

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

A Meeting of the SASA Council was held in the Court Room, Cottrell Building, University of Stirling on Sunday 16th June 1985 at 10.00 a.m. when there were present:

Mr R B D Cape	President (In the Chair)
Mr N Beattie	Vice President
Mr W Black	Hon General Secretary
Mrs H McLeod-Bain	East District
Mr A McLeod-Bain	East District
Mr D Phinn	Midland District
Dr D Hoare	Midland District
Mr J Angus	North District
Mr G Robb	North District
Mrs H Brunton	West District
Mr R F Craig	West District

In attendance:

Mr H Hamilton Smith	Director of Swimming
Mr R Betteley	Director of Administration
Mrs R Hallam	Administrative Assistant
Miss K Cairney	Minute Secretary

60/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. W. Turberville.

61/85 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially welcomed Mrs Rita Hallam who was attending her first Council meeting. He brought Council's attention to the fact that Mr R Betteley was leaving the Association on 26 June and paid tribute to the tremendous service provided by him during his nine years with the Association. He wished his tribute to include Mrs Betteley who had been a tower of strength and support to Dick Betteley. He stated that it had been a privilege to work with him and formally thanked him for all his efforts on behalf of the Association.

Since the last Council meeting, the President had worked fairly hard. He had attended Committee meetings, including Education, Water Polo, Swimming and Synchro. He had also attended the Age Group Championships in all four districts which had proved extremely interesting. It had been a particular pleasure to return to Inverness for the North District Finals and see the magnificent new pool. He had seen some expert water polo matches in Dunfermline and congratulated Dunfermline on winning their match.

The Masters Championships held in Glasgow had been a memorable occasion. One of the entrants, Mrs Hunt (nee Sissy Stewart) had been an Olympic medalist in 1928 and had promised to loan her medal to the Centenary Exhibition.

The President had also attended a Civic Lunch in Aberdeen along with the Vice President, Mr Norrie Beattie, in honour of Olympic Medalist Neil Cochran, who had acquitted himself very well.

The TTD Symposium had been attended by around 120 delegates and there had been some useful discussion on a wide variety of topics.

The Inter District Championships held on the day prior to the Council Meeting and the Dinner in the evening in honour of Dick Betteley, had both been pleasurable occasions.

62/85 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 April 1985 were subject to the following amendments:

Minute 50/85 (b)(iv) Line 4 "Japan" to read "China".

Minute 53/85 (g) Records: 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
Scottish Senior & Junior Women
"5.57.99" to read "3.57.99"

: confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

63/85 SUB NATIONAL FACILITIES (Previous Minute 34/85)

The Director of Administration and Director of Swimming had met representatives of the Scottish Sports Council regarding Sub-National facilities and it was evident that there had been a number of applications from local authorities, clubs and districts, and it was a pity they had not all been channelled through the Association office. The Director of Swimming had given his opinion as to the requirements from Swimming's point of view i.e. accommodation, equipment requirements, length of pool etc. The Director of Swimming asked to submit report by mid-July.

The provision of timing equipment had been considered and the Association had been asked to consider optimum arrangements and the needs Nationally and Regionally. A report will be prepared and the result could be the provision of two full sets of timing equipment.

The Director of Administration reported that our original application for grant aid for timing equipment had been referred back; the Scottish Sports Council suggesting we sell our existing equipment and seek sponsorship for the balance of funds required to purchase new equipment. It was pointed out that this was not feasible. The Sports Council to reconsider this matter

64/85 J Y COUTTS MEMORIAL AWARD (Previous Minute 35/85)

An order has been placed for the J Y Coutts Memorial Award.

65/85 FUND RAISING PROJECT (Previous Minute 36/85)

Mr. Betteley had spoken to the Solicitor, Mr. Templeton and he advised that a change of rule would be needed to allow the project to be implemented. The Director of Administration was asked to send a copy of the AGM Minute. Approval of tax office would still have to be sought.

RESOLVED: That: The Fund Raising Project should proceed.

66/85 STAFF (Previous Minute 50/85(a))

The President reported that a meeting of the Emergency Committee had taken place on 15 June to consider the staff situation. They had considered the proposals of the Director of Swimming and taken account of discussions with the Scottish Sports Council, and after lengthy discussion wished to recommend to Council that:

- (a) The SASA Office should provide a service to the Association in general and a back-up service to the Director of Swimming.
- (b) The duties of the Director of Swimming should not require him to oversee the office staff.
- (c) An Office Manager to be appointed at Executive Officer level.
- (d) A complement of three assistants at Clerical Officer level be appointed.
- (e) The Office Manager and Clerical Officer vacancies to be advertised.
- (f) The interviews to be conducted by the Emergency Committee.
- (g) This be implemented as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That: the substance of the recommendations be accepted as policy for staffing which should be implemented as soon as possible.

