

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

A Meeting of the SASA Council was held in the Conservatory, Airthrey Catle, University of Stirling, Stirling on Sunday 27 April 1986.

PRESENT:	Mr N Beattie	President (In the Chair)
	Mr A Taylor	Vice President
	Mr W Black	Hon General Secretary
	Mr M Sheppard	Hon General Treasurer
	Mrs H McLeod-Bain	East District
	Mr A McLeod-Bain	East District
	Mr D Phinn	Midland District
	Dr D Hoate	Midland District
	Mr J Angus	North District
	Mr G Robb	North District
	Mr J McWhir	West District
	Mr R F Craig	West District

In Attendance:

Mr H H Smith	Director of Swimming
Mrs R Hallam	Administrator
Mrs M Cunningham	Minute Recorder
Dr R Howat	Hon Medical Advisor - part
Mr R Taylor	Convener, Swimming Committee - part
Mr P Heatly	Chairman, Scottish Sports Council/ GB Representative - part

33/86 APOLOGIES - There was full attendance

ACTION

34/86 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mr Beattie welcomed all members to the first Council Meeting of 1986 and his first in the capacity of President of the Association. Mr Beattie welcomed the new members, namely Mr A Taylor, Vice President, Mr M Sheppard, Hon General Treasurer, Mr J McWhir, President of West District. Association badges were presented to Messrs Taylor and McWhir.

Also welcomed was Dr Howat, who presented the paper on Lactate Testing.

Mr Beattie expressed his gratitude for the many invitations he had received and had duly attended the Daily Record/David Wilkie Award Luncheon; had pleasure in opening the Easter School at Dunfermline College of Physical Education; he had attended the Glenrothes Incas Meet, the Aberdeen Meet and the City of Edinburgh Spring Meet. All had been good meets which augered well for swimming for the remainder of the year.

Mr Beattie had also attended two Synchronised Swimming Meets- the Triangular Meet, sponsored by Nithsdale District Council to celebrate Dumfries Octocentenary year, and the Inter District Meet.

The President closed his address by inviting Dr Howat to take the floor.

35/86 PRESENTATION ON LACTATE TESTING

Dr Howat presented appropriate and clearly defined slides to explain to Council the procedure and purpose of Lactate Testing. His desire was to have the procedure carried out on the younger swimming squads and follow this through in order to benefit Scottish swimming in the future.

There followed a question session, Dr Howat giving clear and precise responses.

The President thanked Dr Howat for his presentation and was satisfied that Council were now clearer on the aspect of Lactate Testing and hopeful that Coaches would also benefit from the role Dr Howat was playing in this procedure.

36/86 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 2 FEBRUARY 1986

These were approved as a true record with the following clarifications:

Page 3: 8/86 1st para: it was clarified for Mrs McLeod-Bain that "funds" was the correct word in this context.

Page 6: 21/86 d): it was clarified that the letter had highlighted inaccuracies and not Mr Black personally.

37/86 DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING (Previous Minute 3/86)

Mr A McLeod-Bain asked if a full Minute was yet available of the Meeting held with the Director of Swimming and Council on 8 December. Mr Black intimated that this was not yet available for various reasons but a letter had been presented to Mr Smith to-day, 27 April.

38/86 MINUTE OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 DECEMBER
(Previous Minute 4/86 c) iii)

"Maximum of 2 relay teams be allowed per club" - Mr McLeod-Bain quoted this ruling in view of the Information Leaflet circulated on the OCL Long Course Meet, which intimated that two Open Relays and one Junior Relay Team may be entered by Clubs.

Discussion took place on the fact that the rules were interpreted that total of 2 teams per club may be entered.

The Director of Swimming replied that following discussion at a Swimming Committee Meeting, it had been hoped to encourage club representation at the Meet and promote competition by allowing 2 Open Relay teams (and one Junior Relay team to enter- for which there is a separate award).

Discussion and clarification took place on the fact that at a previous years Meet, an objection had been allowed to stand on one club entering more than one Open Relay Team.

IT WAS AGREED that for the 1986 OCL Long Course, Clubs be allowed to enter 2 Open and 1 Junior Relay event. This to be presented to Swimming Committee to seek clarification and appropriate Rule Change at 1987 AGM.

one team to count

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RH

39/86 MINUTE OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 December 1985
(Previous Minute 4/86 c) v)

Mrs Hallam reported that the Swimming Committee had this in hand. The Director of Swimming reported that this was a long term project being undertaken by the Swimming Committee. It was also noted by the Vice President that District Conveners were to draw up guide-lines for the Association.

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40/86 SUB NATIONAL FACILITIES (Previous Minute 5/86)

It was noted that the East District location for the facilities had been agreed as WHITEBURN.

Midland District location would be DUNDEE (where a boom is being fitted).

Following a meeting with the Director of Swimming on 26 April, the West District were to discuss the siting of the facilities further.

The Director of Swimming intimated that no formal communication had been sent to the Scottish Sports Council regarding the siting of the equipment, as per their requirements, but this was in hand.

HHS

Mr Black suggested that appropriate guide-lines be laid down on the roles of the District Councils, who would be storing the equipment, and that of the SASA Districts i.e. who will give final decision on the use of the equipment? The Director of Swimming clarified this in that the equipment belongs to the SASA, who will make the appropriate arrangements with the Local Authorities for the storage; District Councils in association with SASA Districts would make use of the facility within that building. It remains with the SASA to determine the use of that facility elsewhere but the agent for operating it should be the SASA District representatives. (It should also be pointed out that the Scottish Sports Council had suggested that the facility also be used for training sessions.)

