

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

A Meeting of the SASA Council was held in Room 3A5, Cottrell Building, University of Stirling on Sunday 21 April 1985 at 10.00am 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 W 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
Mr R Betteley	Director of Administration
Miss K Cairney	Minute Secretary

32/85 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Before the business of the Meeting began, the President welcomed all members of the Council to the first meeting after the AGM. He especially welcomed the 5 new members and hoped that they would enjoy their period of office. He asked Norrie Beattie, Mrs McLeod-Bain, Mr D Phinn, Dr D Hoare and Mr Angus to accept their badges of office.

Since the AGM he had been very busy. The highlights were the 4 Nations Youth International, which was an outstanding meet from all angles. The East District Championships, East Kilbride Meet, Edinburgh Spring Meet, East and West District Meetings. The President thanked the East and West Districts for their hospitality. He had also attended opening of the Easter Swim School at DCPE and the GB Committee at Preston as a substitute. The Executive had met on three or four occasions, mainly in connection with the Staff situation.

He then gave his thoughts on the duty of the Council - these were: "It acted on behalf of the Association which was the Governing Body for Swimming in Scotland. We are here to serve the best interests of the whole Association which might at times mean making decisions not to everyone's liking. Our duty was to look at the whole of Scotland and to act as a whole. The Directors, while not members of the Council were there to give their specialist advice when required." He asked the members to bear in mind that they were there for the benefit of "swimming and swimmers" and this phrase included all disciplines of the sport.

33/85 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 1985 were subject to the following amendments:

Minute 16/85 Line 3 - £1,6295 should read £16,295.
Budget

Minute 22/85 (1) Line 2 - delete "presented"
Report of Dir of Admin

Minute 23/85 (3) Diving Committee
(c) Easter School - Line 2 - insert
"not" between "had" and "been".

: confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

34/85 SUB-NATIONAL FACILITIES (Previous Minute 10/85)

A letter dated 21 March from Paisley ASC putting forward under "The provision of Sub-National Facilities" a request that the Scottish Sports Council be requested to consider the provision of Automatic Timing Equipment at the Johnstone Swimming Pool, which the Local Authority were considering improving. The pool had already been designated as the main competitive pool in the district.

RESOLVED: That: the request be forwarded to the Scottish Sports Council with our full support.

35/85 J Y COUTTS MEMORIAL AWARD (Previous Minute 4/85)

It was reported that the alternative quotation for the supply of the Medallion had not yet been received.

RESOLVED: That: if the quotation is not received within four weeks, the original quotation be accepted.

36/85 FUND RAISING PROJECT (Previous Minute 12(b)/85)

The Director of Administration reported that:

(a) Mr Juba had agreed to the % reduction in the fee as requested.

(b) Our Legal Advisor had indicated that a change would have to be made for the preparation of the Trust Deed.

RESOLVED: That: our Legal Advisor be informed we will pay for the preparation of the Deed, he to be asked to prepare the Deed as a matter of urgency.

37/85 OCL National Open Championships (Previous Minute 14/85)

The Director of Administration reported that:

(a) OCL had paid their sponsorship of £1000 and in addition had paid VAT of £150, and were providing Programme and Result covers.

(b) The RCP was only available on Saturday 20 July until 2.00pm, and therefore we had asked for the use of the Pool from 2.00pm on Tuesday 16 July and all day on 17, 18 and 19.

The question of the availability of Technical Officials for these Championships was raised and the District Secretaries agreed to raise this matter at their next District Meetings.

38/85 BUDGET (Previous Minute 16/85)

The question of the cost of Inter-District contests was again raised, some disciplines having indicated they could probably meet the cost out of their revised budgets.

RESOLVED: That: any application to meet Inter-District costs out of the revised Committee Budgets will be considered on its merits. It is to be understood that this does not set a precedent.

