

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Centenary Committee held on Saturday 19 March 1988 at the Scottish Sports Council Offices, 1 St Colme Street, Edinburgh at 10.00 am

Present:	Mr P Heatly	Chairman
	Mr W Black	Secretary
	Mr M Sheppard	Treasurer
	Mr A Taylor	Past President
	Mr D McGillivray	Vice President
	Mr L Taylor	West District
	Mrs H Brunton	West District
	Mr P Smith	Midland District
	Mr G Philp	East District
	Mr W Donaldson	East District
	Mr G Robb	North District
Chairmen:	Mr H Cullen	4 Nations WP
	Mr W Law	European Diving Cup
	Mr N Beattie	Centenary Dinner
	Mr R F Craig	Esso Scottish National Open & Age Group Championships
	Mr D Brown	8 Nations/ European Swim Cup
	Mr D Sullivan	Long Distance Swim
	Mr C Stark	Invitation Synchro
	Mr R Macdonald	GB Masters
	Mr J Rose	LEN Congress

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs R Hallam

Minutes: Minutes of the 21st Meeting were approved.

Business Arising:

Mr Philp raised the matter of the change in the logo for the Diving Cup.

Chairman's Report:

Mr Heatly said that the Dinner Dance had been a splendid affair and that he had sent letters of thanks to the Lord Provost of Aberdeen. It was agreed that the Lord Provost deserved full marks as host.

Mr Andrew Taylor said that he had also sent letters of thanks.

Mr Heatly reported that he had spoken to Mr Russell Galbraith regarding the television cover for the European Diving Cup. It was agreed that a single camera unit would cover the final day. He had written to Mr Galbraith confirming the arrangement. The Chairman had met with the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and had discussed the exorbitant charges for the hire of the RCP and the nature of the proposed civic reception. He asked the Lord Provost for advice on how he should approach the District Council for an application for grant aid. The Lord Provost had discussed the problem with Mr Ben Connolly who had stated that the request for extra hours outwith the normal opening times had contributed to the increased costs and that a formal request for grant to meet the costs should be made to the District Council. The civic reception would take the form of a buffet for the European Diving Cup. Mr Heatly was asked to reply direct to the Lord Provost.

Mr W Law accompanied by Mr Heatly met with Mr Hulbert and Mr Steele on Thursday 17 March. This was not a pleasant meeting. Mr Steele's estimated costs amounted to £11,800 (£3,445 for the use of the scoreboard) Since the figures were not available prior to the meeting the matter was left for further negotiation.

Mr Heatly said that Mr Brown had reported after his meeting with Mr Connolly that the costs would be in the region of £8,000.

Mr Andrew Taylor said that he had discussed the problems with the Lord Provost and the Chief Executive, the charges for the use of the pool by those competitors arriving early prior to the European Diving Cup, the charge of £85 per day for the car park attendant and the cost of lifeguards.

Mr Heatly had written to Mr Michael Forsyth thanking him for the Government reception on the 8 July at Edinburgh Castle and enclosing a Centenary Brochure. It was agreed that Mr Forsyth should be invited to open the 8 Nations or the European Swim Cup.

Lothian Region Convener Mr Cook had met with Mr Heatly and had invited him to lunch with Mr Law and six to eight representatives from the visiting diving teams.

Invitations

Mr George Philp was concerned that members of the Centenary Committee were not receiving invitations to all events and receptions.

Secretary's Report

Mr Black reported that he had met with Mr Campbell of Mainstream Publishing who had said that his company were not interested in publishing the history of the Association but were prepared to produce the book for the Association. For the number required the average cost would be £5.80. It was decided to obtain another quotation from Collins Publishers Glasgow. Mr Campbell made several suggestions on how the cost of producing the book might be met. For example, sponsors could be asked to pay for a small quantity perhaps 100 copies. Clubs should be circulated and invited to subscribe a poster as well as a letter could be sent. It was also thought that Esso might be interested in an exclusive sponsorship though this seemed unlikely at this stage. The Scottish Health Education Group was another possible sponsor. Mr Black said he had written to Mr Ken Hutchison asking for support from the Scottish Physical Recreation Fund.