Mr Craig expressed his concern that the West District had not been fully involved in the provision of Sub National Facilities.

Following further discussion, the Director of Swimming intimated that the Association now has the capacity to run five events simultaneously using all the facilities now available.

IT WAS AGREED that the Director of Swimming prepare a report on the use of the Sub National Facilities.

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41/86 Mr P Heatly, Chairman of the Scottish Sports Council/Representative on the GB Committee, joined the meeting at this point to discuss:-

- a) GB Federation and its Financial Implications
- b) Centenary Celebrations

ACTION

- 41/86 a) A Meeting had been held on 11 April 1986 with representatives from GB Committee and Sports Council at which Development Plan was discussed by Grant Assessment Panel.

Representing Scotland - L W Turberville.

Disappointment had been clearly expressed in the Development Plan issued 2 years ago and also in its addendum.

At the Meeting the Sports Council had indicated that the GB Federation should be a separate entity with its own constitution and policies and be entirely responsible for its own activities and subsequently become self financing. The Sports Council also made the observation that funding should not be in proportion to the number of swimmers representing each country.

A result of the question session at the meeting was that the Federation further assess the Development Plan, a revision of which should be made available within the 3 month period. The Sports Council agreed to make no comment until they too had sight of this revised Plan. It is important that Scotland and Wales have an input in this Development Plan.

Mr Heatly hoped that both Scotland and Wales would take the initiative at this appropriate time to now work with the GB Federation and that all UK countries become a part of this, ensuring that Scotland has a maximum input in the plans.

Mr Black stated that there had been no direct communication from GB Federation subsequent to that meeting but that the Director of Swimming had been invited to take part in a Meeting with the GB Secretary David Reeves, Derek Stubbs - England, Bryn Williams - Wales to discuss Development Plans. The Director of Swimming stated that this would also include technical input on televising appropriate events.

IT WAS AGREED that the Secretary request from GB Federation a copy of the proposal prior to presentation at the next GB Meeting and for presentation at next Council Meeting. WB

- b) Centenary Celebrations

Mr Heatly intimated that it was important to have information available for presentation to LEN Calendar Congress on applications to be made for events in 1988. The Association's interest in the European Diving Cup has been intimated. Hamburg have also shown interest in this event and Mr Heatly presented their booklet to the General Secretary. He also advised that Monte Carlo have made representation for the European Swimming Cup.

Council were advised that the General Secretary had in hand the information booklets being produced by the City of Edinburgh District Council, costing approximately £200.00. These would be presented to LEN Congress in support of the Association's bid. Glasgow District Council were also producing information booklets.

It was also noted that Edinburgh District Council were interested in hosting the World Masters in 1990 and were prepared to further produce information leaflets for this event.

In securing these events, the General Secretary expressed the opinion that the fact that it was Centenary Year, may place the Association in a favourable position. It was noted that the decision on the host countries appointed will be made on 20 May. The next meeting of the Centenary Committee is 31 May.

At this point in the Meeting, the General Secretary reported on several aspects of his Report to Council.

42/86 THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Commonwealth Games

- a) Technical Officials: The General Secretary reported that all sports were resisting the proposed reduction in numbers of technical officials. Numbers for swimming are only slightly up on the original assessment; however, this was posing a problem in relation to uniforms as the BHS were providing these based on 1235, numbers at the moment being approximately 1500+.
- Officials should have now received Accreditation Forms to be completed.
- b) Meet Management: Mr Black stated that a great deal of credit should go to Mr D Brown for the presentation of the detailed Operations Manual, for which the Director of Swimming provided technical input.
- It was not assumed but it was intended that this manual would form the basis of an Association handbook.
- c) Recorders: There is some problem over seating allocated to Recorders, which the General Secretary was attempting to resolve.
- d) Tickets: There has been criticism over the allocation of tickets to all sports. Mr Black was attempting to resolve the Synchronised Swimming situation with Major Leishman of the Commonwealth Games Office.
- e) Stewarding: It was noted that George Reid, Chief Steward of Murrayfield Rugby Ground, has been appointed in overall charge of Stewarding. The SASA Stewards will be working under the control of the Stewards appointed by Mr Reid. It was noted that runners from SASA Clubs can be aged 14 years and upwards.
- f) Scoreboard: It was noted that there will be a "dry run" approximately three days prior to the Games using the scoreboard. A meeting with Mr B Connolly and Mr G Steele of the City of Edinburgh District Council has been arranged for Friday 2 May to discuss the use of the scoreboard and timing equipment.

The Director of Swimming stated that it was hoped to have a run through of procedures on Sunday 20 July, hopefully with WIGE-DATA present; all key personnel will be present.

- g) Commonwealth Games Squad Staff: had requested a meeting to discuss their position in relation to their involvement in the Games, in view of the numbers involved. Mr D McGowan has been nominated by Council as Team Manger of all three disciplines.

Some discussion took place on the number of staff required for the GC Team (numbered at 230). It may be possible to give accreditation to other than the four staff allocated to swimming. They would have access to the Village but may not live there and would not be supplied with uniforms by the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland.

