

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Centenary Committee held on  
Saturday 29 August at the Scottish Sports Council Office, Edinburgh.

PRESENT:	Mr P Heatly	Chairman
	Mr W Black	Secretary
	Mr A Taylor	President
	Mr M Sheppard	Treasurer
	Mr D McGillivray	Vice President
	Mr G Robb	North District
	Mr G Philp	East District
	Mrs H Brunton	West District
	Mr L Taylor	West District
	Mrs R Hallam	Minute Secretary

- 1 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Mr P Smith.
- 2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 JULY: These were approved as a correct record.
- 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had received a reply from the Palace concerning a Patron. Our original request had been reluctantly rejected but further avenues were being pursued.

The Chairman reported on the present situation regarding the various receptions it was hoped would be provided during Centenary Year. He should have more definite information for the next meeting.

- 4 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that he had just received the final proof of the brochure from the printer and Mrs Hallam was asked to circulate this to the Centenary Committee and Organising Chairmen asking that their comments be urgently conveyed to the General Secretary by Friday 4 September latest. The President reiterated his views that the brochure should contain more photographs and the General Secretary was asked to take this in hand. It was hoped the brochure would be available at the latest by 26 September.

RH

WB

Concern was expressed that there had been no confirmation of television coverage for any of the Centenary events. The main problem regarding the BBC seemed to be the existing contract held with the ASA, although LEN had agreed that the dates of the Swim Cup could be changed to accommodate the BBC requirements, no positive response had been received. The recent European Championships had been recorded by an independent company and this would be another possibility to consider. It was agreed that at the earliest opportunity meetings should be arranged between the Association and the relevant representatives at both BBC and STV to discuss this matter.

WB  
MS

- 5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The meetings to discuss budgets with the Organising Chairmen were to take place on 3/4 September and more details would be available after this time.

MS

The Centenary Raffle raised approximately £13,000 gross which was considered very satisfactory. The clubs who contributed would therefore between them have benefitted in the region of £7,000. The arrangements for the raffle could have been better and lessons have been learned. Discussion took place as to whether next year's raffle tickets if for a car, should be 50p but it was felt that this would perhaps deter sales. This year's first prize of a holiday was being taken and despite some problems over travel arrangements, was now organised. Other prizes had now been distributed except one, and Mrs Hallam was asked to contact the Clydesdale Bank Personnel Department in this respect.

RH

Subsequent to the last Committee meeting a letter and remittance advise had been circulated to all clubs regarding their donations to the Centenary Fund. The up to date situation would be available at the next meeting.

RH

## 6 BUSINESS ARISING

### a) BOA Appeal

Consideration has to be given as to how these sponsored swims are to be organised and then a meeting should be convened with the BOA who are to provide a back up service. It was agreed that a Committee should be formed with an Edinburgh based Convener and that Districts should be requested to nominate representatives who would be responsible for the running of the District swim. Districts should nominate their centre and be prepared to staff the event. Events to be held over the weekend of 30/31 January. An early meeting should be held with Mr I Macpherson.

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### b) Centenary Medals

Discussion took place as to what was required and Committee members were asked to bring samples to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE

### c) Press Liaison

The provision of information to the press from the Association was inadequate but to employ a liaison officer would need extra funding. It was agreed that information should be sent to the press prior to each Centenary event and it should be the responsibility of each Organising Chairman to provide the necessary information to the office for release to the press.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Discussion took place on the list of invitees to be given to the Aberdeen District Council and G Robb was asked to check the total number of places which would be available to the Association. It was agreed that clubs should be asked to nominate two delegates, with cut off date for acceptance, and a letter together with booking form for hotel accommodation would be circulated to clubs after the next meeting.

GR



#### 4 NATIONS WATER POLO

The General Secretary had been asked whether consideration could be given to changing the dates as there was a GB competition the following week. This was not agreed.

#### DIVING CUP

Nothing to report.

#### CENTENARY DINNER, GLASGOW

Similar problems to the AGM with regard to invitees were envisaged.

#### LEN CONGRESS

The Friday evening function was now to take place at Airth Castle and not the Hospitality Inn. It was hoped this would be preceded by a reception. The Sunday may be spent at the Glasgow Garden Festival.

#### 8 NATIONS

The Organising Committee are concerned that if 8 Water Polo Teams participate it would be impossible to complete the programme in the time allocated. The General Secretary thought that Iceland had been invited to participate but understood no reply had been received. He would discuss this with the WP Convener and Iceland would be contacted. Only teams participating in the Swimming contest should participate in the WP event.

WB

#### LONG COURSE/AGE GROUPS

Esso had indicated their approval of the combined event and although they are not willing to increase their sponsorship, they may be willing to make some small additional contribution.

#### LONG DISTANCE SWIM

It was reported that their arrangements were well ahead and that there is a tremendous revival in Scottish Long Distance swimming at present. It was hoped there would be a 1 January swim across the Tay to start Centenary Year.

#### SYNCHRO INVITATION

Arrangements were well in hand and Inverclyde District Council are supporting the event, although there is still some question of where the teams should be accommodated.

#### MASTERS EVENT

Nothing to report. The Vice President will contact the Committee.

DMCG

## SWIM CUP

The dates to be printed on the brochure were to be 9/11 December.  
The dates of 9/10 December should be confirmed to Edinburgh  
District Council.

## MEMORABILIA

G Robb agreed to provide a photographic exhibition for the AGM. GR  
The RCP were to be asked if they could provide an exhibition  
area. Districts were to ask Clubs to provide a list of items  
available for such an exhibition.

The provision of an Association Centenary T shirt should be  
considered and Speedo to be contacted to ensure this did not  
contravene our present contract. RH

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 26 September at the offices of the Scottish Sports Council,  
Edinburgh at 10.00 am.

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