

Scottish Amateur Swimming Association

DRAFT MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Sunday 27th August, 1995
Venue: Dewars Ice Rinks, Perth
Time: 10.00 am - 2.30 pm

Sederunt:	Mr. Bill Black	President
	Mr. Norman Grierson	Vice President
	Mr. Peter Syer	East District
	Mrs. Anne Thow	East District
	Dr. Derrick Hoare	Midland District
	Mr. Jim Westcott	Midland District
	Mr. John Phillips	North District
	Mr. Robin Dale	West District
	Mr. Bob Craig	West District
Apologies	Mr. Andy Drummond	North District
	Mr. Ian Mason	Chairman B.O.M.
	Mr. Stuart Martin	V.C. Admin./Finance
	Mr. Martyn Woodroffe	Director of Swimming
	Mrs. Elaine Mackenzie	Administration Manager

1. President's Address

The President welcomed Council members to the meeting and reported that Mrs. Mackenzie had a problem with her car and would not be available for the meeting. She had not been able to make arrangements for servicing. He said that the main business of the meeting was to look at the proposals for the new Constitution but he thought that Council should be able to deal with any matters within its remit and be open to receive information concerning the affairs of the Association.

Council members expressed concern that this was the second meeting without secretarial support.

2. Minutes of Council Meeting of 18th June 1995

The minutes were proposed by Dr. Hoare, seconded by Mr. Grierson, and approved by Council.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes.

3.1 Council was pleased to learn that the SWPC had carried out the agreed procedures and that the Committee was well ahead with reviewing the disciplines regulations. A meeting of Water Polo Clubs will be held in Perth on Sunday 3rd September, 1995.

3.2 National Timing Equipment : Council considered Mr. Martin's report and assessment of the situation regarding the National Timing Equipment.

Mr. Syer said that the matter had not yet been discussed by his District but he personally could see no advantage to his District taking on the National equipment in addition to the set which they already had and was not used a great deal.

Dr. Hoare said that his District could provide a base for the National Equipment at Arbroath Swimming Pool, there was also a qualified electrician willing to maintain and service the equipment. He stressed, however, that the equipment must be in working order before they assumed responsibility for it.

The President said that another possibility was to give the equipment to the newly refurbished East Kilbride Pool, especially as the Local Authority had asked for our support with a request to the SSC.

Mr. Craig said that Ayr was the only pool where the West District required timing equipment. Mr. Phillips said that the North District was not interested in additional equipment.

It was agreed to take the matter back to the Districts for discussion and that the District Secretaries would advise Mr. Martin before the 31st October. It was noted that it was a condition that the equipment would be made available for National events for a fee and that these events would have priority.

3.3 New Unitary Authorities : 4.8 June Minutes : Mr. Syer reported that he had contacted the Clubs in Fife and had a meeting with the new Authority officials. It would appear that Fife Sport has Netball as their priority sport, however the meeting had drawn the Council's attention to Swimming.

Arising from discussion on the subject of new Authorities and possible joint initiatives, Council members were concerned about the legal position of the Association with regard to being the Employer of the new SSC funded appointments in Aberdeen and Edinburgh. The North District delegates had requested when they would receive any return for their investment in a National Development Officer.

It was agreed to ask for clarification from Mr. Mason Chairman of the Board on the details of any agreement involving the Association and employing Development Officers/Coaches.

It was also resolved to request that the Director of Swimming should advise Council on the National Development Officer's programme of work and how the Team Sport Scotland Swimming Coordinator fits in to the Association's programme.

3.4 Pool Safety : 8.2 June Minutes : It was noted that Mr. Brown the VC Disciplines had started collecting information on Pool Safety . Council was concerned that the Midland District had decided to allow diving into shallow water. Dr. Hoare said that the decision referred to particular swimmers who trained in the pool and were familiar with the depth. He said that it would not be the case in Open Meets. He said that the Midland District had not received any notification from the Administration Manager about starting at the shallow end. Other Council members pointed out that all clubs had been circulated with the SASA policy on diving into shallow water some time ago and the new award introduced by the Scottish Swimming Awards also highlighted the dangers.

Mr. Syer said that at all ASA events the Technical Officials received a verbal briefing on safety procedures and were required to sign that they understood (a written version was also available).

3.5 Pennants : It was noted that pennants had been obtained for the National Age Group Championships and that they were of good quality and that Mrs. Mackenzie was to be congratulated for achieving this at such short notice.

