

- c) It was noted that the visit of the Egyptian synchronised swimming team to the North District had been highly successful and Duncan MacRae was congratulated on his organisation. The Educational clinics organised by Miss Jackie Brayshaw on behalf of the ASA of Malta and attended by 5 national squad swimmers had also proved a great success.

5 Education

The Report was received and the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June, noted.

It was noted that Mrs F Robertson had now resigned as West District Convener and it was hoped a replacement would soon be appointed. Future consideration would be given to the possibility of holding a one day Education seminar.

6 Technical Training Officers Committee

No report was received.

7 Medical Committee

The Report was received and it was noted that Dr Howat wished it to be known that in his opinion shallow end starting with modern starting techniques in the current depth of water at the Royal Commonwealth Pool is potentially extremely dangerous and should not be accepted at senior events. He expressed his thanks to the physiotherapists who had provided cover at both the Age Group and National Championships.

8 Masters Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June were noted.

9 Centenary

No report was received.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the SASA Council was held in Room 3A5, Cottrell Building, University of Stirling on Sunday 18 August 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
Mr L Turberville	Hon General Treasurer
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
Mrs R Hallam	Administrative Assistant

81/85 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was a full attendance at the meeting.

82/85 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President extended a warm welcome to the third meeting of the present Council. Since the last meeting there had been a great many Association activities but pride of place must go to the 8 Nations team who retained the Royal Bank Quaich and the trophy was displayed to the Council. He felt it was unfortunate there were few opportunities for trophies such as this to be displayed to members of Council. On behalf of himself and Council, he congratulated all who took part in this magnificent win.

He had attended the Esso Scottish Age Group Championships; the Water Polo final in Dundee; the press conference to launch the fund raising programme and to introduce the proposed programme of preparation for the Commonwealth Games: followed by the OCL Long Course Championships which he and his wife had attended three out of the four days. All of which had been most enjoyable.

He was pleased to report that Mr & Mrs R Betteley had attended the launch of the ASAs' Lifeboat on his behalf.

He offered congratulations to the swimmers who represented Scotland in the GB teams participating in Sofia and Geneva and particularly to Gary Watson on achieving his gold medal in the European Junior Championships. Of special note were the achievements of our Masters swimmers at the World Championships in Canada who had attained two world records and a considerable number of gold, silver and bronze medals. Council recorded its thanks and congratulations to Ken McKay, his Committee and team for their hard work and success.

83/85 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 June were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

84/85 SUB NATIONAL FACILITIES (Previous Minute 63/85)

The Director of Swimming stated that the report was expected shortly from the Scottish Sports Council and that he was hopeful that we would be successful in our application.

However, he reported that the Scottish Sports Council had approved our application for the national facility of one set of new timing equipment and two auto coaches.

Council warmly welcomed this news.

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

The medals have now been received and were considered to be an excellent likeness.

It was proposed that we proceed with finalising the plaque for the first award and Graeme Robb kindly agreed to make enquiries with regard to the cost of producing future similar plaques.

THIS WAS AGREED

G ROBB

86/85 FUND RAISING PROJECT (Previous Minute 65/85)

An application for Charitable Status had been submitted to the Inland Revenue but a reply was still awaited.

The response from clubs to organise and participate in Swimalongs and Marathons had been good. The President suggested that the Association should be seen to be supporting as many of these events as possible and the Director of Swimming agreed to recommend to the Districts what would be appropriate. The free offers of pool use and printing of programmes etc by various bodies was much appreciated.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent from Council to Mrs Stangoe (Paul Easter's grandmother) for her great effort in raising £124 for the Fund at the recent Long Course Championships. It was hoped others would follow suit.

H H SMITH

87/85 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION (Previous Minute 67/85)

The Association office would move to its new premises on 2 September. The telephone number would remain the same. A problem had arisen over the immediate need for a replacement typewriter. As it was hoped to purchase new typewriters in conjunction with the proposed new computer facility, it was proposed that a temporary replacement be found.

R HALLAM

THIS WAS AGREED

88/85 KIT SITUATION (Previous Minute 71/85)

The Executive had recommended that the Director of Swimming should liaise with each Convener to ascertain needs of each discipline and to then liaise with Speedo.

THIS WAS AGREED



The Director of Swimming would report to the next meeting. Any kit still outstanding would be distributed.

