

## SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Centenary Committee held on  
Saturday 20 February 1988 at the Scottish Sports Council  
Offices, 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh at 10.00 a.m.

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
	Mrs H Brunton	West District
	Mr L Taylor	West District
	Mr P Smith	Midland District
	Mr G Robb	North District
	Mr H Cullen	4 Nations Water Polo
	Mr W Law	European Diving Cup
	Mr N Beattie	Centenary Dinner
	Mr R F Craig	Esso Age Groups and National Swimming Championships
	Mr D Brown	8 Nations Contest/ European Swimming Cup
	Mr D Sullivan	Long Distance Swim
	Mr I McIntosh	Long Distance Swim
	Mr R Macdonald	Masters Championships
	Mrs R Hallam	Administrator

### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr J Rose.

### 2 MINUTES OF THE 20th MEETING

These were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

### 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the date of the Government Reception to be held at Edinburgh Castle had been changed from 1 to 8 July. It was also reported that the numbers invited to attend had been reduced from 200 to 190.

The Chairman had further pursued the possibility of television coverage for the 8 Nations contest but had to report that this was not possible as the BBC were to cover other sporting events at that time and therefore there was insufficient equipment.

The Chairman reported that he been in touch with the Scottish Physical Recreation Fund in respect of a grant towards the publication of the history of the Association. <

Motherwell District Council had now confirmed that they would provide a civic reception for the 4 Nations Water Polo and that the Scottish Sports Council were to provide a reception for the European Diving Cup. He was to have a further meeting with Mr Wilson at the Garden Festival. The Chairman also asked that Centenary Brochures be sent immediately to the District Councils where Centenary events are to take place. <

#### 4 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary stated that Edinburgh District Council had offered a floral display to commemorate the Association's Centenary year, on a site to be notified. He had arranged for Mr N Shannon to attend the meeting later to discuss the possibility of a video being made of Centenary events and to discuss ways of the costs being recouped.

The book on the history of the Association was complete and two quotations for its publication had been received, both in the region of £5,000. He was requested to obtain a quotation from Mainstream Publishing in Edinburgh and to ascertain if they would consider marketing the publication in addition to printing. The Chairman agreed to let the Secretary have photographs which he still required for the publications.

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#### 5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer confirmed that Sun Life were to sponsor the European Diving Cup at about £8500 and that the Scottish Sports Council will underwrite the event to a figure of approximately £6,000. It was regretted that the Edinburgh District Council would not reduce the cost of the pool hire.

A grant application for £4,000 for the LEN Calendar Congress had been submitted to the UK Sports Council but there had been no indication as to what could be expected.

With regard to the 8 Nations the budgetted cost for pool hire was £12,000 but this had now risen to £16,500. Edinburgh District Council had indicated that they would sponsor this event and the Secretary was asked to seek clarification as to whether this would mean free pool hire. Negotiations were also taking place with the Royal Bank of Scotland for a lesser sponsorship for this event.

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Nothing had been finalised regarding sponsorship for the European Swimming Cup as the first sponsor had not been acceptable to LEN. Edinburgh District Council were renegotiating with the proposed sponsor in the hope that a solution could be found which would be satisfactory to all parties. The Treasurer had indicated that the situation was now critical and while it was hoped the proposed sponsor would materialise we may have to go back on the market. A grant application had been made to the UK Sports Council.

IBM have declined to sponsor the Synchronised Swimming event and the TSB are to sponsor the GB Masters Championships.

The 1988 raffle is to be a £1000 holiday sponsored by Hogg Robinson who have recently taken over Alander Travel the Association's previous travel agent. Clubs had been asked to inform the Treasurer if they did not wish to participate in the raffle and tickets will be distributed around 10 March to those who wish to take part.

#### 6 BUSINESS ARISING

##### Centenary Olympic Swim

Mr A Taylor estimated that this event should have raised approx. £55,000 and he was to contact all co-ordinators asking that money raised be paid into the TSB as quickly as possible.



At this point in the proceedings, the Treasurer left the meeting and the Chairman of Organising Committees joined the meeting.

### Video of Centenary Year

Mr N Shannon gave a short presentation to the meeting. The outcome of discussion was that if he could produce videos of events, obtaining full rights of distribution, at no cost to the Association and as a result the Association would receive a Centenary video, then we could discuss this positively. Mr Shannan was to report back as a matter of urgency to the Secretary.

### Annual General Meeting

Mr Robb reported that all arrangements were made and that a table had been reserved for Council members for Saturday lunch. Transpot had been arranged by the District Council for taking guests to the Dinner Dance. He was to arrange with the Secretary the possibility of a professional photographer being in attendance.