It is still to be agreed by the Organising Committee if such staff will be allowed access to the events or only to the training periods. (W Black's letter to Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland explaining the SASA position in that Squad staff wished to be fully involved at the Games had not been tabled at the meeting held on 23 April, and which Mr Black had been unable to attend.)

Discussion took place on the allocation of CG Squad staff:

IT WAS AGREED that Mr D McGowan be overall Team Manager
Mrs H Brunton, Assistant Team Manager and Chaperone
Mr J Park - Coach
Mr D Gordon - Coach
Appropriate staff to be advised of their selection/non selection

HHS

RH

- h) It was noted that accommodation had previously been booked for 10 members of squad staff. The Treasurer intimated that the accommodation used will only be paid by the Association if there are sufficient funds. Those involved will be advised of this. Cost is £12 per night per person for bed/breakfast.

RH

IT WAS AGREED that the Treasurer contact the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland regarding the availability of funds for officials and travelling.

MS

- i) Prime Minister's Reception: The General Secretary intimated that invitations had been extended to Mr & Mrs R Brew David Wilkie, who had not attended and Mr and Mrs Black. The purpose of the Reception had been to honour the Games being held this year in Edinburgh.

Mr Black ended comment on his Report at this point.

Mr P Heatly left the meeting at this point.

Mr R Taylor joined the Meeting following lunch break.

43/86 NATIONAL FACILITIES (Previous Minute 6/86)

Following discussion, IT WAS AGREED that the original timing equipment formerly stored at the University of Stirling, would be stored at Bellshill.** Further discussion to be held with the West District and formal agreement gained from the District Council regarding this. (This equipment will still be available for all districts.) Mr Smith will submit to Council charges applicable for the hire of the National timing equipment. Mrs McLeod-Bain asked for clarification on the £500 purchase price for the old equipment. Mr Smith indicated that there will be a full set of equipment available for that Region in question.

HHS

44/86 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS (Previous Minute 9/86)

The Administrator will further check to ensure that Clubs are receiving a discount from Alander Travelworld, the Association's appointed travel agent.

RH

The Director of Swimming intimated that as far as he was aware, several clubs had received discount from Alander Travelworld, the Association's appointed travel agent.

45/86 TWO CLUB SITUATION (Previous Minute 20/86)

Mr McLeod-Bain wished clarification on this ruling, which has been discussed at several Council Meetings.

Mr Smith opened this discussion by stating that it is only natural that swimmers outwith Scot land who train and receive coaching and possibly financial assistance would wish to represent that club in competition; when the swimmer wishes to take part in a closed meet, they would wish to represent their "traditional" club in Scotland; the rule would mean that they would require to swim unattached.

IT WAS AGREED to accept the situation as it stands; however, it should be brought to the Swimming Committee for clarification on the wording of the rule with possible presentation to the AGM for ratification.

HHS

46/86 REPORTS OF SWIMMING MEETS (Previous Minute 13/86)

The Director of Swimming reported that Swimming Committee had been requested to submit reports for 1985; however, priority had been given to reports for 1986 season, which have been duly circulated.

IT WAS AGREED that reports should be submitted immediately following meets.

IT WAS AGREED that the Director of Swimming report on the effectiveness and performances of the Meets attended in 1986.

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IT WAS NOTED that Council expect to receive report(s) on 1985 Meets.

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47/86 COMMONWEALTH GAMES COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND APPEAL (Previous Minute 25/86e)

The Administrator reported that she had written to the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland but had received no communication. No money as yet has been donated to the Appeal by the Association.

IT WAS AGREED that the Treasurer undertake to write to the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland outlining the Association's present financial situation in relation to the Appeal.

MS

48/86 CITY OF EDINBURGH DISTRICT COUNCIL LETTER (Previous Minute 22/86)

East District representative reported that there had been no further reaction following the publicity of the City of Edinburgh RCP situation

48/86 Continued

IT WAS NOTED that the General Secretary had made a report on the current situation and would be discussed at a later point.

49/86 LACTATE TESTING (Previous Minute 27/86)

Mr Black said that a report had been submitted to the Scottish Sports Council.

50/86 TO ELECT APPEALS COMMITTEE

IT WAS AGREED that there would be no change in the Appeals Committee.

51/86 1986/87 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Meeting dates will be as follows:-

Sunday 22 June 1986	Edinburgh (Venue to be advised)	RH
Sunday 31 August 1986	Stirling	
Sunday 19 October 1986	Stirling	
Sunday 7 December 1986	Stirling	
Sunday 1 February 1987	Stirling	

52/86 THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

- a) Edinburgh District Council: Mr Black gave a fairly lengthy report on this situation and had reported to the City of Edinburgh District Council that the Association had not been involved in the press articles regarding Edinburgh District Council personnel.
- b) Mr Black had also had discussions with Mr Connolly, Director of Recreation, City of Edinburgh District Council regarding the bids for the European Diving and Swimming Cups, as well as the World Masters in 1990.

The Director of Recreation is preparing special brochures to be presented to Congress and is asking for assurance from the Association that representation will be made from the highest level to secure these bids. In the case of the Masters, Mr K McKay has indicated that he will be prepared to find one half of the costs of attending the MSI Congress in Tokyo with the Association paying the balance. It is possible that a sponsor may be found to underwrite the costs at this early stage.

WB
HHS

IT WAS SUGGESTED that the Sports Council be contacted in relation to this.

Mr Black indicated that stipulation was that the secretariat for two years be undertaken by the successful bidder for the World Masters. The Director of Recreation had indicated that Edinburgh District Council would be prepared to provide a secretary and office accommodation to cover this.