Norman Shannon:

Mr Shannon's direct approach to the BBC was discussed and it was agreed that he must be asked to liaise closely to avoid compromising current television agreements. *with SASA*

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer circulated the up to date budget figures to the Committee. Mr Philp was concerned about the high cost of the AGM. Mr Sheppard said that this was due to additional cost incurred because of the Centenary.

4 Nations Water Polo Tournament: Mr H Cullen

Mr Cullen reported that all was going well. The main computer and monitor had arrived and the rest of the timing equipment was due on Tuesday. Mr Tim Colman of Omega was in Glasgow and will set up the equipment on Thursday, which was only 24 hours prior to the event.

The old equipment would be available as back up. Publicity was going well. Mr Cullen had obtained sponsored posters and programmes. He thanked Mr Spowart for his art work. Radio City Leeds would be mentioning the Tournament on STV during their night broadcast. Radio Clyde and Radio Scotland were also doing features. All the teams had confirmed attendance. As he felt very strongly about the subject he had obtained sponsorship for commemorative medals and had purchased the remaining stock of the old style Scottish medals. Mr Heatly had agreed to open the tournament. Mr Cullen was asked if sponsors had been invited; he said that he had no list. Mr Andrew Taylor asked if hospitality was arranged for VIPs at the Wishaw Pool? Mr Cullen agreed to arrange something. Mr George Philp raised the matter of Centenary Committee members invitations.

Diving: Mr W Law

Mr Law reported that the situation with Edinburgh District Council was not a happy one. There was a good entry including 8 European Championship medallists.

The early arrival of some teams was causing a problem as the Pollock Halls were not available until Monday. They would have to be accommodated elsewhere and then moved to the Halls later. Catering would also be difficult. It was suggested that Suffolk Halls might be available but it was a mammoth task. The teams would be billed at the start for their costs which were set at £25 per day per person. The SASA would be responsible for the costs at Pollock Halls if the early teams decided to stay in their temporary accommodation. All invitations have been issued.

The Edinburgh District Council reception for Saturday evening was still not confirmed; a meal was required. A hall has been booked within the Pollock Halls and it was possible that a disco could be arranged. Mr Law was extremely disappointed in the Edinburgh District Council's attitude to the civic reception.

The medals and trophies were due for delivery to the pool next week and would be put on display. Mr Law said he was happy with the medals.

The question of commemorative medals was discussed. The Treasurer pointed out the lack of finance for the whole programme which could lead to a £50,000 shortfall. Various suggestions were made and it was finally agreed to use the new Scottish medals if they were ready in time. The Treasurer would pursue the financing of these separately. Paramount Printers were unable to produce the programme as they require four months to raise the necessary advertising. It was agreed to include adverts for Omega and Rank Xerox.

Centenary Dinner Mr N Beattie

All arrangements are well ahead and invitations have all been issued including a second batch. There will be speech of welcome from the Lord Provost and a reply from Mr Heatly with one other speaker giving a vote of thanks.

There will be no commemorative menu as this practice has now been discontinued.

Only 251 invitations have been accepted. It was agreed to invite the Elite Swimming Squad, the Senior Water Polo Team, the top four Divers and Synchro Swimmers. Past Presidents of the West District if not already included. 350 the limit.

Cissie Stewart was in Johannesburg and would not be present but Ellen King and Jean McDowall would be attending. The Committee were asked to submit names of anyone else that they thought should be invited.

LEN Calendar Conference and Congress: Mr J Rose

Mr Rose said that a computer was required to process the calendar. He had been advised that Rank Xerox was not available and was looking for an alternative source. Typewriters were essential to produce minutes and the calendar.

Hospitality Inn had received a critical press report which concerned Mr Rose and he intended to investigate for himself.

Airth Castle had also received a very bad report and it was agreed that Stirling Castle would be a possible alternative.

