

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 15th November, 1969 at 2.p.m. in the Waverley Hotel, Perth.

by Mrs.M.Black.Convener.

Chairman: Mrs.Mary Black, Convener.

Those Present: Mrs.Betty Paton, West; Mrs.Helen Murray, East.

Mr.J.Y.Coutts, Gen.Secy.S.A.S.A. & Mr.J.W.Williamson, Hon.Treas.S.A.S.A.

Apologies: Mr.J.Wainwright, President.S.A.S.A. who was unable to be present through illness; Mrs.Joyce Koloczek, Midlands, who was sitting her Officials examination on the same day.

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Mr.Coutts who had been restored to health after his accident and also Mrs.Paton who had recovered from an operation.

August

Minutes: These were adopted on the motion of Mr. Williamson, seconded by Mrs.Paton.

Business from Minutes: This would be given under REPORTS.

Correspondence: Letter from East District Synchro Committee giving their views on various aspects of the National Squad Rehearsals. Mrs.Black's reply was also read out.

Hamilton College had been unable to accomodate the request for a weekend in February, 1970.

Letter from Tulliallan Police College, granting request for use of pool and accomodation for 13/15th Feb.1970.

Letters from Messrs.Goodman's Loudspeakers giving details of their 'Subanua 10' underwater Loudspeaker. Mr.Black of Edinburgh Corporation is also interested in these speakers. Convener is to get Photostat copies made and send them to Mr.Black. Letter from Bristol & District Synchro Swim Club, giving details of the tour of Miss McGrath & Miss Redmond.

Circular from the Joint S.A.S.A/S.S.S.A National Awards Scheme, giving details of the up to date state of affairs. This scheme is hoped to be operational early in the New Year.

Letter from Bristol : thanking Convener for arranging the tour in Scotland of the two World Champions, and also giving possible dates for the Tour of the Full Merionette Team from San Francisco.

Convener said that she had sent a letter to the North District delegate answering the question which was raised at Council regarding their District not being represented in the National Squad. Convener's answer was considered a fair assessment of the situation. Mr.Williamson said that the National Squad had been asked to give a Display at the Opening Gala of the Commonwealth Pool on the 16th January, 1970. This honour was well received by the Committee.

At this point a suggestion was made that the National Squad should be tested as to their abilities and a Team of 12 chosen. Mrs.Murray said that she would be able to arrange the use of the Pool at Cramond for Saturday, 22nd November. 11.a.m.

A further suggestion was made that 5 male judges would mark on their personal assessment of the candidate's performance. Five names were put forward, viz: Messrs.J.Bell, D.Dinnie, W.Law, A.R.Mitchell & J.Y.Coutts. Convener was asked to contact these gentlemen as to their availability. It was felt that they should be asked to meet at 10.30 a.m. giving them time to make a common decision on the means of marking. Convener was to prepare a suitable guide on the stunts etc., for the judges use. Strokes and stunts would be assessed. Candidates would be numbered., as there was to be a rehearsal on the 16th Nov., the girls could be informed then, and any absentees would be written to-



REPORTS: Mrs. Murray gave her report on the workings of the East Group. They had given Displays at Warrender, Portobello and Drumchapel. They practise at Gillespie St. Pool for 2 hrs and Cramond 1hr per week. Things were progressing favourably.

West girls had also given a number of displays at Club Galas.

No Report from North or Midlands. It was understood that Midlands group had not the use of the Dundee Pool owing to renovations. There was a suggestion that they try to get into the Perth Pool.

Drum-chapel Weekend. 3/4/5th Sept. Convener reported on the Drumchapel Week-end: This had been a great success for all concerned and the Baths Manager of Glasgow Corporation had intimated that about 100 persons had been through the turnstiles. The displays by the British Internationalists was excellent and the two girls had been kind enough to help out in many ways. T.V. Cameras had visited the Pool on one occasion. Letters of thanks had gone out to all concerned.

Visit of Misses McGrath & Redmond. 22/27th Sept. Convener reported on this five day tour, which was got together at very short notice, the Bristol Club having given her only 3 days warning. The East & Midlands District had quickly organised the use of Club time and two Clubs in the West had given up club nights also. Again over 800 saw this marvellous pair who gave demonstrations and clinics at three venues. Dundee having to be cancelled. Letters had gone out to those who had assisted Convener.

A.S.A. 1st National C/Ships: Convener had received an invitation from the A.S.A. to act as Scorer at the Championships at Marshall St. Baths on 8th Nov, 1969. This had been a most interesting experience. Champion was Miss Jenny Lane of the Seymour School of Synchro Swimming.

The San Francisco Merionettes had arrived in time to perform at these Championships and had also contested a match G.B. v. S.F. Merionettes, which they won.

Visit of the Merionettes: 14th Nov. The Marlin Synchro Club of Clydebank had sponsored this show and there was a maximum audience at Drumchapel Pool on the one night only visit. The organisers had been fortunate in booking the Wishaw Divers & Aquabelles; and the East Group of Synchro Swimmers for the Show. The American girls were given hospitality by the Clydebank Team and friends. A local factory had helped to sponsor the Show. But because of extremely bad travelling facilities made by the Bristol club, the organisers had had to plough the profit of the gala into more suitable and comfortable transport for the long return journey. This was considered the least they could do under the circumstances. The American Team had gone away with a very favourable view of Scottish friendship.

Other Competent Business: Tulliallan Weekend. 13/15th Feb. 1970. This was discussed and the suggestion put forward that this course should be directed to the P.E. teachers; club coaches etc. Also that there should be more individual participation so that personal performance can be assisted, by the Course Directors. Convener stated that Mr. & Mrs. Rackham had agreed to come as before. They would be asked to bring a demonstrator with them, someone of Grade 5 standard. Mr. Rackham was to be given a copy of the S.S.S.A./S.A.S.A. Award scheme so that he could project this at the Course.

The Course fee would be raised to £2.0.0. for the weekend and 15/- for a day ticket. Convener would act as administrator and the Committee as Stewards etc. Applications would go out early in January, to all those on the list held by the convener.

Convener stated that she was to give talks and film demonstrations to the P.E. Department of Dunbarton C.C. at a two day Conference to be held on 26/27th Nov. She was to inform on the Awards and give general information on Synchro Swimming. Mrs. Murray said that she was also arranging something along the same lines in her area.

The Convener was thanked by Mr. Williamson for all her efforts in organising the various visits by the American girls and the British Internationalists. By giving hospitality and using her own transport this had reduced expenses to the Association.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 5.p.m.