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## SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Centenary Committee held on Saturday 19 December 1987 at the King Malcolm Hotel, Dunfermline

Present: Mr P Heatly	Chairman
Mr W Black	Secretary
Mr M Sheppard	Treasurer
Mr A Taylor	President
Mr D McGillivray	Vice President
Mr G Philp	East District
Mr W Donaldson	East District
Mr L Taylor	West District
Mr G Robb	North District
Mr P Smith	Midland District
Mr H H Smith	Director of Swimming
Mrs R Hallam	Administrator

### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs H Brunton who was officiating at the Short Course Championships.

### 2 MINUTES OF 18th MEETING

These were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1, Chairman's Report, second paragraph "Mr Kennard" should read "Mr Kellard".

Page 2, fourth paragraph, "Mr Keele" should read "Mr Keilhe".

Page 4, 8 Nations, 1st paragraph after "proposed logo for the event" insert "produced by George Spoward".

### 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman stated that as he had been out of the country recently he did not have a great deal to report. However, he had been in touch with Peter Bilborough regarding the history of the Association. He had not as yet had a reply from Motherwell District Council regarding a civic reception for the 4 Nations Water Polo event and the meeting with the Garden Festival organisers had been postponed until early January. Although BBC had agreed to televise the Swim Cup he had received a letter from Mr R Galbraith stating that network ITV and Channel 4 were not interested in the Diving Cup or 8 Nations but local coverage may be possible for the Diving Cup. Mr H H Smith confirmed that he had had no communication regarding television for the two events since his initial contact. It was agreed this must be resolved quickly in view of the proximity of the Diving Cup.

### 4 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had also had a meeting with Peter Bilborough who was still short of material from the First World War to the present day. but he appeared to be tackling the project professionally. It was not realistic to expect the publication to be ready for the AGM and the target was the Centenary Dinner. The University of Stirling have give Mr Bilsborough leave of absence until the end of February to complete the project as it ties in with his University work.

The Centenary Brochure had been issued to all clubs with an offer of additional copies for a donation of £2 per copy.

The Secretary had had initial discussions with regard to a video of centenary events and is to have further discussions regarding exact requirements in order to assess costs.

A delegation from the Association had recently attended the 1987 European Swim Cup in Monaco and a report is awaited.

#### 4 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer stated that there was still no definite promise of sponsorship but a meeting was to be held in January with a possible sponsor for the Swim Cup and it was fairly certain that a sponsor had been found for the Diving Cup. The Royal Bank of Scotland may be interested but this will probably depend on television. The Treasurer has been in touch with IBM regarding the Synchro Invitation Meet.

The fund raising from the membership is still a little on the low side but it was hoped that if the Centenary Olympic Swim is successful it may be able to underpin the year from that source. Unless sufficient sponsorship is forthcoming the Association may be in a difficult financial situation.

It was hoped that the 1988 Centenary Raffle would commence with the issue of tickets to clubs at the AGM which should eliminate the criticism concerning the time element for the 1987 raffle. He hoped that Districts would be prepared to donate up to £100 per District for the purchase of raffle prizes. It was intended to draw the raffle at the National Championships. Members of the Committee were asked for ideas for the major raffle prize.

A cheque has been received from Edinburgh District Council for the purchase of diving boards for the Royal Commonwealth Pool and it was understood that Edinburgh District Council had put out to tender for such boards. It was anticipated the boards would remain at the RCP after the Diving Cup had taken place.

Discussion took place with regard to a raffle taking place at the AGM but as the Association is to be a guest of the Aberdeen District Council, Mr G Robb was to enquire whether this would be in order. If so, clubs would be informed prior to the event that a raffle would take place at £5 per ticket for say a weekend in Paris or similar.

#### 5 BUSINESS ARISING

##### Centenary Olympic Swim

Mr A Taylor gave an update of the situation regarding this event. Posters and entry forms had been delivered to all venues prior to the launch on 10 December. The launch at the Royal Commonwealth Pool had been covered by STV, BBC radio and various press agencies. It was hoped to raise £100,000 and that 22,000 would participate. Council had agreed that teams representing Scottish swimming clubs will receive 50% of the money their own team raises - clubs must be encouraged to participate. The TSB are willing to pay up to £500 to cover postage and envelopes for entries and it is anticipated that they are putting up a total of around £10,000 for the event.



**AGM**

Mr G Robb confirmed that a list of people who had reserved accommodation at the Skean Dhu hotel had been sent to the office who would confirm to the people concerned. The Committee were disappointed at the response from clubs wishing to attend the dinner dance and it was hoped further support would be forthcoming. Once numbers were finalised, Mr Robb would arrange for transport from the hotel to the Beach Ballroom for the dinner dance. It was agreed that members of national committees, executive members of the SSCA and District Vice Presidents and Treasurers should be invited.

**4 Nations Water Polo**

Still waiting confirmation of the arrangements for a civic reception. A meeting had recently been held with Facilities Planning personnel from the Scottish Sports Council and it was hoped that water polo timing equipment would be available for the event.

**European Diving Cup**

Arrangements seem to be in hand and the Committee met again on 16 December. The outcome of possible sponsorship was awaited before programme printing could be finalised. Orders for T Shirts etc should be put in hand quickly.

**8 Nations**

The Treasurer reported that he had been in touch with Pollock Halls with regard to a letter of guarantee for accommodation as had been arranged for the Diving Cup, but no reply had yet been received. The Committee recommended in view of the cost implications, that the three neutral referees should be English.

**Esso National Championships and Age Groups**

The Treasurer reported that Esso had agreed to contribute a little extra money to cover medals. The programme for the combined event has now been agreed.

**GB Masters**

The Vice President reported that a meeting had been held on 5 November to which unfortunately, the Midland District representative had not been invited.

The event would be held over Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday morning and afternoon; there would be no evening sessions. It was envisaged that the local tourist board would give assistance with the brochure. The SASA office would receive entries for checking, they would then be passed to a computer company for action; a photocopier would also be provided. The Administrator was to ask the Chairman of the GB Federation for an address for the brochure. The SASA President would also provide an address. It was reported that SHEG may be interested in sponsoring the event and Mr McDonald and the Vice President were asked to pursue this. The Committee requested that the entry fees should be raised from £1 to £1.50. It was anticipated that Dundee District Council and Tayside Regional Council would provide hospitality - a buffet and disco, and a smaller reception for say 50.

The Organising Committee hoped that some well-known swimmers could be encouraged to participate and they were advised to contact the national Convener in this respect. Mr McDonald was also hopeful that television coverage may be possible.

#### European Swim Cup

The Secretary reported that the installation of the boom was in hand. The Organising Committee Chairman was concerned that final details should be resolved with Edinburgh District Council as quickly as possible and confirmation is needed from the District Council in respect of press facilities, timing equipment, etc. This concern was noted.

#### Souvenirs

The Administrator listed the items ordered which would be available for sale at the AGM. She also stated that the Past Presidents Association had instructed a new Association flag to be commissioned which would be presented at the AGM.

It was agreed that any Chairmen of Organising Committees who wish to attend a Centenary Committee Meeting to discuss specific issues regarding their event was welcome to do so. They should not however, attend before 11.00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Saturday 16 January 1988 at 10.00 a.m. at the Scottish Sports Council offices, 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh