

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Centenary Committee held on
Saturday 7 November 1987 at the Scottish Sports Council Offices,
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 Philp	East District
	Mr W Donaldson	East District
	Mrs H Brunton	West District
	Mr P Smith	Midland District
	Mr G Robb	North District
	Mrs R Hallam	Minute Secretary
	Organising Committee Chairman	
	Mr D Brown	European Cup, 8 Nations
	Mr J Rose	Calendar Congress
	Mr N Beattie	Centenary Dinner Glasgow

1 APOLOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr H Cullen, Mr W Law, Mr R Craig
Mr A Taylor

2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 26 SEPTEMBER

These were approved as a correct record.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that unfortunately Mr T. Nicol had resigned
from the Committee for personal reasons and the Committee expressed
their thanks for his efforts and support over the past 18 months.
The Chairman welcomed the East District's replacement representative,
Mr W Donaldson, to the Committee.

The Chairman reported that he had now met with Mr Kenhard of BBC
Scotland and put him in the picture. He agreed to do what he could
but it would be a month before a decision could be made. He
also stated that BBC Scotland would put out a feature on the Centenary
during the year. Mr R Galbraith had expressed possible interest in
both the European Diving Cup and the 8 Nations but no final decision
received.

He had also had a meeting with the Garden Festival organisers with
regard to arrangements for the LEN Congress and with Motherwell
District Council concerning a civic reception for the 4 Nations
Water Polo.

He had had no contact with Channel 4 and The Treasurer agreed to take
this up with the Director of Swimming.

4 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from the BBC
confirming that they would cover the European Swimming Cup and the
Secretary was asked to contact Mr R Moody to arrange a meeting to
discuss the contract. Some concern was expressed as to whom would
receive the television fees - SASA or ASA. This must be clarified.

The Centenary Brochure was now at the printers and should be available within the next few days.

The Secretary circulated a summary of the proposed content of the publication on the history of the Association prepared by Peter Bilsborough. This summary had been submitted to the Scottish International Education Trust but no reply received. *to date.*

He was pleased to report that Mrs H McLeod-Bain had agreed to act as co-ordinator for the Centenary Exhibition to be housed at the Royal Commonwealth Pool. Items for the exhibition needed to be forwarded to Mrs McLeod-Bain for cataloguing.

The Secretary of LEN, Mr N. Sarsfield, had visited Scotland to review the arrangements for the LEN Congress. He was very happy with the facilities available and was able to reduce some of our anticipated costs. He was also made aware of the arrangements for the other LEN events. Mr G Keith had confirmed that Arena would sponsor dinner on the Saturday evening. Mr M Latham had visited Airth Castle and agreed the menu for the Friday evening dinner and confirmed that the Speedo sponsorship would be £3,500 in total. The dinner would be approximately £1700 leaving the balance for entertaining and transport.

Mr Hulbert of the Edinburgh District Council had confirmed that the boom is to be tested during the closure of the Pool in January 1988.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

He reported that no definite offer had been received by the anticipated major sponsor concerning the European Swim Cup but Edinburgh District Council were expecting an answer within days. However, there was still a technical difficulty to overcome which had been discussed with Mr Sarsfield but until an offer is received, no further action can be taken. If an offer is not forthcoming it was agreed that Esso's interest should be followed up.

If there is television coverage of the European Diving Cup then the Royal Bank may be interested. If Esso do not sponsor the European Swim Cup they may consider the 8 Nations, providing there is television coverage. An approach is to be made to IBM with regard to possible sponsorship for the Synchronised Swimming International.

Contact has been made with a printer in Edinburgh who is prepared to obtain advertising for programmes. This will be assessed and a report made to the next meeting.

Revenue from donations looks as if it will be half that anticipated i.e. £5000. Donations are still being submitted and although it is appreciated that raising finance is difficult for the clubs, they must be encouraged to participate. Clubs will be contacted shortly with regard to the 1988 raffle and having learned by past experience, it is hoped it will raise £20,000. The "Splash" may well raise a substantial amount which may underpin centenary year and leave finance for regional development.

A letter had been received from Miss Reid the winner of the 1987 raffle prize stating that the holiday in Portugal had been extremely enjoyable and thanking the Association for the arrangements.

6 REPORTS FROM ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Annual General Meeting - Mr G Robb

Information had been circulated and replies now being received. The Chairman was asked to arrange with the hotel some means of acknowledgement of accommodation bookings in order to inform members that their reservations had been received. < G ROBB

4 Nations Water Polo - Mr H Cullen

A written report was submitted by Mr Cullen confirming that the pool had been booked and that hotel accommodation had been reserved for 100 which needed confirmation end of January/February. Transport arrangements still had to be made. The Chairman asked for clarification on the proposed invitation list and also if assistance could be given in obtaining the services of a physiotherapist for the event.