39/85 WATER POLO - OSLO TRIP (Previous Minute 17/85)

RESOLVED: That: no further action be taken in this matter unless a reply is received from the Norwegian Federation.

40/85 SCOTTISH MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Previous Minute 18/85)

It was reported that the City of Glasgow District Council had agreed to give a Civic Reception in connection with the Masters Championships.

41/85 VISIT OF DR MADSEN (Previous Minute 19(3)/85)

The Director of Swimming reported that in his view Scottish Coaches were well represented - It was not an "open" presentation.

42/85 CONTRACT - DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING (Previous Minute 19(2)/85)

The General Secretary reported that Dr Howat would be carrying out the Medical Examination of the Director of Swimming.

43/85 CLUBS ACCOUNTS (Previous Minute 20(3)/85)

The General Treasurer reported that a copy of the accounts of Lerwick ASC was still awaited. Accounts from the other 6 clubs were satisfactory.

44/85 WILKIE AWARD (Previous Minute 22(2)/85)

RESOLVED: That: in future years only home based Scots would be considered for the Daily Record "David Wilkie Award".

45/85 COACHING COURSES/CLINICS (Previous Minute 22(4)/85)

It was reported that the BOA were only financing 2 courses - 1 in England and 1 in Wales.

46/85 GT SPORTS BOND (Previous Minute 22(9)/85)

It was reported that the Newcastle Building Society had again asked if the Association were interested in the "GT Sports Bond".

The East District representatives reported that their District was not interested.

Emslies

47/85 TECHNICAL TRAINING SYMPOSIUM (Previous Minute 23(6)/85)

It was reported that the Symposium would be held on the 9 June at Perth.

48/85 DIVING COMMITTEE (Previous Minute 23(3)(a)/85)

RESOLVED: That: it be recorded the reason why no member of the Executive attended the Diving Committee Meeting was because of other commitments.

49/85 SCOTTISH SPORTS ASSOCIATION (Previous Minute 26/85)

It was reported that the introduction of Hon. Life Membership for individuals had been shelved.

50/85 REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY

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

(a) Staff

- (i) Report of meeting with PA Management Consultant Ltd, (engaged by the Scottish Sports Council) regarding the remuneration of Governing Bodies' employees. The two Directors had also had meetings with them.
- (ii) The Paper prepared by the Director of Swimming on a new staff structure (this had been distributed to members) had been discussed by the Executive with Mr I Russell of the Sports Council. The Sports Council Administrator had visited the office to assess our requirements.

RESOLVED: That: a temporary appointment be made for a period not exceeding 6 months. The person appointed to be responsible for some of the Director of Administration's duties - particularly finance.

(b) Commonwealth Games

In addition to the Minutes of the various meetings attached to his report Mr Black reported that:

- (i) Efforts were still being made to have the depth of the water in the RCP increased. This would also be of great benefit to the Synchronised Swimmers and for the Water Polo competition following the Games.

RESOLVED: That: the Association support Mr Black and his Committee in this matter.

- (ii) The number of seats available had been reduced.
- (iii) The following persons had been appointed as member of the Swimming Technical Committee:

Mr D Brown	Administrator and Coordinator
Ms J Brayshaw	Synchronised Swimming
Mr A Taylor	Technical Officials

- (iv) It was understood that tenders for the timing equipment were being considered. Mr Connolly had agreed to meet Mr Black, on his (Mr Connolly's) return from Japan. China

- (v) A joint meeting with the Swimming Venues Committee had been held and he gave full details of the matters discussed, and highlighted points of difference.

- (vi) He referred to letters he had received from Mrs H Murray regarding Synchronised Swimming at the Games, and indicated he would be replying to same.

(c) Great Britain Committee

Minutes of the meeting of 22 March.

(i) Sport Countries

RESOLVED: That: our delegates raise this matter again at the next meeting, they are to ask for details of the reply from FINA.

(ii) Preparation for 1988 Olympic Games - Document by BSCA.