It was further

RESOLVED: That: the General Secretary would draw up draft job specifications which would detail responsibilities.

The Director of Swimming requested it be minuted that the Council rejected his specific request for the appointment of a Technical Officer at Executive Officer level.

67/85 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The University wished the Association to relinquish the offices presently occupied and they have offered accommodation in the grounds of Airthrey Castle. This would involve an increase in rent but this would be the situation if we

remained in the existing premises. It was felt that these increases could be phased to meet the Association's financial situation.

RESOLVED: That: this move should proceed with the proviso that the General Secretary has the opportunity to view the accommodation being offered.

68/85 PREPARATION FOR OLYMPIC GAMES 1988 (Previous Minute 50/85(c)(ii))

The document from the BSCA was discussed, and it was

RESOLVED: That: a letter be sent to the ASA requesting that a representative of the working party be allowed to attend the next GB Meeting.

Director of Swimming or Mr Terry Dennison as representative.

69/85 MALLORCAN OPEN MEET (Previous Minute 54/85 (4)(c))

It was noted that Mrs. Dawn Zajac had been added to the Mallorcan Team as Consultant Coach.

70/85 APPEAL (Previous Minute 55/85)

The appeal on behalf of the two water polo players was still proceeding.

71/85 KIT SITUATION (Previous Minute 54/85(4)(a)(iii))

The Director of Administration reported that there had been some difficulties this year due to the complete change of kit design. It had been difficult to ascertain what would be required, and shortages had occurred.

Concern was expressed over the priorities given to certain squads, with a request for clarification. The general rule was that full International squads took priority over selected squads but the Director of Swimming would report on this matter at the next Council Meeting.

72/85 SPORTS COUNCIL OPEN MEETING (Previous Minute 58/85)

An Open Meeting "Television and Scottish Sport" was held in Glasgow on 30 April. Mr R F Craig from the West District attended this meeting and stated that it had been well presented, but there had been nothing new to be learned.

73/85 PRESIDENT'S CHAIN OF OFFICE (Previous Minute 59/85)

The Director of Administration stated that nothing further had been done on this matter.

RESOLVED: That: Emslies should be approached.

74/85 REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The report of the General Secretary was received: Arising therefrom:

(a) World Games for Deaf

A request had been received for assistance with equipment for the three Scottish swimmers selected.

RESOLVED: That: the General Secretary approach Speedo for assistance with costumes but that a precedent must not be set.

(b) Commonwealth Games

The Hon Secretary reported on the most recent meetings of the Sports Division.

(i) It had been AGREED that there would be no B Finals.

RESOLVED: That: as there is such overwhelming support for these, the Association write a strongly worded letter to the Swimming Committee to this effect.

(ii) Water Polo as an exhibition event, had been cancelled. This was embarrassing as overseas teams had been invited to participate.

RESOLVED: That: another letter of complaint be written.

(iii) Synchro Competition:

The Venue Committee were requesting the use of the HMS Caledonia pool for Synchro Training.

(iv) No indication of arrangements for sale of tickets was yet known.

RESOLVED: That: the General Secretary purchase up to 100 tickets per session, preferably on sale or return. These to be sold as quickly as possible to the Association.

(c) LEN Calendar Conference

Arising from this Conference, the Hon Secretary reported that Miss J A Brayshaw is to organise a synchro swimming clinic in Malta and that she has invited some Scottish synchro swimmers to take part as demonstrators. All expenses would be paid for the swimmers from London.

RESOLVED: That: the invitation be accepted.

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

75/85 REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER

The General Treasurer had submitted a written report and a Per Capita statement. Arising therefrom:

(a) Per Capita Statement

As the East Kilbride Pool was closed, the club were requested to write formally to the Association with regard to their per capita fees.

(b) Staff

Mrs R Hallam:

RESOLVED: That: Mrs Hallam be given authority to sign cheques up to £300.

Miss K Cairney:

RESOLVED: That: Miss Cairney be paid an honorarium of £300.

(c) Budget

Details of financial expenditure and income will be provided to Committees. Such Committees and Team Managers must ensure that prompt financial statements and accounts are provided to the SASA office.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

76/85 REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING

The report of the Director of Swimming was received. Arising therefrom:

(a) American World Clinic at Fort Lauderdale

RESOLVED: That: the Director be allowed to attend the American World Clinic at a cost within the available budget figure as agreed with the General Treasurer. The balance of any costs to be borne by the Director.