Mr Heatly confirmed that Motherwell District Council would host a civic reception for 100/120 but the timing had to be discussed. The Association had requested Saturday evening if possible.

The Secretary confirmed that the Scottish Sports Council would not be making finance available for timing equipment. It was felt that the ASA equipment could be hired but consideration should be given first to the possibility of adapting the Association's existing swimming equipment. Contact to be made with Omega and Cantabrian. <

European Diving Cup - Mr W Law

Mr D Brown spoke on behalf of Mr W Law. The cost of £300 quoted in the budget for LEN delegates should read £300 per delegate i.e. £900. Mr Law requested urgent assurance that diving boards would be made available before he would take the organising of the event any further. He understood from Edinburgh District Council that they were not prepared to fund these. The Secretary reported that he had been requested by Mr Hulbert to submit an application for grant aid, which he had now done. Mr Heatly requested that the matter be left to him and he would report back to the next meeting of the Organising Committee on 25 November. <

Centenary Dinner, Glasgow - Mr N Beattie

Mr Beattie reported that arrangements were in hand by the District Council and they would need an invitation list six weeks prior to the event. 350 places approx are available. They also require a list of VIPs in order of priority for top table arrangements to be made.

LEN Congress - Mr J Rose

Mr Rose reported that further to the meeting with Mr Sarsfield, anticipated costs had been reduced by approx 50%. However, there were two additional costs for simultaneous translation for three languages and equipment has to be hired, which the hotel can arrange. Enquiries should be made at Universities to see if such linguists are available and Committee members were asked to let Mr Rose know any contacts in this respect. Mr Sarsfield also suggested that invitations should be sent to the Swimming Federations of the USA, Australia, Canada, Egypt, Morocco and Israel who would attend at their own expense. He also reported that Golden Cup may be prepared to sponsor a lunch. Now that the programme is agreed he will attempt to obtain sponsorship and also to organise the administrative team for the Congress.

8 Nations - Mr D Brown

Mr Brown reported that the programme was established including allocation of training between swimming and water polo. He was pleased to report that co-operation from water polo had been excellent. He produced a proposed logo ^{designed by George Spawell} for the event which was awaiting approval at the next meeting. <

With regard to the query concerning the need for three water polo referees and the attendance of the LEN delegate would also be discussed at the next meeting of the Organising Committee. <

Age Groups/National Championships - Mr R F Craig

The Treasurer reported that the Swimming Committee had discussed the programme at length and agreed that a combined event was feasible. It had been discussed with Esso at a recent meeting, who agreed that their name could be associated with the combined event and hopefully they will increase their sponsorship by a small amount.

Synchronised Swimming International - Mr C Stark

All arrangements were in hand. The number requiring accommodation at Inverclyde had been notified as 65 and would now be confirmed.

GB Masters - Mr R Macdonald

The Treasurer reported that he had met with the Masters Committee on another matter and they had reported that the organisation of the event was progressing. The Committee should be asked to convene a meeting in order that they can report to the next meeting of the Centenary Committee.

European Swim Cup - Mr D Brown

LEN had approved the change of date and television timing now needs to be ascertained as a matter of some urgency. It is important that information is available to take to the 1987 event in Monaco. The Secretary reported that Mr & Mrs N Grierson would be in Monaco at that time and it was agreed that they could attend as part of the SASA delegation, together with Mr Brown and one other member of the organising committee. <

BOA Appeal - Mr A. Taylor

Mr Taylor reported that he had had a meeting with representatives from the East, North and Midland Districts. Entries would close on 16 January and teams would comprise of six swimmers plus captain, except Under 7 and over 60s who could have 12 swimmers. It was hoped money raised would be shared 50% to the Association and 50% to participating clubs based on their current Per Capita payment.

The British Linen Bank had contacted local authorities with regard to arrangements, who had subsequently contacted clubs. As Districts had not informed clubs, he was issuing information to clubs.

7 BUSINESS ARISING

Mr D McGillivray, Mrs H Brunton and Mrs R Hallam had met recently to assess goods available and many of these were displayed at the meeting. The proposals submitted were agreed.

The major events i.e. European Diving Cup, European Swim Cup, LEN Congress and 8 Nations, would be issued with headedpaper specifically for the individual event. The other events would be issued with special headedpaper which could be adapted to each event. The major events were also to be asked to supply information in order that a T shirt can be available for each major event.

Souvenirs would be available at all events and it was hoped Organising Committees had taken this into account.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 12 December 1987 at 10.00 a.m. at the offices of the Scottish Sports Council, 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh EH3