WB

53/86 RCP - TIMING EQUIPMENT

Mr McLeod-Bain asked for clarification on whether the Association would require to pay for the personnel to operate the scoreboard at the RCP.

Mr Black intimated that this would be discussed at the meeting to be held on Friday 2 May with representatives from Edinburgh District Council

WB

54/86 GB COMMITTEE MEETING

Minute of Meeting of 21 March had been tabled.

Mr Black clarified certain ambiguous points in the Minute.

1987 Programme

Mr Black intimated that full discussion had not taken place as only the Scottish representation had had papers for discussion.

Some discussion took place on provisional dates for the 1987 programme.

Lesley Hume had been confirmed as Physiotherapist for GB Team.

Mr Black clarified for the Director of Swimming that it was hoped to have the strongest possible team for 1986 European Cup; possible Scottish swimmers should be informed that they may be required; if not informed, it is possible they may make alternative arrangements.

55/86 CONTINUATION OF THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

- 1 Scottish Sports Association; Mr Black reiterated his support in the rates contention on behalf of the Scottish Sports Association.
- 2 Scottish Sports Council
 - a) Long Distance Swimming: The SSC have agreed to a budget of £350 to the LDS Committee and will consider this further in the Association's Grant application for next year.
 - b) West District Offices: The SSC have apologised for the unfortunate wording of their letter regarding the repossessing of their offices. They have indicated that they will bear in mind West District's need while they are seeking accommodation in the Glasgow area for another project in hand. The SSC have undertaken to pay removal expenses in the event of West District vacating the offices.

3 Computers

It was noted that Mr Sheppard is investigating the type of computer to match the needs of the Association (with possible future links to Districts).

Mr M Taylor has been allocated the job at the Scottish Sports Council of assessing the requirements of governing bodies as far as computers are concerned and will meet with the SASA in due course.

4 Guideline

As indicated, the percentage increase allocated to Scottish Sports Council for next year is a maximum of 3%; most governing bodies have been averaging 8/10% increase but this obviously will not be possible next year.

5 Commonwealth Games

No extra funds had been allocated to Scottish Sports Council for Commonwealth Games Year, therefore they were unable to provide additional finance to the sports involved.

6 Remuneration of Governing Bodies Employees

A meeting has been arranged by the Scottish Sports Council for 8 May regarding remuneration. Mr Smith and Mrs Hallam to attend.

Mr Black reported on Mrs Janet Reid's termination of employment in July and indicated that the staffing structure would again require to be assessed (and if necessary, include District representation at any discussion). A review of the situation will be discussed with the SSC in Edinburgh on 12 June.

8 Limited Company Status

At this point, it was noted that Mr Sheppard had reported on the Association's officers possible liability on financial matters and the constitution and standing of the Association may require to be amended (to a limited company).

9 The information submitted for LEN Calendar Congress re bids should be circulated to Council.

Mr McWhir proposed thanks on behalf of the West District for Mr Black's intervention in their accommodation/office situation.

The Report of the General Secretary was accepted.

56/86 At this point Mr R Taylor, spoke to Swimming Committee Report to Council, which had not been tabled and which will be circulated.

This report was accepted by Council.

57/86 REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER
(in context of Swimming Committee Report)

57/86 REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

(To be taken in context with the Swimming Committee Report)

Cost of Commonwealth Games Training and the ~~Fund~~ situation to date. There had been costs of some £27,000 with monies available of some £15/20,000 (final sum not yet known).

Mr Sheppard had proposed to Districts that their floats should fund the Commonwealth Games Crystal Palace Training Camp (to include Diving, Synchronised Swimming and Swimming).

West District : To convene a meeting to discuss this issue

East District: The President of the East District presented a cheque for £1,000 with the proviso that it be solely used to assist the training of the three disciplines. The President of the Association thanked East District for this magnificent gesture.

Midland District: indicated that they were in financial difficulties, thus no donation could be made. Apart from that, Midland District were completely against this appeal for funding. As a gesture, they were willing to pay their part for the swimmers from Midland District competing.

North District: were in complete opposition to the appeal.

Mr Sheppard could not explain why there had been such a poor response to the initial appeal (from Scottish clubs). He further explained that there had been no budget allocation for the Games and it had been hoped that the fund raising would raise the necessary £30,000.

The Treasurer stated his wish that the North and West Districts would attempt to match the generosity of East District in their donation to the Fund.

58/86 Mr Taylor was asked to clarify the disciplinary matters mentioned in the Swimming Committee Report.

It was noted that although Council had not been notified of this, full reports had been submitted to Executive and Swimming Committee.

IT WAS AGREED that this be discussed when staff leave the Meeting Room.

59/86 LETTER FROM MIDLAND DISTRICT RE SWIMMING COMMITTEE BUDGET

Dr Hoare read to Council the letter he had been requested to present regarding the large sums of money being spent by Swimming Committee. Also, in relation to the Lanzarote training camp, Dr Hoare, as a Council member, did not feel that there had been sufficient feed back.

In his reply, Mr Taylor intimated that the Scottish CG Team were the envy of other nations in their preparation for the Games. A considerable amount of time and effort has been expended not only on Games preparation, but in the competition element, where the Games team have taken a major part.