H H SMITH

89/85 PRESIDENT'S CHAIN OF OFFICE (Previous Minute 78/85)

A McLeod-Bain agreed to take this to Emslies Engraving for a quotation.

A MCLEOD-BAI

90/85 MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GSPC (Previous Minute 78/85/8)

This matter had now been resolved satisfactorily.

91/85 COACHES PASSES

The North District had requested that coaches should have free entry to events but if a charge had to be levied that both affiliated club coaches and members of the unaffiliated Scottish Coaches Association pay the same fee. The Director of Swimming reported that the Swimming Committee were considering this matter with the idea of an annual pass being available which would be administered by the SASA office. The recommendations of the Swimming Committee were awaited.

H H SMITH

92/85 REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The Report of the General Secretary was received. This highlighted the amount of work he undertook on behalf of the Association, and Council passed a vote of thanks for all his efforts.

a) Staff

For this item Mr H Hamilton Smith and Mrs R Hallam left the meeting.

- i) The meeting confirmed the recommendation of the Executive that Mrs R Hallam be appointed as Administrator of the Association.
- ii) The meeting confirmed that Mrs M Cunningham be appointed as Clerical Officer (Administration) and that the approved applicant be offered the post of Clerical Officer (Technical). Miss H Roy was confirmed in her post of Clerical Assistant.

All appointments would take effect from 1 September 1985, with a six months probationary period.

- iii) The Director of Swimming had undertaken a satisfactory medical examination, and had now signed his Contract of Employment.

- iv) The Director of Swimming had requested Council give consideration to meeting a proportion of his removal expenses.

THIS WAS AGREED

b) Travel Arrangements

The Executive recommended that the Director of Swimming be given the authority to negotiate travel arrangements for all disciplines.

THIS WAS AGREED.

c) Request for Assistance for Miss W Goodwin

A request had been received for assistance to enable Miss Goodwin to take up a scholarship in the USA. It was proposed that a loan of up to £500 be paid to the Bellshill Club to be repaid by 30 November 1985.

THIS WAS AGREED.

d) GB Committee

- i) The SASA had been offered funds to organise and run an Olympic Solidarity Coaching Clinic in late 1986/early 1987.

IT WAS AGREED that this offer be accepted.

ii) GB Development Plan

This had not yet been considered by the UK Sports Council as the ASF had been asked to resubmit the plan.

Concern was expressed over the lack of consultation with regard to the fixture lists and the reduction in the numbers to be selected. It is important that all Treasurers are consulted when submissions to the UK Sports Council are prepared.

iii) European Championships - Sofia

The composition of the party attending Sofia was queried, specifically in respect of the Assistant Team Managers and it was proposed that this matter be raised at the next GB Committee meeting.

THIS WAS AGREED.

iv) FINA

Following discussions regarding Scotland's direct affiliation to FINA, it was proposed that the General Secretary should explore the possibility.

THIS WAS AGREED with reservations expressed by L Turberville and J Angus.

It was noted that any changes of rules for the 1986 FINA Congress should be submitted at the next GB meeting to be held in November.

v) Preparation for the Olympic Games

The concern of the Working Party had been a matter of principle and not finance. Finance would be discussed when proposals were resolved.

vi) Commonwealth Games

A request had been received from the CG Treasurer for a donation to the fund established to raise money for equipping and accommodating the 10 sports who would be representing Scotland at the Games.

H H SMITH

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W BLACK
L TURBERVILLE

W BLACK

Further enquiries would be made as to the state of the Fund at present, how the money is to be used and what other governing bodies are to contribute. When this information is available, the General Treasurer will make a recommendation to Council.

W BLACK
R HALLAM

Council considered the sum to be spend on the purchase by the Association, of tickets for resale.

L TURBERVILLE

IT WAS AGREED that up to £2,000 worth be purchased. R HALLAM

The response from clubs had been excellent and a total order of £20,750 had been placed. Governing bodies of sport had been offered priority bookings of tickets up to 31 August 1985. Bookings would then be taken from the general public. It was not known how many tickets would be available to each body and no ticket allocations would be made by the Games Office to anyone until January 1986.

The General Secretary reported that Hamilton Bland (Products) Ltd had offered to supply over £5,000 worth of equipment free of charge for the Games. It was recommended that the Association should write to the Edinburgh District Council indicating approval of this equipment.

H H SMITH
R HALLAM

THIS WAS AGREED

It was also noted that the Synchronised Swimming programme was to be extended. The Council supported the General Secretary's efforts to have B finals reinstated in the programme.