### 4 Nations Water Polo

Mr Cullen reported that arrangements were in hand for the civic reception. This was to be held at the Civic Centre, Motherwell on the Saturday evening. The programme and posters are being prepared and arrangements to sell SASA goods. 90 commemorative medals are required. It was felt that these were essential even though the Treasurer had indicated that no money was available for same. The new timing equipment was required for the forthcoming Inter District contest and checks would be made with Omega. It was emphasised that the pool hire for this event was free of charge.

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### European Diving Cup

Mr Law reiterated that he considered that the pool hire charges being made by Edinburgh District Council were too high. He stressed that the winners medals must have an enamelled centre and agreed with Mr Cullen that commemorative medals were essential. Mrs Hallan undertook to make arrangements for the winners medals and to send Mr Law a catalogue in order that three trophies could be ordered. Sun Life have produced a press release and are to provide the artwork for the programme and posters. 16 countries are to participate including the USSR and East Germany. He expressed disappointment that the event was not to be televised and also that no photograph of diving had appeared in the Centenary Brochure.

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### Centenary Dinner

Mr Beattie confirmed that all arrangements were in hand and that invitations were being forwarded to the Lord Provost's Secretary. A list of names, in priority order, would be required short by the Lord Provost in order to arrange a top table.

### LEN Calendar Congress

Nothing further to report, arrangements are in hand.  
Mr Rose had submitted a written report to the Chairman.

### Esso Age Group and National Swimming Championships

Mr Craig reported that most arrangements were in hand but that the information sheet now needed to be issued urgently. Mrs Hallam was asked to look into this matter. The next meeting of the Organising Committee was 2 March. It was requested that a good quality medal be available for this event. It was hoped that East Kilbride District Council would not copy the Edinburgh District Council and make additional charges in excess of the the pool hire. Mrs Hallam was asked to write to the East Kilbride District Council requesting confirmation of charges. Arrangements were being made to install telephones. Members of the press and the Great Britain Committee would attend and Esso had agreed to cover the expenses of Anita Lonsborough to attend.

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### 8 Nations/European Swimming Cup

Mr Brown stated that he found himself in a very difficult situation with Edinburgh District Council and that he has no indication of what is to be offered for these events and that he has no means of negotiation and yet has major requirements which have not been considered. He felt that it was regrettable that the Treasurer was not available, as did the other Chairmen, as he needed clarification on the sponsorship situation with regards to the Swimming Cup. It was stated that the Secretary was to take up the matter of negotiations with Edinburgh District Council and the meeting agreed that if it was prudent, the Chairman of the Organising Committee should be involved in any ensuing meeting. The President thanked Mr Brown for his very detailed minutes which kept the Committee fully up to date with the arrangements.

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### Long Distance Swim

There was some confusion as to the budget agreed for this event. Mr Sullivan and Mr McIntosh were informed that the original budget submitted by the Long Distance Committee had been slightly reduced and now stood at £2,965. It was stressed that this would not allow for a full international event to be held unless sponsorship could be obtained. It was agreed that the Long Distance Committee should approach any possible sponsors direct and also to liaise direct with the Treasurer.

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### Synchronised Swimming International

As confirmed at previous meeting, all arrangements were in hand. It was hoped that the countries participating would be a West German club team; a Belgian club team; the England junior team; an American club team; with the French national team as reserve.

### Great Britain Masters Championships

Mr Macdonald reported that the pool and accommodation were booked and civic reception agreed. An information brochure was being prepared but would need sponsors name. He had been instructed to stop negotiations with SHEG as sponsorship had been forthcoming from another source and he was concerned that this might affect further Masters sponsorship from SHEG. It was pointed out that £10,000 had been secured from the TSB via ASF of GB. Mr Macdonald was to contact the Treasurer with regard to the SHEG position.

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An address was required from the GB Chairman and the SASA President. Mrs Hallam to contact the GB Chairman and also to ascertain the position with regard to any contractual arrangement with Rank Xerox which GB may have. Press facilities would be require and Mr Macdonald was to approach television. An invitation list should be sent to the office for invites to be issued, as should the programme information when available.

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#### Other Business

The Treasurer was requested to prepare up to date budget information for the Committee and Organising Committee Chairmen.

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An up to date list of donations was also required for the next meeting.

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Mrs Hallam confirmed that the new Centenary souvenirs would be available for purchase at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 19 March at 10.00 a.m. (11.00 a.m. for Organising Committee Chairmen), at the offices of the Scottish Sports Council, 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh

4 March 1988

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