Consideration of this document had been deferred until the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That: the Districts and the Swimming Committee be asked for their comments on the document and also that the Committee be asked to invite representatives of the BSCA to attend the meeting when the document is discussed.

(d) Berwick ASC Affiliation

Application from Berwick ASC for affiliation to the Association.

RESOLVED: That: ~~the views of the East District be obtained.~~ and that Berwick be asked if they have consulted the ASA on the matter.

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

51/85 REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

The General Treasurer submitted the following statements:

- (a) Financial Report re International Swim Meets - The costs were within the revised budget.

(b) Per Capita Statement

RESOLVED: That: all Clubs be reminded regarding the payment of Per Capita and Annual Competitive Fees.

- (c) Financial Statement re Per Capita, Annual Competitive Fees and Bank Balances.

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

52/85 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING

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

- (a) Attendance at the English ASA Short Course gave him an opportunity to talk to English based Scottish Swimmers and to help with their needs.
- (b) The Director indicated he wished to attend the European ^{Youth} Championships to be held in Switzerland at the end of July, and also the American World Clinic at Fort Lauderdale in September, the total cost would be approximately £1000. He pointed out he would not be attending the European Championships in ~~Sofia~~ or the LEN Conference.

RESOLVED: That: the Treasurer look into the budget figures, and that the Executive be authorised to approve the visit to Switzerland, the American visit to be considered at the next Council meeting.

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

53/85 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

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

- (a) ASA Teaching Certificate Centre

Jordanhill College were no longer recognised as a Centre as they had not organised courses since 1983.

- (b) Grant - Edinburgh District Council

The Edinburgh District Council had made a Grant of £1250 to the Association.

RESOLVED: That: the District Council be thanked for their Grant.

- (c) Grant AGM

The Renfrew District Council had made a Grant of £100 to the Association in connection with the AGM.

- (d) Transfers

From Aberdeen ASC to Warrender Baths (Kevin Duncan Reynard)
 From Falkirk Otter to Warrender Baths (Sharon Cochrane)
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From Stirling ASC to Carnegie SC (Craig Nelson)
 From Motherwell ASC to Perth Pullars (Jamie Glackin)
 From Renfrew Baths to Glenrothes ASC (David Gill)

- (e) International Permits

Carnegie SC	Vichy, France	5-20 July 1985
Central Region	Ulster	4-6 May 1985
Swimming Team		

- (f) Visiting Clubs

West German Club visiting Largs ASC 31 March - 8 April
 Bellshill ASC visiting Lincoln Vulcans ASC Easter Weekend

- (g) Records (Short Course)

FOUR NATIONS YOUTH INTERNATIONAL
 30/31 MARCH 1985

Stephanie Watson	100m Freestyle Scottish Senior & Junior Women	57.90
	4 x 100m Medley Relay Scottish Junior Women	4.26.77
	4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Scottish Senior & Junior Women	3.57.99
Jill Eving	100m Backstroke Scottish Junior Women	1.06.35
Neil Hudghton	200m Breaststroke Scottish Junior Men	2.23.73
Arlene Ewing	100m Butterfly Scottish Junior Women	1.05.94
	4 x 200m Freestyle Scottish Senior Men	7.48.54
	4 x 200m Freestyle Scottish Senior Women	8.36.52

54/85 REPORTS OF CONVENERS

- 1 Water Polo Committee

No report.

- 2 Swimming Committee

Report of Convener. Arising therefrom:

- (a) Ulster Games

RESOLVED: That: the recommendation that the team entry be withdrawn in view of the terrorist threat to sport, be approved.

2 (b) Inter-District

RESOLVED: That: the recommendation in the report be accepted, except the venue. East Kilbride was now closed, and the venue would possibly be Whitburn.

(c) Short Course Championships 1985

RESOLVED: That: it be agreed we require all of the Dunfermline Pool complex for this event.