59/86 Continued

Mr Taylor indicated that the Swimming Committee were spending money on the normal competition system. The main reason for entering in the Canadian and USA meets was experience and exposure to a higher grade of swimming than was found in Europe. The Canadian Swimming Federation had met the costs of four swimmers' travel and accommodation; there are 5 (4+1) travelling from Scotland with two American based swimmers joining the team in Vancouver. There is no cost to the Scottish budget or Educational Trust fund for this meet.

It was made clear that it had been the decision of the Treasurer that participation in this meet went ahead.

Dr Hoare intimated that the situation had not been made clear to members, again indicating a lack of feedback.

Mr Taylor said that several decisions had been made at the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 13 April. Minutes had not yet been circulated but District representatives were aware of outcome of Meeting decisions.

Mr Taylor intimated that the Training Camps had been very successful, pointing out benefits of training at such venues.

60/86 8 NATIONS SWIMMING AND WATER POLO MEET - Israel

Mr Sheppard raised one item linked to his own report viz the proposed trip to Israel by the Swimming (and Water Polo) teams in view of:-

- a) the present political situation
- b) the financial situation

Discussion took place on the situation being slightly different for the Water Polo team in that they are adults.

Discussion took place on Council making a decision which should then encompass all disciplines.

Discussion also took place on the merit of the 8 Nations Contest and the political and financial implications.

IT WAS AGREED, following a vote, that both Swimming Team and Water Polo Team withdraw from the 8 Nations Contest to be held in Israel in July, due to the political situation.

Mr Black wished it placed on record that he did not agree to the withdrawal of both teams. He had intimated during discussions that Water Polo Team should be allowed to make the decision as to whether or not they participate and if the swimming team was not to participate it should be stated that this was for financial reasons.

Mr R Taylor left the Meeting at this point.

In order that Council should discuss staff matters, Mr Smith, Mrs Hallam and Mrs Cunningham left the meeting at this point, following which Council had discussion.

61/86 THE TREASURERS REPORT

- 1 Mr Sheppard indicated a healthier position would be seen in the savings accrued in the non participation at the 8 Nations Contest.

Water Polo should seek alternative competition in which to participate.

- 2 Per Capita

It was too early to indicate the true position of the payments of Per Capita Fees.

- 3 Educational Trust Fund

Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the organisation of the Swimalongs and Sports Perception Limited, where some clubs had not been aware of this fund raising effort and their possible participation in swimalongs. There has been none or very little feedback to clubs who have participated.

It was noted that the Educational Trust Fund will be ongoing following the Games in order to continue raising funds for the Association.

The Treasurer made reference to the fact that VAT and payment of Corporation Tax will be undertaken by the SASA Administrator. The Committee Conveners will be responsible for the approval of expenses in the first instance before submission to the Office for payment.

At the present time, it is still the intention for District Treasurers to do a VAT Return. Mr Sheppard will eventually, be looking at the possibility of deregistering Districts.

MS

The Treasurer referred to his final paragraph and the dangers of personal liability.

The Treasurers report was accepted.

62/86 THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING

In view of the time element, the Director and Administrator were asked to highlight items on which they required approval and which may be discussed by the Executive.

- 1 The Director of Swimming intimated that he wished approval by Council to continue negotiation with the City of Edinburgh District Council re the 1987 Spring Meet, along the same lines as the 1986 Meet, ie. in terms of grant, promotion and gaining a sponsor. Some basic information is required to be presented to LEN Calendar Congress.

EXEC

- 2 Mr Smith was asked if, in view of the situation four years ago, when the Diving contingent invited independent Diving Judges from England for the Scottish Championships, is this envisaged for 1986? Mr Law had said that he did not think this was necessary.

Mr Law indicated that the reason that had arisen was the fact that it had been the last chance divers would have to qualify for the Games. This year, the team had already been selected.

The President indicated that this could be left to the Diving Committee.

3 Sub National Facilities

With reference to the final paragraph in the Director's report, Dr Hoare indicated that Midland District would wish to be represented at any relevant meetings.

HHS

4 OCL Long Course 1986

Withdrawals from Finals

Mrs McLeod-Bain wished clarification on this as it was not included in Information Leaflet. The Director intimated that an Information Sheet would be sent to all clubs entering indicating procedure for withdrawals.

HHS

63/86 REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

1 Travel Insurance

Mrs Hallam indicated that she wished further instruction from Council on Travel Insurance situation.

EXEC

64/86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To conclude business on the Agenda, a follow up meeting will convene on Sunday 25 May 1986 at 10 am at the University of Stirling.

The Meeting closed at approximately 5.15 pm

29 April 1986

COUNCIL MEETING

A Continuation of the SASA Council Meeting of 27 April 1986 was held in the Conservatory, Airthrey Castle, University of Stirling, Stirling on Sunday 25 May 1986.

PRESENT:

Mr N Beattie	President (In the Chair)
Mr A Taylor	Vice President
Mr W Black	Hon General Secretary
Mr M Sheppard	Hon General Treasurer
Mr W Donaldson	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
Mr J McWhir	West District
Mr R F Craig	West District

In Attendance:

Mr H H Smith	Director of Swimming
Mrs R Hallam	Administrator
Mrs M Cunningham	Minute Recorder
Mr R Elder	Water Polo Committee Item 68/86
Mr G Spowart	" " " "

65/86 LEN CALENDAR CONFERENCE

The General Secretary gave a verbal report on the Conference which he had attended in Bonn during May.