(b) Change of Date of next Council Meeting

RESOLVED: That: due to staff holiday arrangements, the date of the next Council Meeting be changed to 18th August.

(c) Fund Raising

RESOLVED: That: the special Commonwealth Games Team Preparation Fund project proceed. To commence with a Press Conference on Monday 15 July.

77/85 REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

The report of the Director of Administration was received. Arising therefrom:

(a) Staff - already covered.

(b) Masters Championships

It was noted that a letter had been received from Sweden expressing thanks for a very good event.

(c) Loch Lomond Championships

It was noted that last year's poor organisation had reflected badly on the Association. It was requested that the present Convener, Mr D Sullivan, be kept well informed on Long Distance swimming matters in particular.

(d) Age Group Championships - advertising

A letter had been sent seeking justification for the reduction in permitted advertising at this event.

(e) RNLI Amateur Swimming Associations (plural) Lifeboat

As the presentation of this was to take place during the National Championships, Mr and Mrs Betteley were invited to attend on behalf of the Association.

(f) The Director wished to record, on behalf of himself and his wife, their thanks for the dinner held on the previous evening.

78/85 REPORTS OF CONVENERS1. Water Polo Committee

No Water Polo Committee Report was submitted.

2. Swimming Committee(a) Inter District Championships:

These Championships had been very useful and successful and well placed in the calendar. The championships had been won by the West District.

(b) Recommendation for Centenary Year

RESOLVED: That: the European Cup 1988, the 8 Nations and the GB Junior Trials be held at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh.

(c) Commonwealth Games Staff

RESOLVED: That: the following be appointed:

Team Manager	Mr D McGowan
Head Coaches	Mr A Gordon and Mr J Park
Coaches	Mr I Mason and Mr A Brew
Doctor	Dr R Howat
Physio's	Miss J Sproul, Miss P Smith and Mrs J Lee

plus one other Administrator (female).

(d) Special Games Team Preparation Programme

RESOLVED: That: the programme be implemented.

(e) National Squad Programme

RESOLVED: That the following be appointed:

Combined Youth & Junior:

Head Coach	Ian Mason
Senior Coach	Jim Park

(f) 8 Nations Contest

RESOLVED: That the following be appointed:

Team Manager	Mr R Taylor
Coaches	Mr D McGowan and Mr J Park
Physio	Miss P Smith

The eligibility of one of the squad members, Debbie Lord, to represent Scotland after July 1985 was questioned.

RESOLVED: That: she be written a letter to this effect after the 8 Nations event.

3. Diving Committee

Council wished to formally record congratulations to Stephen Forrest for his performance in the ASA Championships and GB selection.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

4. Synchro Committee

It was AGREED to accept the minutes submitted as a report

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr N Beattie for the additional Synchro' work he had taken on board.

5. Education Committee

The Hon General Treasurer had requested further information on the costs incurred in the running of Induction Courses.

RESOLVED: That: the Director of Swimming would clarify this situation at the next meeting of the Committee on 22 June.

Assessment Fees:

RESOLVED: That: the Convener should be informed that as from next year we should pay fees along the same lines of the ASA.

6. TTO Committee

There was no report from the TTO Committee Convener.

7. Medical Committee

Miss J Sproul had requested financial assistance with regard to attending a Peripheral Mobilisations Course.

RESOLVED: That: £100 be paid towards such costs.

8. Masters Swimming Committee

A complaint had been received from the Glasgow Sports Promotion Council concerning the coverage they had received at the Masters Championships.

RESOLVED: That: the West District would put in writing the problems encountered to the SASA office. The General Secretary would then reply to the GSPC.

9. Centenary Committee

Floral Displays: Major cities have been contacted. Aberdeen have agreed, Edinburgh are to consider it, and Glasgow need to be contacted again.

It was hoped that the LEN Calendar Conference and Congress would be held in Glasgow in 1988 and allowance should be made in the budget.

It was hoped to obtain a medal design for the August meeting.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

10. Organising Committee of Spring Meet, Age Group and Long Course Championships

Spring Meet: The remarks concerning the action of the announcers was noted and deplored. The cost of increasing the water level of the pool had not yet been received. Dr Howat recommended that if the pool level cannot be increased for major senior events, then they must be started at the deep end of the pool.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

NOTICE TO ALL CONVENERS

That Minutes of all Committee meetings should be sent to members of the Council for information.

The letter of 24 April requesting more participation by Governing Bodies was noted.

80/85 SCOTTISH SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION

A letter had been received from the SSCA requesting that one Coaches Pass be distributed annually.

RESOLVED: That: the Director of Swimming and Secretary of the SSCA discuss how this would be implemented and report back.

The Meeting closed at 4.35 p.m.