(d) Age Group Championships 1985

RESOLVED: That: the closing date for entries for the Esso Age Group Championships be Midnight Tuesday 4 June 1985.

(e) Championship Entry Fees

RESOLVED: That: the recommendation that the entry fee be £2.50 with £1.00 being refunded if competitor equals or betters the appropriate qualifying time.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

3 Diving Committee

Report of Convener.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

4 Synchronised Swimming Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 31 March 1985: Arising therefrom:

(a) Triangular Meet - Leeds

- (i) Mrs Bowman had acted as Team Manager as Mr MacRae had been unable to attend.
- (ii) The course at Altringham had been cancelled.
- (iii) No kit (other than the costumes purchased) had been available for this "Select" team.

RESOLVED: That: the Director of Administration report at the next Council Meeting on kit normally supplied to "Select" teams.

(b) Age Group Championships

RESOLVED: That: a mailing list be prepared for every National event, the list to include District Secretaries.

(c) Majorcan Open Meet

Mr Black recommended that subject to the approval of the Committee and finance being available, Dawn Zajac be added to the team as Consultant Coach.

RESOLVED: That: the recommendation be approved.

(d) Committee

Mr McLeod-Bain read a letter from Mrs H Murray the East District Synchronised Swimming Convener, complaining that insufficient information was being passed to the Synchro Clubs. Mr Beattie and Mr Black gave a detailed reply to the points raised.

RESOLVED: That: Mr N Beattie (Interim Convener) and Mrs I Beattie (Minute Secretary) be thanked for taking over the responsibilities for Synchro during the absence of Mrs H Black.

RESOLVED: That: the Minute be accepted.

5 Education Committee

Report of Convener.

RESOLVED: That: the report be accepted.

6 ITO Committee

No report (Meeting being held on 21 April).

7 Medical Committee

No report.

8 Masters Swimming Committee

No report.

55/85 APPEAL

A letter was received from Mackenzie and Grant, Solicitors, appealing on behalf of 2 water polo players, against a decision of the North District.

It was reported that this matter was being considered by the North District. The Council would be kept fully informed.

56/85 4 NATIONS YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

A letter dated 2 April from the East District was considered, complaining about the requirement that swimmers selected for the 4 Nations Youth International had to attend a training weekend on the 16/17 March. This coincided with the East District Championships which Gary Watson of FINS had wished to compete in, but the Director of Swimming had indicated he must attend the training weekend if he wished to swim in the 4 Nations Youth International.

The Club contended that this requirement had not always been strictly applied in the past.

RESOLVED: That: the District be informed the Director was only passing on a decision of the Swimming Committee and we fully support the decision of the Swimming Committee in this matter.

57/85 SERVICES FOR SPORT

A letter dated 25 March from the Scottish Sports Council was received detailing the types of support services they provided for governing bodies.

58/85 SPORTS COUNCIL - OPEN MEETING

Notification was received from the Scottish Sports Council of an Open Meeting to be held in Glasgow on 30 April. The subject was "Television and Scottish Sport".

RESOLVED: That: the West District send a representative to the meeting on behalf of the Association.

59/85 PRESIDENTS CHAIN OF OFFICE

A letter dated 9 April from Mr L W Turberville on behalf of the Association of Past Presidents of the SASA regarding the Presidents Chain of Office. This provided a record of the Presidents from 1888 until 1979, except for 1905 and 1906 and also the war years. The 1950 link had become detached and was not included in the Chain nor were there links for the years 1980 to the present.

One of the Past Presidents had offered to provide a new Chain of Office to coincide with the start of the Association's second century. They also asked if the Council would agree to supplying the 8 additional links for the present Chain to complete the first century, and also incorporate the missing link. They suggested also that possibly a list of Past Presidents might be included in the Association's Handbook.

RESOLVED: That: the offer of a new chain be accepted with thanks and also we authorised the addition of the 8 links to the Chain.

In future years the list of Past Presidents to be included in the handbook.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.