It was reported that the Bids for the European Swimming Cup, the European Diving Cup and the LEN Calendar Congress to be held in Centenary Year HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

Mr Black will submit a written report on the LEN Conference.

It was agreed that a follow-up letter be sent to the City of Edinburgh District Council thanking them for their support in these bids.

WB/RH

The President congratulated Mr Black on the presentation made to LEN Conference.

66/86 DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING'S REPORT (Continuation of 62/86)

1 Timing Equipment - Sub National Facilities

Some discussion took place on the fact that the timing equipment had been fully paid for but no delivery date had been given. IT WAS AGREED that Messrs Hamilton Bland should give a guaranteed delivery date or return the full amount paid by the Association.

MS

It was noted by the Director of Swimming that each District will be responsible for maintenance of the equipment with Omega being responsible for any major faults. Omega have agreed to give a number of seminars, at their own expense, either centrally or regionally for operators. The timing of these seminars is not yet known as Omega are fully involved in preparations for the Commonwealth Games.

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- 1 It was recommended that personnel designated to use the timing equipment should attend meets where the equipment is being used in order to familiarise themselves with its use.

It was also noted that each District will require a directive on the use of the equipment.

HHS

2 Short Course Championships

The Director of Swimming stated that the 25 yd warm up pool was closed at the present but the new 25 m pool was still available for the Short Course Championships at Dunfermline and the Swimming Committee recommend that this be the venue for 1986.

67/86

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (Continuation of 63/86)

1 Insurance

It was noted that this was being paid on a monthly premium basis at this time.

2 Public Liability (Pools)

It was noted that Clubs will require to arrange their own insurance cover as the Association's insurance does not cover each Club for liability.

RH

3 Transfers

Council approved transfers as noted below:

Sharon Cochrane	Warrender Baths to Cumbernauld ASC
Carol Ann Mitchell	Whitburn ASC to Wishaw ASC
Richard Leishman	Aberdeen ASC to Cumbernauld ASC
David Gill	Glenrothes ASC to Kinross Otters ASC
Nevil Greenley	Belmont SC to Peterhead ASC
Alison Macintosh	Duns ASC to Belmont SC
Lorna Calder	Cults Otter ASC to Milngavie/Bearsden ASC
Nicholas Calder	" " " "
Steven Eunson	Incas SC to Garioch SC
Alison Eunson	Incas SC to Garioch SC

4 Records

The following records were ratified:

Short Course

Women - Senior

Jean Hill 200m Breaststroke Barnet Copthall 15 Feb 1986
2.33.59

Stephanie Watson 50m Freestyle Arena Meet Bonn 7 Feb 1986
26.76

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Ruth Gilfillan 400m Freestyle Leicester Meet 2 Feb 1986
4.14.16

Ruth Gilfillan 800m Freestyle Leicester Meet 31 Jan 1986
8.43.41

Jean Hill 100m Butterfly West of Scotland Swimming League
1.04.10 22 April 1986

National Team 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Arena Meet Bonn
8 Feb 1986 1.50.12

National Team 4 x 50m Medley Relay Arena Meet Bonn
9 Feb 1986 1.59.15

National Team 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Diana Meet Paris
2 Feb 1986 3.55.97

National Team 4 x 100m Medley Relay Diana Meet Paris
1 Feb 1986 4.21.89

Men - Senior

Gary Watson 100m Breaststroke Arena Meet Bonn 9 Feb 1986
1.03.14

National Team 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Leicester Meet
1 Feb 1986 1.35.52

National Team 4 x 50m Medley Relay Arena Meet Bonn
9 Feb 1986 1.44.90

Long Course

Women Senior

Ruth Gilfillan 400m Freestyle Speedo Meet Amersfoort
26 Jan 1986 4.19.26

Ruth Gilfillan 800m Freestyle Speedo Meet Amersfoort
24 Jan 1986 8.54.46

Jean Hill 400m Individual Medley Spring Meet Edinburgh
4 April 1986 4.59.40

Paisley ASC 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Spring Meet Edinburgh
6 April 1986 1.52.84

Paisley ASC 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Spring Meet Edinburgh
5 April 1986 2.03.55

Long Course - Women Junior

National Team 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Golden Cup Geneva
26 Jan 1986 1.54.86

National Team 4 x 50m Medley Relay Golden Cup Geneva
26 Jan 1986 2.11.03

Men Senior

Neil Cochran 200m Individual Medley Texas 6 December 1985
2.03.76

Carnegie SC 4 x 50m Medley Relay Spring Meet Edinburgh
5 April 1986 1.49.29

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Long Course Men Junior

National Team 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Esso Youth Toronto
10 Jan 1986 1.47.02

National Team 4 x 50m Medley Relay Esso Youth Toronto
11 Jan 1986 2.01.22

National Team 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay Esso Youth Toronto
12 Jan 1986 8.24.19

5 Payment of Expenses

Mr W Donaldson raised the issue of the procedure of payment of expenses by the SASA Office.

IT WAS AGREED that internal Association expenses would be paid on a 2 weekly basis, with other payment due in the Office by the third week of the month for payment that month.

RH

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8 NATIONS TOURNAMENT - ISRAEL

In view of the decision made at the Meeting on 27 April under Item 60/86, the Water Polo Committee requested a meeting with Council to question the decision made in that Scotland would not compete in the 8 Nations Tournament in Israel in July.

