

For approval

Scottish Amateur Swimming Association

CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 11th Meeting held on Saturday 21 February 1987 at the office of the Scottish Sports Council, Edinburgh

PRESENT	Chairman	Mr P. Heatley CBE	
		Mr N Beattie	SASA President
		Mr A Taylor	SASA Vice President
		Mr W Black	SASA General Secretary
		Mr P Smith	Midlands
		Mr G Philp	East
		Mr T Nichol	East
		Mr L Taylor	West
		Mrs R Hallam	SASA Administrator

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr M Sheppard, Mrs H Brunton and Mr G Robb.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY

At the 9th meeting Mr T Nichol had intimated that he would be unable to attend the meeting on 30 January. With this apology noted, the minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Hospitality Committee of the Aberdeen District Council had approved the civic reception and dinner/dance to take place in the Beach Ballroom following the AGM on 27 February, although formal confirmation was still awaited from the full District Council. The ballroom would hold 350/400 maximum and the dinner/dance would have to end at 12 midnight. The Administrator was requested to ask Mr G Robb to look at the availability and cost of accommodation in the Aberdeen area for this event.

The Centenary Dinner to be held in Glasgow has been approved and will be held on 15 April for a maximum of 350 people, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m., dress informal. The Lord Provost's office will issue the invitations and the SASA should supply the names and addresses of invitees after the 1988 AGM. Civic dinners follow a set format of a speech of welcome from the Lord Provost, a reply and a vote of thanks. However, on this occasion if the appropriate speaker could be found, perhaps a toast to the Association could be included. Entertainment will be provided during the dinner.

The matter of the Centenary Book and the involvement of the Scottish Educational Trust was deferred.

The Chairman reported that no reply had been received from the BBC Scotland who were waiting a reply from BBC London. He had not yet made contact with STV as he was hopeful that news would be forthcoming from the BBC shortly. He would keep STV in abeyance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that his meeting with Destination Scotland a company which specialises in arranging tours for people visiting Scotland, had proved most fruitful and they were to supply possible ideas for delegates and spouses attending the Calendar Congress. He had also recently met with the Operations Manager of the Hospitality Inn with regard to arrangements at the hotel and found him extremely helpful and enthusiastic, with many ideas for making the occasion successful. 200 rooms have been reserved for the duration of the Congress, ~~together with an additional~~ 20 rooms for VIPs. The hotel is arranging a civic reception and buffet through the Glasgow Tourist Board on the Thursday evening. The Congress meeting will commence at 9.00 a.m. on Friday, coffee, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided in first class conference facilities. The Association will have to arrange a dinner on the Friday evening and we should look for sponsorship for this. It was hoped that the civic reception could have been agreed for the Friday but it was felt that because this was a holiday weekend this would not be possible. However, the Secretary was requested to see if the nights could be changed. The hotel was able to provide a Scottish Night with entertainment if required for any evening.

The Calendar Conference would take place all day Saturday with delegates splitting into disciplines to discuss their fixtures in the morning and meeting again in the afternoon to draw up the 1989 calendar. All the information would have to be collated, copied and issued to delegates before departure on Sunday. It was hoped that Arena would provide dinner on the Saturday evening, with Speedo providing lunch and a tour on the Sunday. Some discussion took place with regard to arrangements for the Sunday and the Chairman, after reporting on discussions with the Convener of Strathclyde, thought that perhaps the lunch and tour could concentrate around the Glasgow Garden Festival. The Secretary was asked to discuss this with Speedo.

With regard to interpreters, it is not a requirement of LEN that these are provided. They would not be required for the Calendar Conference but perhaps we might consider making this service available for the Congress. The hotel are to provide the Secretary with accommodation reservation forms which he will take and distribute at Strasbourg in the hope that early bookings will be made.

The hotel is to provide the SASA with the use of the suite of rooms for the whole of the weekend in the Penthouse and an office on the ground floor from Thursday onwards, which will act as the information centre. Registration of delegates will take place in the vestibule. Final costings are in hand.

