

Scottish Amateur Swimming Association

Centenary Committee

Minutes of the 10th Meeting held on Friday 30 January 1987 at the offices of Benson Design, Glasgow

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| PRESENT | Chairman | Mr P Heatley CBE | |
| | | Mr N Beattie | SASA President |
| | | Mr A Taylor | SASA Vice President |
| | | Mr W Black | SASA General Secretary |
| | | Mr M Sheppard | SASA General Treasurer |
| | | Mr P Smith | Midlands |
| | | Mr G Philp | East |
| | | Mrs R Hallam | SASA Administrator |
| | By invitation | Mr J Rose | Organiser, LEN Congress |
| APOLOGIES | | Mrs H Brunton | West |
| | | Mr G Robb | North |

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 1987 were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Heatly reported that he had received a reply from the Chief Executive of Aberdeen Council with regard to our request for a civic reception on Saturday 27 February together with a dinner dance in the Beach Ballroom. The Hospitality Committee were to consider this on 9 February but Mr Heatly was confident that approval would be given.

With regard to the Centenary Dinner in Glasgow, this was to be discussed on 10 February and again Mr Heatly was optimistic that this would be agreed.

Mr Alistair Dunnett of the Scottish Educational Trust required further information concerning our application for a grant towards the publication of the Centenary Book. This should be left to the next meeting of the Committee for further discussion.

With regard to television coverage of the Centenary year events, no reply had yet been received from Mr J Martin of the BBC, but STV had suggested that Mr Heatly arrange to meet them.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that he had had a meeting with John Rose to discuss the details of the Calendar Conference and had also spoken to Norman Sarsfield who has now modified the requirements to a certain extent. It was customary for the LEN President, Secretary and Treasurer and wives, to be hosted during the event. As most of the lunches, dinners, outings, etc would be sponsored, this would mean the expense of three double rooms on a bed and breakfast basis for the period of the Conference would have to be incurred. Mr Sarsfield suggested that we should seek a civic reception from Glasgow for the LEN officials, ideally at the City Chambers with the Lord Provost in attendance. This would be looked into once a reply had been received from Glasgow regarding the Centenary Dinner. Discussion took place on ideas for outings for the guests. This would be discussed further when the Secretary had reported on his meeting with "Destination Scotland" an organisation specialising in tours of Scotland.

He reported on a meeting with Mr B Connolly and Mr R Hulbert which he and the General Treasurer had attended during the week. He was hopeful that Edinburgh District Council would agree to assist but was waiting for confirmation in writing. They stated that the fitting of a boom at the RCP for the Swimming Cup has now gone out to tender but that there will still be a problem concerning the Diving Cup in that the Council do not intend to replace the diving boards. Discussion took place on this matter and the Chairman felt that the problem would be overcome by continued negotiation with Edinburgh District Council and that Mr W Law should again be asked to confirm that he will act as Chairman of the Organising Committee for this event.

One unfortunate problem is that Edinburgh District Council cannot quote for the cost of pool hire for 1987 yet alone 1988. However, it was anticipated that the pool would be given free of charge for the Swimming Cup and would be grant aided to an unspecified amount for the 8 Nations Contest. This leaves the Diving Cup for which full hire cost will probably have to be paid but this is to be left in abeyance at the moment. They would not however, agree to hold both the 8 Nations and SASA Long Course Championships at the RCP in 1988 and therefore a new venue should be sought for the Long Course Championships. It was suggested that East Kilbride be approached.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that he had circulated his financial review to all clubs, giving details of the proposed arrangements for Centenary Year. As yet he had received no reaction.

With regard to sponsorship, he has contacted several companies - most replies have been negative but Barrs Iron Bru had expressed some interest as had the Royal Bank of Scotland who he was hopeful would sponsor a major event in 1988. Some sponsorship for the Centenary Brochure had been promised - £500 from the Royal Bank and Speedo, and £250 from the Trophy Centre Glasgow. There were still more approaches to be made and it was too early to expect any more response than had been received.

John Rose who was trying to obtain material for his Welcome Pack for the Calendar Conference did not want to approach the same companies who had already refused help. The Treasurer agreed to let him have a list of such companies.

National Lottery - No further action could be taken until after the AGM.

Sponsored Swims - advice from Ian Reid was awaited on this but it was thought that perhaps such swims could be held simultaneously at three centres, say Edinburgh, East Kilbride and Aberdeen.

BUSINESS ARISING

Government Reception

It was anticipated that civic receptions would be held for all three events being held in Edinburgh i.e. Swimming and Diving Cups and 8 Nations. However, a request has been made for a Government Reception hopefully in the Castle, which will not now be tied to the Long Course Championship dates and can be held any time during July.

Home Countries Water Polo Tournament

The Water Polo Committee are to discuss this event on 31 January and will contact the office immediately afterwards with the name of the Organising Committee Chairman and the date of the tournament which is to be held at Wishaw.

8 Nations

The participating countries should be informed of the change of dates to 23/26 June.

Centenary Masters

The Dundee pool has been booked for 14/16 October. However, the World Masters Championships are to be held in Brisbane during that period and the Masters Committee should be asked if the dates can be changed to either 4/6 November (first choice) or 28/30 October, and report back to next meeting. Mr Heatly stated that he had been in touch with the Lord Provost of Dundee with regard to a civic reception.

Synchronised Swimming Invitation Event

The date of 2/4 September had been confirmed and the venue would most probably be Wishaw. Further information will be available at the next meeting.

Patron of the Association

Mr Heatly reported that he was in touch with the Queen's Secretary regarding the appointment of a royal Patron.

Logo

A vote of thanks was expressed to Benson Designs for their excellent presentation and also for their donation of time and effort taken to produce the proposed new logo which would normally have been charged at £1500. The proposed design was agreed in principle and it was agreed that this should go forward to the AGM for consideration.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at The Scottish Sports Council, 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh on Saturday 21 February at 10.00 a.m.