was reported that an advertisement had been issued inviting applications for the post of Secretary/Administrative Assistant.

RESOLVED: That: the General Secretary and the Director of Administration be authorised to interview selected applicants and make an appointment.

15. Records: (All Short Course)

Short Course Championships
Bon Accord Baths, Aberdeen
15th/16th December 1984

Ian Campbell	50m Freestyle Scottish Junior Men	24.53
Shona Cowie	200m Butterfly Scottish Junior Women	2.21.95
Ian Campbell	100m Butterfly Scottish Junior Men	58.00
Ian Campbell	200m Butterfly Scottish Junior Men	2.07.60
Gary Watson	100m Breaststroke Scottish Junior Men	1.05.80
Shona Cowie	400m Ind Medley Scottish Sen & Jun Women	4.58.26
Andrew Smith	200m Ind. Medley Equals Scottish Junior Men	2.12.34
Andrew Smith	200m Backstroke Scottish Junior Men	2.09.53
Andrew Smith	400m Ind. Medley Scottish Junior Men	4.32.03

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

23/85 REPORTS OF CONVENER1. Water Polo Committee(a) Suspension of Player

Copy letter to Mr. S. Moore, informing him of decision of Committee suspending him for 16 games (District or Scottish events) from the 28th January (subject to his right of appeal).

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

2. Swimming Committee

No report.

3. Diving Committee

The Director of Administration reported verbally on behalf of the Convener:-

The Committee had met on 26th January arising therefrom:-

(a) Concern was expressed that no member of the Executive was present.

(b) Chris Snode Training Camp

Information was awaited on residential courses.

(c) Easter School

Concern was expressed that the Diving Committee had been consulted in connection with the A.S.A. Diving Teachers Course at the Easter School.

(d) Budget

(i) The Convener was disappointed that the Diving Development Plan had not been included in the Grant Aid submission to the Sports Council.

(ii) Concern had been expressed regarding the deletion of Inter District contests from the Budget.

(e) Diving Judges Seminar

It was proposed to hold a Judges Seminar/Exam in September or October in Glasgow.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

4. Synchronised Swimming Committee

The Director of Administration reported verbally on behalf of the Convener.

(a) Training

Training weekends had been arranged.

(b) National Championships

The National Championships would be held at Kirkcaldy Swimming Pool on 16th June.

(c) Inter District

The Inter District Contest would be held at Wishaw instead of Elgin to reduce costs.

(d) Coach

Miss Alyson Hayes had resigned as National Coach. Mrs. E. Bowman had agreed to continue coaching the Squad.

RESOLVED: That: a letter be sent to Miss Hayes thanking her for her services to Synchro' and the Association.

RESOLVED: That: the Report be accepted

5. Education Committee

Letter dated 6th February from the Convener submitted. The points regarding District Convener were noted, and Districts would take action where necessary.

RESOLVED: That: the question of Tutors and Assessors fees referred to in the letter be considered at the next Council Meeting.

6. Technical Training (Officials) Committee

Report of Convener. Arising therefrom:-

(a) Symposium

RESOLVED: That: it be suggested that date be either 9th or 23rd June.

RESOLVED: That: the report of the T.T.O. Convener be accepted.

7. Medical Committee(a) Report of Convener

RESOLVED: That: the report of the Medical Committee Convener be accepted.

8. Masters Swimming Committee(a) Report of Convener

RESOLVED: That: the report on the Masters Convener be accepted.

24/85 INTERNATIONAL MEETS - SWIMMERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

A letter dated 18th January from the North District was submitted, regarding the request for a financial contribution from swimmers selected for International Meets.

RESOLVED: That: the letter be referred to the Swimming Committee for their comments.

25/85 CHARITABLE STATUS

Letter submitted from Binder Hamlyn on behalf of Auchenharvie A.S.C. asking if the Association was a Registered Charity.

RESOLVED: That: they be informed we are not a Registered Charity and point out that Auchenharvie are not now affiliated to the Association..

26/85 SCOTTISH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Letter from Scottish Sports Association asking for details of Insurers used, and for views on introduction of Hon. Life Membership for individuals.

RESOLVED: That: the information requested be given, and they be asked what Benefits would the individual granted Hon. Life Membership receive.

27/85 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY

Letter from B.O.A. regarding International Olympic Academy received.

RESOLVED: That: no action be taken in the matter.

28/85 INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL

Letter from Glasgow Sports Promotion Council stating Glasgow had been awarded the 1988 International Garden Festival and asking for support in the involvement of a major sporting input into the Festival.

RESOLVED: That: they be informed we have noted the contents of their letter and ask them to consider a floral display in connection with our Centenary Year also in 1988.

29/85 SPORTS MEDICINE

Letter from Edinburgh Post-Graduate Board for Medicine regarding Sports Medicine Courses. A copy of the letter had been sent to Dr. Howat.

30/85 CHEVRON SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minutes of the Wind-Up Meeting of the Organising Committee for the Chevron Short Course Championships were received:

- RESOLVED: That: 1. The Committee be thanked for their work in organising the Championships.
2. The Swimming Committee be asked to consider the points raised in the Minutes regarding the 1985 Championships.

31/85 THANKS

In closing the meeting the President thanked the Council for their support during his year of office, which he had enjoyed very much, and he particularly thanked the retiring members.

The members thanked Mr. Snowdon for his work on behalf of the Association and for his Chairmanship of the meetings during his term of office.

The Meeting closed at 4.00 p.m.