

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Centenary Committee held on Saturday 11 July 1987 at the Scottish Sports Council Office, Edinburgh.

PRESENT:	Mr P Heatly	Chairman
	Mr W Black	Secretary
	Mr A Taylor	Hon President
	Mr M Sheppard	Hon Treasurer
	Mr D McGillivray	Hon Vice President
	Mr G Robb	North District
	Mr T Nichol	East District
	Mr P Smith	Midland District
	Mr W Donaldson	Substitute for Mr G Philp - East District

- 1 APOLOGIES: Mrs H Brunton - West District - on duty with Great Britain Junior Team
Mr L Taylor - West District - on holiday
Mr G Philp - East District
- 2 MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 1987 were approved as a correct record.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Palace had responded to our request for a Royal Patron and had made enquiries about the standing of the Association with the Scottish Office. He was concerned that the Patron's list in the SASA Handbook had not been yet removed. All except one were deceased. It was agreed to reprint page without Patron's list.

The Chairman had met representatives of BBC Scotland recently and they had said how disappointed they were by the lack of response from London about the 1988 programme.

4 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that he had had a meeting with Mr Iain MacPherson Chairman, British Olympic Association Appeal Scotland and the Secretary Mr Alex Bruce (Report attached). It was agreed that a date as close as possible to the 28 January 1988 would be the most suitable for a nationwide sponsored swim for the Centenary and the B O A Appeal Funds.

The Secretary reported that he had attended a meeting of the European Diving Cup organising committee on Monday 6 July.

- a) Booking of the RCP: Mr Hulbert said that a formal booking request was required to trigger off the booking system. The Secretary checked with the SASA Office and a formal booking for all three events at the RCP was sent on 20 February 1987. Copies have been forwarded to Mr Hulbert and Mr Law.
- b) Medals: Mr Law was concerned about the quality of the current medals and requested that these be improved.

The Centenary Committee discussed the whole issue of medals. The Treasurer indicated that the present supplier had an agreement for a three year period for our normal requirements. He was of the opinion that the current medals were better than the sample which Mr Law had submitted. He said that it was really a matter of personal preference.

As it was a separate deal, the Treasurer said that tenders could be invited for special Centenary medals which could incorporate the new logo and a specific design on the reverse face for each event.

It was agreed to request each Chairman to submit requirements in terms of medals, gifts, printing, stationery, posters, etc., for the next meeting.

- c) Diving Boards: The provision of Maxiflex B springboards for the 3 m events and the refurbishing of the 10m platform was discussed at the Diving Cup organising committee meeting. Mr Hulbert expressed the opinion that the Scottish Sports Council should grant aid the purchase of the new boards though he thought that the EDC might possibly meet part of the cost.

The Centenary Committee resolved that a formal request should be made in writing to the EDC regarding the provision of facilities suitable for a major event.

The Secretary reported that he had received a reply to his invitation to the Scottish Swimming Coaches Association to join in the Centenary celebrations. The Centenary Committee were delighted to accept the proposal that a social event be held during the Coaching Seminar planned for 8,9 and 10 April 1988.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Sheppard reported that the Prize Draw looked like producing £10,000 and that he was encouraged to follow up the success with a repeat in 1988 with a car as the major prize. He proposed to write to all clubs to advise them of his intentions for next year so that they can include the Prize Draw in their own fund raising schemes.

The Treasurer gave the Committee copies of the current budget figures. It was noted that the budget for the 4 Nations Water Polo Contest had been submitted to the SASA Office in June but not circulated to all members of the Centenary Committee. The Treasurer and Secretary had not received copies.

The budgets for each event were discussed and a number of points noted:-

- a) Diving Cup: Income from television was discussed. The Secretary reported that the ASA Treasurer and Secretary had agreed that £6,000 compensation should be given towards the event since the BBC was not able to cover the European Diving Cup and the Swim Meet at Coventry on the same weekend and the ASA wished their event to be televised as part of their contract commitment with the BBC.
- b) LEN Calendar Conference and Congress: The organising Chairman, Mr Rose, had booked Airth Castle on the Friday evening 27 May. It was not yet finalised whether this was to be an Association affair or the Speedo sponsored meal. However, it was agreed that it would be quite useful to have the reception proposed for Stirling Castle on the same evening prior to the meal at Airth Castle and that the Sunday tour could be to the International Garden Festival.

- 5 c) Meetings with Chairmen: It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Mr Heatly, Mr Smith, Mr Sheppard and Mr Black should meet with each Chairman to tighten up the budget figures for each event. It was further agreed that the meetings should be held during the first week in September.
- d) Club Donations: Mr P Smith said that some clubs were still waiting for a letter from the Treasurer regarding the donation from each club to the Centenary Fund based on the membership. Mr Sheppard had mentioned the £1.00 per head (guide figure) on several occasions in letters to clubs. However, he agreed to do a specific letter with his next circulation.
- e) Grants Whisky: Mrs Helen Brunton had suggested contacting Grants. Mr Sheppard had written requesting sponsorship but they had replied that they were unable to help financially but would be happy to arrange a tour of their distillery at Girvan.
- f) Lottery Prize: Mr P Smith gave the Treasurer a Timex Quartz watch donated by the Belmont Amateur Swimming Club. Mr Sheppard thanked Mr Smith as this was required for this year's lottery but asked that any further donations be held over for next year.

Mr Sheppard gave out the draft list of prize winners (attached).

6 BUSINESS ARISING

- a) Mr Black reported that he had met with Miss Anita Lonsborough, Mr D Brown and Mr A Taylor. Miss Lonsborough had provided a lot of useful information on Press requirements. She also recommended that an experienced Press Officer should be engaged to liaise with the Press.
- b) Brochure: The Centenary Committee were very disappointed with the final production; apart from one or two obvious mistakes, there was a need to edit and change the layout. It was agreed to make use of the 5,000 copies printed as proof copies and that they should be over stamped to make this fact clear. Members were concerned that the Director of Swimming had not done more in the compiling of the brochure.

The Secretary pointed out that Mr Sheppard had taken action to get things moving when the production became bogged down.

It was agreed that a new Souvenir version of the brochure should be produced to be agreed by the sub-committee and circulated to the Centenary Committee for approval.

- c) 1988 AGM: Mr Robb reported that arrangements were well in hand but he was concerned about the allocation of places at the Dinner Dance being provided by City of Aberdeen District Council. After discussion, it was agreed that every club should be given the opportunity to be represented and Mr Robb was asked to draft numbers of places available and probable guests for next Centenary Committee meeting.
- d) Official Carrier: It was agreed that enquiries should be made regarding the appointment of an official carrier for all events next year.

- 6 e) Centenary Year Video: It was agreed that we should also make enquiries about having an official videotape being made of all the events during the Centenary Year.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to meet at the SSC Offices on Saturday 29 August 1987 at 10.30 am.

Mr P Smith extended his apologies as he will be unable to attend.

The meeting closed at 1.15 pm.

W Black
Secretary
17 July 1987