Prior to representation being made by Water Polo personnel, West District expressed the opinion that full discussion and agreement had been made by Council and that further discussion and representation by Water Polo Committee was not necessary.

East District moved to fully support the Water Polo Committee in being allowed to participate in the 8 Nations.

North District intimated that this issue had not been discussed at their District Meeting but had had communication with Water Polo Convener on the matter.

Midland District had taken a vote and by a majority of one had decided to support the Water Polo Committee.

The General Secretary reported that the issue of Scotland (being the only country to withdraw) not competing at the 8 Nations had been raised at the Len Calendar Conference in Bonn and considerable time had been spent discussing it. Mr Black had also been contacted by several other bodies over non-participation and it was felt that if the decision not to compete had been a financial one this would have been accepted by all concerned.

The Israeli Swimming Federation had given a letter to Mr Black, which was read to Council. The Israelis had been perturbed that their security in looking after visiting personnel had been questioned. It was fully acceptable to the Israeli Federation that Scotland not participate in any activities outwith the City of Tel Aviv.

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It was confirmed that the Swimming Team would not be participating, due to financial reasons.

At this point, Messrs Elder and Spowart joined the Meeting.

Mr Elder put forward the reasons for the Water Polo team being allowed to compete ie the Water Polo Team had had one of its best seasons ever, winning the Home Countries Tournament. All areas relating to competing in Israel had been discussed with the Team and all had agreed in their wish to participate. Mr Spowart expressed the opinion that the situation did not merit the team withdrawing.

The situation regarding Insurance cover was discussed. It was noted that no Insurance company would offer cover for a possible act of terrorism. The question was put to the Water Polo representatives of how the Team would accept such a situation as they would be unable to make a claim against the Association for an act such as high-jacking. (Normal type of insurance cover would be in effect.)

Mr Elder stated that the team would be prepared to take the risk and had travelled to Israel on previous similar occasions. Mr Elder also stated that the team sign an agreement when participating in Internationals and a rider should be added to this disclaiming the Association from liability and felt sure that this would be acceptable to the team.

Messrs Elder and Spowart left the Meeting at this point.

Some concern was expressed following press articles which gave an account of the meeting between Executive and the Water Polo delegation held on Sunday 18 May. It was agreed that no information should be released unless done so by a Press Release issued by the Office.

Following discussion, IT WAS AGREED that the Water Polo Team be allowed to participate in the 8 Nations Tournament in Israel.

Following Messrs Elder and Spowart rejoining the Meeting, the President expressed Council's displeasure in the details which had been given to press following the meeting held with Executive.

IT WAS AGREED that

- a) the Scottish Water Polo Team participate in the 8 Nations Tournament
- b) an indemnification clause be inserted in the normal letter issued to team members together with insurance cover details
- c) a Press Release be issued from the SASA Office for Monday morning.

RH

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69/86 TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF THE CONVENERS

1 Water Polo

- a) Mr Black read to Council letter received from a parent of a Water Polo Team member concerning initiation practices in which head shaving had taken place.

Following discussion, IT WAS AGREED that all disciplines be advised that no such initiation practices be undertaken.

RH

- b) Acceptance was given to co-opted members being nominated to Water Polo Committee (R Elder's letter of 25 March).

- c) Acceptance was given (to remain within budget) of the recommendations of personnel to attend 8 Nations Israel and 6 Nations Denmark.

- d) Timing Equipment - Following discussion, it was agreed that Water Polo Committee submit full justification for a supply of timing equipment to each District for Water Polo events.

IT WAS AGREED also that sponsorship be pursued in the event of an agreement being made re the timing equipment being supplied.

WB

- e) Team Managers Report for Home Countries Tournament was accepted with pleasure and congratulations extended to the team on their success.

- f) Team Managers Report for Belfast Meet was accepted.

2 Swimming Committee

- a) Crystal Palace Training Camp (Pre Commonwealth Games)

Some discussion took place on the costing of this, the current figure being £6,400.

It was noted that the Synchronised Swimming Team would train at the Royal Commonwealth Pool by choice.

- b) Lanzarote Training Camp

Mr A McLeod-Bain noted his concern over several points in this Report. He also questioned the fact that Council had not received full report.

The Director of Swimming clarified the points in question in the Report. It was also noted that the cost of the Training Camp had risen due to the necessitated change in dates to a high peak period.

IT WAS AGREED that a full report on the Lanzarote Training Camp be circulated to Council.

RH

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- c) Swimming Committee Reports

It was also noted that some Swimming Committee reports were not being fully circulated, including Team Managers report from Edinburgh Training Camp.

RH

- d) Regional Development

The Director of Swimming will liaise with Dr Hoare on suitable date to discuss Regional Development.

The Regional Development programme will commence in January 1987.

HHS

3 DIVING COMMITTEE

Report to Council had been circulated

- a) Some discussion took place on the diving board equipment for the Commonwealth Games. This facility would be resolved prior to the commencement of the Games

- b) It was noted that there was no budget allocated for the provision of an independent judge for the National Championships.

4 SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Report to Council had been circulated

- a) Mr Black noted that numbers had not yet been finalised for the Commonwealth Games; trials were still to be held.

Mr Sheppard intimated his concern that Synchro should not be making their numbers up to 3 to the exclusion of a comparatively better diver or swimmer who are potential Commonwealth Games medal winners.

- b) The Director of Swimming indicated that a Meeting had been arranged for Sunday 15 June to review the total situation and to finalise selection for submission to the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland.