Esso Scottish National Open and Age Group Championships : Mr R F Craig

Mr Craig reported that Mr Higgins of East Kilbride had mentioned a charge of £1400 per day for the pool hire which compared unfavourably with the 1987 charge of £2500 for five days. Mrs Hallam has written to Mr Cruttenden about the costs and Mr Craig has written to Mr Higgins about the facilities.

Mike Gosling was dealing with hotel requirements and arrangements for "walkie talkies". A request had also been made for an Esso Tiger for the raffle.

Mr Craig was concerned that the information leaflet was difficult to understand and that the programme had not been approved by the Swimming Committee before circulation.

8 Nations Swimming and Water Polo: Mr D Brown

Mr Brown and Mr Bob Smith had a meeting with Mr Connolly, Mr Steele and Mr Hulbert regarding the costs. A breakdown was provided and discussed. Mr T Colman had written to say that the programme was inoperable but after examination it was clear that only one place was a problem, therefore it was agreed to remain with the programme. Charges for the use of the timing and scoreboard system were unacceptable to Mr Brown who maintained that the hire of the facilities was inclusive of the timing. The Committee agreed with this view.

Mr Steele had promised further costings but they have not yet been supplied. Mr Connolly said that interference from the SASA was the cause of the charge from Omega for the timing.

The Fitness Room and the new flumes will be in operation during the events. The lecture room will be available for both events and part of the Fitness area for the European Swim Cup. There will also be limited use of the north corridor. The EDC are unwilling to move the Press seating for the Swim Cup though this will not be a problem for the 8 Nations. Additional telephone lines were approved.

European Swim Cup: Mr D Brown

Mr Brown has serious doubts about the viability of this event especially with no sponsorship in sight. The serious lack of facilities as provided in Monaco e.g. seating for competitors over diving pool, press seating in the wrong place only a small part of the Fitness area for additional requirements. The need for extra stewarding to separate the areas in use by the public.

The meeting with Mr Connolly settled some issues. It was agreed that points should be pursued after the Diving Cup and that the Executive should seek a meeting with Mr Connolly.

Have the regular Press representatives been invited to the Centenary Dinner? It was agreed to make enquiries and issue the necessary invitations.

Long Distance Swim , Loch Lomond: Mr D Sullivan

The constraints of the budget were making it difficult to have a major event as there was no money available to host guests.

Entry Fees are set at £75 without own boat and £25 if supplying own boat. A limited number of entries was expected.

It was hoped to have a dinner on the 26 August at Ardlui with everyone paying their own costs. The start would be an early morning one to allow the swim to be a daytime event.

If costs were prohibitive Loch Tay could be a cheaper alternative.

Mr Sullivan and Mr McIntosh are still actively looking for sponsors.

Synchronised Swimming Invitation Event: Mr C Stark

Mr Stark reported that Inverclyde District Council were providing all facilities free of charge and in addition the following items:-

- 1 A floral display
- 2 A minibus for each team
- 3 All artwork for programmes and information packages
- 4 Video facilities: plus a free commemorative videotape of the competition for each team
- 5 Civic Reception
- 6 Farewell party and dico

IBM have declined to sponsor the event.

The District Council graphics team will also print commemorative T Shirts free of charge. It was agreed that Mr Stark could organise a Grand Raffle to be held at the event.

GB Masters: Mr R Macdonald

Mr Macdonald reported an internal row within Dundee District Council meant that it was proposed to have the flumes in operation during the Championships. However, he was confident that this would be resolved.

There will be no charge for the pool hire.

An information brochure was in preparation and would be issued soon.

AOCB

- 1 The Hon Treasurer requested that District representatives should remind club delegates that the £1.00 per head Centenary donation was due.
- 2 Districts should be informed about the problems in particular the commemorative medals. Should be raised at the next Council meeting on 10 April.
- 3 Treasurer suggested that a photographic record of Centenary events could be made into a calender for sale in 1989.
- 4 Further discussion regarding finance and the costs of the AGM. It was the opinion of members that those not on SASA business should pay their own way and that a request for reimbursement should be made.

The next meeting of the Committee was arranged for 30 April 1988 in Edinburgh.

W Black

Hon General Secretary