

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

1 Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Scottish Amateur Swimming  
2 Association ~~were~~ held on Monday 13 April 1992.

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5	<b>Sederunt:</b>	Mrs Jill Cochran	President
6		Mrs Winnie Ferguson	Vice President
7		Mr Bill Charles	Treasurer
8		Mr Bill Black	Secretary
9		Mr Roy Wilson	North District
10		Mr Sandy Brunton	North District
11		Mr Murdo Wallace	Midland District
12		Mr Stewart Davidson	Midland District
13			(substitute for D Hoare)
14		Mr Ron Taylor	East District
15		Mrs Ruby Brockie	East District
16		Mr Douglas McAllister	West District
17		Mr Bob Craig	West District

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20 27/92 **Apologies:** Dr D Hoare

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23 28/92 President's Address

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25 Mrs Cochran welcomed members and stated the business of the  
26 meeting was to consider the response from the District  
27 Delegates meetings. She asked each of the District  
28 Representatives to make a report.

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31 29/92 Reports

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- 33 1 East District Mrs Brockie gave a report
- 34 as minuted (Appendix 1)
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- 36 2 West District Mr Craig reported on the
- 37 decision of his District (Appendix 2)
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- 39 3 Midland District Mr Wallace apologised
- 40 for Dr Hoare's absence and presented
- 41 his District's report (Appendix 3)
- 42 Council members questioned the behaviour of Midland
- 43 District members stating in public that they did not
- 44 support the decision of Council, the decision had been
- 45 democratically arrived at in Council and all members
- 46 were bound to stand by that decision. Further concern
- 47 was expressed at Dr Hoare's action in circulating
- 48 Council papers to Clubs which were draft discussion
- 49 papers and had already been superseded by later
- 50 versions and therefore conveyed information out of
- 51 context.

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4 North District Mr Brunton reported on his District Meeting (Appendix 4). He said that Mr D Hawthorn had been in possession of papers from the Director of Swimming which he read to the meeting and had a considerable influence on the delegates. Mr Frew (ND Vice President) who had substituted for Mr Brunton at the Council Meeting of 22 March had been unable to attend the delegates meeting and give support to the Council decision.

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Scottish Sports Council

Mr Taylor asked for clarification regarding the position of the Scottish Sports Council. The Secretary reported on the meeting that he and Treasurer had with Mr Brian Porteous and Mr Ian Russell at the SSC Offices on Friday 10 April. The SSC position at the present time is neutral and until a proposal is placed before them they cannot comment. In hindsight the SSC should have been involved sooner.

Mr Charles explained the financial implications with regard to the SSC who pay salaries directly to the employees and not to the Association. Only the money remaining after the deduction of salaries (£95,000 less £80,000 approximately) is given to the Association. The SSC have already been involved in a number of restructuring situations with other sports but would look at our proposals on their merits. The main concern is that we carry through the programme in the Submission for Grant in Aid and work within the costings. The Wave Programme especially would need to be carried through as planned, the Staff at present running the Programme have said that they can do the work necessary including future planning.

The SSC see the grading of the new post being similar to that of the Director of Swimming and would not incur the same level of expenses.

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Correspondence

- 1 Letter from Messrs Hawthorn, Taylor and McLeod-Bain members of Review Committee. Noted.
- 2 Letter from Currie and Gilmour Solicitors acting for Director of Swimming. Many inaccurate statements and implied threats.
- 3 Letter from Hon Legal Adviser regarding the legal position of Council's actions which were approved correct and within the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

1 The allegations in the Currie and  
2 Gilmour letter were without basis.

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4 4 Letters from a number of Masters Clubs  
5 in support of Council's actions but  
6 asking that Masters be given its  
7 place as the 5th discipline already  
8 recognised by FINA.  
9 There was also criticism of the way  
10 Council's proposal was presented to the  
11 Midland District by the District  
12 President and SASA Vice President.

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15 32/92 Discussion

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17 A prolonged discussion ensued which considered a great  
18 variety of points of concern but members wished to make  
19 sure that everything pertinent to the matter was examined.

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21 After the Secretary had taken further advice by telephone  
22 from the Legal Adviser the following proposal was agreed:

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27 **RESOLVED:** That an Extraordinary General Meeting of the  
28 Association be held on Sunday 17 May in Stirling to  
29 consider the proposal of Council "that the  
30 recommendations contained in Part 1 of the J G Queen  
31 Interim Report concerning Professional Staff  
32 appointments, namely the appointment of a Chief  
33 Executive and the necessity to make the post of  
34 Director of Swimming and Office Manager redundant  
35 should be implemented.

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38 33/92 Action

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40 1 Press Statement: Mr Murdo Wallace to  
41 prepare a Press Statement to be agreed  
42 with the General Secretary and the  
43 General Treasurer then checked by the  
44 Legal Adviser.  
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46 2 Mr Charles to arrange venue at Stirling  
47 University for Sunday 17 May. To issue  
48 notice of the EGM from the SASA Office  
49 along with a copy of the J G Queen  
50 Interim Report to all clubs who had  
51 paid their Per Capita by the 31 March  
52 (copies to be sent to other Clubs when  
53 payment is received).  
54 The General Secretary to prepare an agenda for the  
55 EGM.  
56 Mr Charles and Mr Taylor to arrange all the necessary  
57 documentation eg delegates slips, voting cards etc at  
58 the SASA Office.  
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3     Legal Adviser to reply on behalf of  
      Council to the Currie and Gilmour  
      letter and to notify the 2 employees  
      the continuation of the suspension.

4     The Secretary and Treasurer to meet  
      with the Scottish Sports Council  
      Officials.

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Close

The President closed the meeting at 10.45 pm thanking  
members for their attendance and contributions to the  
business.