IT WAS AGREED that the Association pursue with the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland that the maximum number possible participate in the Scottish Aquatics team for the Commonwealth Games.

IT WAS AGREED that the Executive meet with three disciplines on Sunday 15 June to discuss the Team numbers/allocation further.

- 69/86 4 c) Mr McWhir raised the issue over non payment of accounts for the Traingular Meet held in Dumfries in April.

IT WAS AGREED that the Association write to Nithsdale District Council and the guest houses involved thanking them for their assistance during the Meet.

RH

- d) It was noted that the decision on the venue for the Club Championships, either City of Glasgow or Dundee, would be made by the Synchro Committee.

5 EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report had been circulated to Council

- a) It was noted that Mrs W Ferguson had been appointed as ASA Staff Tutor.
- b) It was noted that Financial Report should be made available on the Easter School held in April.
- c) It was noted that a report should be made available for Council's next meeting on co-opted members on the Education Committee.
- d) It was noted that the proposal of a SASA Preliminary Teacher's Certificate badge would be included in the question of marketing by the Association.

HHS

RH/MS/HHS

6 TTO COMMITTEE

Report had been circulated to Council

- a) It was noted that there was no reciprocal arrangement for ASA Officials to be given recognition as an SASA Official.

The Director of Swimming explained this in that the ASA did not automatically accept FINA Laws and their own rules are quite radically different from SASA rules.

IT WAS AGREED that Mr J R A Allison must attend the lectures for officials prior to the November examination.

RH

- b) Some discussion took place on pondside dress for technical officials.

West District intimated that it had been proposed at one time that an award for service as an official would be the provision of uniform. The Director of Swimming suggested that this would require considerable research with a view to gaining sponsorship.

- 69/86 6 b) Mr Black noted that only a very minimum number had taken advantage of the offer by a well known taylor to supply blazers.

IT WAS AGREED that a change of TTO uniforms would require to go forward to AGM as a change of rule.

RH

- c) West District intimated that there had been a number of complaints regarding the letter sent to officials for the OCL Long Course Championships.

IT WAS AGREED that the wording of this letter had been unfortunate and that a further letter be sent apologising for this.

AT/MB

- d) Mr Robb asked if Council were in agreement to each session not exceeding 2½ hours.

The Director of Swimming stated that this had been raised at the Swimming Committee. The following points had been raised (relating to the Spring Meet):

- i) the maximum pool time available must be realised
- ii) there is a demand from swimmers to participate in Open Meets, particularly at Easter time
- iii) at this meet there had been swimmers competing from other countries and because of this required more than one swim.

The Director of Swimming suggested that it was up to the Technical Officials to be on a rota basis at Meets.

Some lengthy discussion took place on the length of time Sessions should last and it was hoped that the number of hours involving each official could be reduced and that officials would operate on a rota basis.

7 MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Report to Council had been accepted

8 MASTERS COMMITTEE

Report and Minutes of Meeting had been circulated

- a) World Masters 1990 Bid

Mr Black read to Council the proposed letter outlining the SASA bid for the above. The City of Edinburgh District Council have agreed to provide brochures and supply display material

- 69/86 8 a) and slides. The had wished to send their Marketing Director to support the bid in Tokyo but their personnel were heavily involved in the Commonwealth Games and other Edinburgh Festivals. Edinburgh District Council were concerned that the bid should be presented as professionally as possible. (It was noted that Mr Ken McKay and Mr Gordon Colman were making the bid in Tokyo.)
- b) It was noted that the Masters Championships in May had been successful. All those who had assisted in organising and sponsorship had been thanked.
- c) West District reported that there had been communication from Glasgow District Council requesting that an Open Masters Championship be run in 1988 during their Garden Festival. Glasgow District Council are willing to sponsor the event. This will be discussed further at Masters Meeting.
- 9 LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING COMMITTEE
- Report had been circulated to Council
- a) It was noted that a Grant of £350.00 had been agreed by the Scottish Sports Council.
- b) FINA Long Distance Championships
- Mr Black intimated that an invitation had been sent to the Egyptian Swimming Federation to take part in the Fina World Championships. The invitation had been declined for several reasons; they would, however, wish to participate at a later date.
- Long Distance Swimming Committee have stated that they will raise the funds necessary for this event. As this is a Fina Event, Speedo should be contacted regarding the supply of kit.

RH

70/86 ALAN HIME MEMORIAL FUND - Request for Donation

This had been overtaken by events.

71/86 COMMONWEALTH GAMES RECEPTION/WARRENDER BATHS CLUB

IT WAS AGREED to support the venture being undertaken by Warrender Baths Club to celebrate the Commonwealth Games.

RH

72/86 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

a) Seating Allocation

Mr Black stated that there is now an allocation of 305 seats (previously 120) plus those already allocated for the three disciplines in the spectator area, 80 for swimming and 75 for synchro or diving.

b) Accommodation

The President and Vice President had visited Fettes College, allocated for Aquatics Technical Officials. They were most unhappy with the mens' accommodation; womens' accommodation is better but is 6 flights up. Attempts were being made to secure alternative accommodation.

- 73/86 The death of Mr A Bryce was recorded with sorrow. Mr Bryce had been a Life Member of the Association. The SASA had been represented at the funeral by Mr A Taylor. *J Snowdon*

The Meeting closed at 2.00 pm.