The report of the General Secretary was accepted.

93/85 REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

The General Treasurer reported that from the random check made of club accounts each year, only Lerwick ASC had failed to submit a copy of their accounts. G Robb was asked to look into this matter.

G ROBB

It was anticipated that the financial situation of the Association at the year end would be in surplus. There was to be a Budget Committee meeting on 29 September and a more detailed report would be presented to Council at the October meeting. The grant aid application would be submitted to the Scottish Sports Council after the next Council meeting and a meeting with the Sports Council would be held in November.

The General Treasurer requested that the time-consuming payment of refunds at championships be stopped and that such refunds should be paid from the office after events. This was noted.

The report was accepted.

94/85 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING

The report of the Director of Swimming was received. Council requested that for the future it would be most helpful if a little more information could be included with regard to the meetings attended by the Director.

H H SMITH

a) US Swimming Seminar for Elite Coaches

The Director reported that the above was to be held in Colorado Springs from 9-20 October and all world Federations were invited to send three representatives. The Seminar would cover a comprehensive range of technical aspects presented by leading world experts. It was proposed that the Director should attend this Seminar in place of the already agreed visit to the American World Coaches Clinic in Fort Lauderdale, on the same financial basis as the original approval.

THIS WAS AGREED.

b) Pre Training Camp Visit to Lanzarote

The Commonwealth Games staff requested that the Director of Swimming visit Lanzarote as a matter of urgency with a view to the Commonwealth Games Training Camp being held there in January, the cost being met from the Commonwealth Games Training Fund.

THIS WAS AGREED

H H SMITH

95/85 ADMINISTRATION REPORTa) Staff

Already covered by the General Secretary's Report.

b) Event Calendars

Speedo had supplied event calendars and Secretaries were asked to take a stock of these for distribution to clubs and pools in their respective districts.

DISTRICT
SECRETARIES

c) Travel Arrangements

It was reported that A T Mays had refunded over £1000 in respect of problems arising from recent travel arrangements made on behalf of the Association.

d) Handbook

The 1985 Handbook Amendemnts were now available price 75p.

e) Records

The records achieved at the Esso Scottish Age Group Championships did not appear to have been ratified by Council. This matter would be reviewed.

96/85 REPORTS FROM CONVENERS1 Water Polo Committee

The Team Manager's Reports from the 8 Nations contest in Turku and the 6 Nations contest in Gratz were accepted and the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June noted. Both Team Managers had reported a need for a physiotherapist to be appointed to Water Polo teams when travelling abroad. This was noted.

2 Swimming Committee

- a) The meeting received with interest the National Squad Programme. Requests had been received from both L Montford and R Leishman to represent Scotland at senior level; both fulfilled the eligibility regulations.

THIS WAS AGREED

There were still a few amendments to be made to the suggested squads and the Swimming Committee were to meet on 31 August to finalise the selection. The Council were happy to ratify the appointment of Mrs Helen Brunton as Assistant Team Manager/Administrator of the Commonwealth Games Squad. The Council commended the Director of Swimming for all his hard work on the programme submitted.

The proposals WERE AGREED

- b) The Team Manager's Report on the 8 Nations contest in Espoo was received and note was taken of the need for all teams to report at airports earlier than one hour prior to take-off. The outstanding performance of this team was again recorded.

TEAM
MANAGERS

R HALLAM

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July were noted.

3 Diving Committee

- a) The Team Manager's Report on the Norway Cup was received and it was noted that the team had done well against strong opposition in achieving personal best performances and medals.

- b) It was reported that the American Diving Coach, Hobie Billingsley would be holding a clinic at the Royal Commonwealth Pool on 31 August.

Council expressed interest in receiving more reports on Diving activities.

W LAW

4 Synchronised Swimming Committee

The Report was received.

- a) The proposed national squads were noted. The Director of Swimming was requested to liaise with Mrs Dawn Zajac to resolve outstanding problems. In view of the above, it was proposed that these appointments would be ratified for the training weekend of 7/8 September only.

H H SMITH

THIS WAS AGREED

It was noted that Mrs Dorothy Sorley had been nominated as physiotherapist by Dr Howat and also Dr Linda Donaldson as Medical Adviser.

- b) The information which had recently been circulated to ascertain possible interest in synchronised swimming courses, was noted.