4. Constitution

4.1 The President, Mr. Syer, East District, Mr. Grierson, Vice President and Mr. Phillips, North District tabled written reports. Mr. Dale, West District and Dr. Hoare made verbal reports.

4.2 The President circulated copies and explained his proposals regarding the area covering Protests, Complaints and Appeals, he had produced two versions after looking at the FINA, LEN, ASA and ASFGB rules. He proposed that Council members should take the document away and read it carefully in order to discuss the issues at the next meeting on 9th September. Mr. Grierson explained his proposed changes followed by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Syer had wide ranging proposals which he thought might be contentious he agreed to send a copy to the SASA Office for circulation to

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members before the next meeting.

4.3 Mr. Dale also agreed to put his proposals in writing for the next meeting.

Action : All Council members to read and comment on the proposals for next meeting on 9th September.

5. Finance

5.1 Audit of Club Accounts: Council members wished to know how the audit was progressing. It appeared that all the Clubs involved except Prestwick ASC had responded.

5.2 Mrs. Thow understood that the exercise had been carried out as part of the National Planning Seminar.

5.3 Further discussion highlighted concerns about the accuracy of the membership returns being made by many clubs and the question of insurance cover for non-declared members. Mr. Syer pointed out that the representative from the insurance company had **not** made it clear that "helpers" would only have limited cover. Mr. Syer quoted paragraph 3 of the insurance document.

It was resolved to raise these matters with Mr. Martin at the next meeting on 9th September.

It was also requested that the Per Capita Statistics be circulated to Council.

6. Administration Manager's Report

6.1 Mrs. Mackenzie had no formal report, however, the following clearance was noted

Angela and Ian Birchall from Ulveston SC to Montrose ASC

Council members again expressed concern at the lack of information on specific areas and non attendance of support staff.

7. Board of Management Chairman's Report

7.1 Local Authority Development Officers' Conference : Council commended this initiative and looked forward to receiving a report in due course. The President said that he would be in attendance to welcome the delegates.

7.2 Investors in People : Council noted the progress and the fact that this would be a considerable achievement for the Association's employees if they are successful.

7.3 Staff Appraisals : Council members discussed the work programmes of staff members and raised a number of points which they wished clarified viz.

7.3.1 Definition of Club Development?

7.3.2 What involvement is planned at grass roots level?

7.3.3 Local Authority meetings/negotiations District Secretaries should be kept informed.

7.3.4 Activities/visits to Districts should be advised to District Secretaries.

7.3.5 Swimming Coordinator's programme?

7.4 Sports Science Project : Council look forward to further details

7.5 Foundation for Sport and the Arts : Council appreciate this application on behalf of grass roots development.

8 Director of Swimming :

8.1 It was noted that the Director will make a major report to Council on the 9th September.

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8.2 Calendar Planning : Council members reported wide disagreement with the proposed change of dates for the Scottish Winter Championships to the Christmas weekend to avoid the ASA Winter Championships.

It was resolved that the dates of the 1995 Winter Championships will be 15th - 17th December as printed in the Annual Programme Guide.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Commonwealth Games Council Executive Committee :

It was agreed to support the nomination of Mr. Ian Mason to the CGC Executive.

9.2 Memo from SWPC Convener advising that Barry Davidson of Portobello ASC had not paid his £60 contribution towards the 7 Nations Tournament in Vienna. He had been sent two letters and his Club had also been informed.

It was agreed that the Administration Manager should write to Barry Davidson asking him to make payment or produce evidence that he has already paid within 7 days from the date of the letter.

9.3 Co-opted Members : Memo from Mr. Syer requesting clarification of voting rights of co-opted members of Standing Committees.

After discussion it was agreed that this issue should be included in the new Constitution proposals.

9.4 National Masters Convener : Council approved with pleasure the appointment of Mr. Donald Muirhead as National Masters Convener.

9.5 Resignations : The President reported with regret that Mrs. Liz Hastie and Mr. Ted Letson had resigned from the Long Distance Swimming Committee. He had attended the last meeting of the LDS Committee which was very heated in the meeting and outside afterwards. Mr. Douglas Brown VC Disciplines was in the process of investigating the situation and will report through the Board of Management.

The meeting concluded at approximately 2.30pm

Bill Black
SASA President