Floral displays depicting the Association's emblem were discussed. It was hoped that there would be such a display at the Glasgow Garden Festival and the Administrator was requested to remind clubs to approach their local councils with a view to such displays being provided throughout Scotland during Centenary year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer had reported to the Chairman by telephone and on the question of sponsorship of major events in 1988, interest had been expressed so far by the Royal Bank of Scotland, Scottish Milk Marketing Board, Barrs and Esso. Advertising space in the brochure had been taken by the Royal Bank, the Trophy Centre, Glasgow, Speedo, Esso, ~~Sun-~~Life and the Bank of Scotland. The Secretary reported that Mr A Turner on behalf of the Swimming Times, had agreed to take a 1/4 page. This would be charged at £100. A revised draft brochure will be available within the next two weeks which will include historical notes on the SASA provided by the Secretary as well as the programme of events. Members of the Centenary Committee and event organisers would be listed in the brochure. It was hoped that the Chairman would write a Foreword.

Applications for grant aid for the Centenary international events were in the process of submission to the Scottish Sports Council. No further action with regard to the lottery can be taken until after the AGM.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr Ian Reid and was to meet with him to discuss the possibility of sponsored swims in more detail. Mr Reid felt it would be more difficult to raise enthusiasm for the Centenary year in comparison to the Commonwealth Games and the main responsibility would lie with clubs.

BUSINESS ARISING

Government Reception The Chairman reported that he had advised St Andrew's House that there was no restriction now on the date which he felt would assist our request. *June*

Water Polo 4 Nations The Chairman of the Organising Committee is Mr H Cullen. The event is to be held at Wishaw on 25/27 March. (Dates confirmed subsequent to 21 Feb meeting).

Diving Cup, 8 Nations, Swim Cup The Chairman stated the urgency of reserving accommodation for these events and the Administrator was requested to make enquiries at Pollock Halls. The number of beds required would have to be ascertained and provisional bookings made.

The question of civic receptions for these three events was discussed and the Chairman asked the Committee to leave this matter with him at the present time. He would make some enquiries.

The Administrator was asked to inform the participants in the 8 Nations that the dates were now confirmed as 23/26 June.

Centenary Masters Mr Smith reported that a provisional booking had been made for the pool at Dundee for 4/6 November and the Administrator was asked to confirm this to the Baths Manager. The Secretary stated that a formal request had been made to the GB Masters Committee who were to meet on 13/14 March, for formal approval to the 1988 GB Masters Championships being held at Dundee making this a short course championship. If this was agreed then a formal approach should be made to the Director of Recreation of Dundee District Council, Mr A Stuart, seeking financial assistance for the event.

National Long Course Championships It was reported that East Kilbride District Council would not consider the Age Group and National Championships being held at the Doldan Baths during 1988. The matter would be discussed by the Swimming Committee on 1 March.

Synchro International Event The Secretary reported that the Synchro Committee wish to organise an invitation meet, run under FINA rules, at the Hector McNeil baths at Greenock, 2/4 September, inviting teams from West Germany, Spain, Denmark and England, each sending 10 swimmers. The question was raised concerning the proposed visit of a Russian synchro squad but it was confirmed that nothing further had been heard from Russia. ~~and it was felt~~ ^{it was} more appropriate to hold an international competition than just a demonstration of synchronised swimming, however good. ^{some members} Mr C Stark had been appointed Chairman of the Organising Committee for the event and Inverclyde District Council had expressed interest in the event. It was normal to offer visiting teams some financial assistance and costings of the event were now being assessed. It was agreed to support this event subject to approved costings.

Patron The Chairman reported he had nothing further to report on this matter at present.

National Co-Ordinator The Committee discussed the suggestion put forward by the Secretary that a National Co-ordinator be appointed for the Centenary events, regardless of the outcome of the proposed Change to Rule due for consideration at the forthcoming AGM, who would liaise with all District Co-ordinators and Chairmen of Organising Committees. Some discussion took place on this and the Chairman suggested that initially the Chairmen should be invited to the next meeting of the Centenary Committee in order to spell out their remit. He felt the Organising Committees should be as autonomous as possible, subject to proper reporting to the Centenary Committee. After discussion with the Chairmen it should be possible to determine whether the appointment of a National Co-ordinator would be necessary.

AGM The Chairman stated that he would give a verbal report to the AGM on the work of the Committee.

Date of next Meeting This would be at the Scottish Sports Council on Saturday 21 March at 10.00 a.m.

The SASA President, Mr N Beattie, pointed out to the Committee that this would be the last meeting he attend as President of the Association. He wished the Committee well with its endeavours and thanked members for their help over the past year. The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr Beattie for the contribution he had made to the work of the Committee during the year.