

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION -
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 23rd, August, 1969 in the
Waverley Hotel, Perth at 2.p.m.

Chairman: Mrs. Mary Black, Convener.

Those Present: Mrs. Betty Paton, West; Mrs. Koloczok, Midlands.
Mr. J. Wainwright, S.A.S.A. President; Mr. J. Williamson
S.A.S.A. Hon. Treasurer.

Apologies: Mr. J. Y. Coutts; Gen. Secy. S.A.S.A. & Mrs. E. Mitchell, North.

Minutes: Chairman opened the meeting at 2.15. apologizing for the
late start. The new Midlands District delegate was warmly welcomed,
and was given copies of the previous minutes etc., for her information.

Minutes: As these had previously been circulated and as there were
no corrections, Mr. Williamson moved the adoption of the Minutes,
seconded by Mrs. Paton.

Business from

Minutes: As relevant business was to be discussed further in the
Agenda, the meeting moved on to the next business which was-

Correspondence:

Letter from Miss Nancy Wood, of Dunfermline College, requesting
that as she had been detained in attending the Course at Tulliallan, she
wanted to know if she could have her fee refunded. After discussion, it
was decided that the Convener write to Miss Wood and inform her that her
request had been given consideration but turned down.

Letter from Mrs. Fisher, Bristol, informing the Convener that
there was to be a visit of the American San Francisco Merionettes, to the
U.K. in November. Also Miss Margo McGrath and Miss Carol Redmond, Solo
and Duet World Champions, would be in Britain in September and were
requesting that they might visit Scotland in the last two days, i.e.
29th & 30th Sept. The Committee thought that we should try to
accommodate the two girls in their request and Mrs. Black offered to host-
ess them for the duration of their stay. The problem was to try and
and fit in suitable venues: Glasgow's holiday weekend fell at that time-
Mrs. Koloczok offered to try and interest the Midlands in taking the girl
for one of the two dates, Mrs. Black would try to accommodate the other
one in some West pool.

Mr. Williamson suggested that a circular be sent out to interested clubs
and this was agreed.

Letter from A.S.A. Synchronised Swimming Secretary, stating
that the National Championships would be held in Marshall St., Baths
in London, on 8th November.

Mr. Williamson stated that a letter had been received by
the Commonwealth Games Technical Committee, from Miss Helen Elkington
N.T.O. of the A.S.A., with a request from the Canadian team, asking for
permission to put on a Synchro display at the Games.
The Technical Committee had discussed this, and as there was to be a
display by a Scottish team, the offer was declined.

Reports: Convener stated that the Tulliallan Course had received a good
reponse and seemed to have achieved the objective desired. The S.A.S.A.
Council had received a report and had been favourably inclined towards
the result.

Mr. Williamson was asked at this point for his comments regarding the
financial aspect of the course and future courses: he replied that he
was pleased with the reponse and that the Committee could be reassured
that at least until 1971, it could rely on the S.A.S.A. for financial
support regarding courses etc., but that the subsidy would perhaps not
be so great, the participant would be asked to pay a higher fee-which
those present thought a fair comment. Districts could expect a share of
subsidy according to their active participation in the Synchro devel-
opment.

Drumchapel Weekend:

6/7th Sept. The Committee was given the details of the meeting
held between the Convener and Mr. Russell, General Baths Manager, Glasgow
Corporation, regarding this project; at the outset of the entire 'campaign
for water time and space' Mrs. Black had received very few offers of
help from Authorities, but Mr. Russell was one who had given this very
kind offer of a two-day let of the Drumchapel Pool for no/

fee other than the proviso that a short display would be given twice a day, each day. This had been agreed upon by Mrs. Black earlier on in the year, but Mr. Russell had only recently given final verification of the let. So that a worthwhile show could be put on, the convener had arranged that two British International Synchro Swimmers would come up to give displays, the local Marlins would pad the programme as they had a short routine going at present. The whole object of this two-day event was to get the maximum water-time for the Scottish Group to rehearse together and we were grateful for this opportunity.

Mrs. Koloczek said that she would try to organise a 'bus party to come through as spectators. This was made clear, that this two-day project was for the Scottish Group only.

Mr. Williamson said that he would refund travelling expenses to the participants of the Group. He also suggested a circular to all clubs, etc.

Other Competent Business: A suggestion was made that a further residential course as a follow-up to the Tulliallan one be organised under the same administration, for some time early in the New Year. The convener was asked to get this under way. Mr. & Mrs. Rackham were again to be invited to take the Course. Fees for participants would be fixed at a later meeting. Hamilton College was suggested as an alternative if Tulliallan was not free.

In reply to a question, convener stated that the calendar for rehearsals for the Scottish Group would be fortnightly meantime, she had received an offer from Mr. Bell, of Wishaw for evening time and in fact the first practise was the next day, 24th. This gave the opportunity for the girls to have land work as well as water-work which was a good point. Weekly rehearsals would begin as early as possible in the New Year, or as deemed fit. More Weekends were suggested, and perhaps a full week during May or June, when it was agreed that intensive work would be under way. We would be given the opportunity to rehearse at the Edinburgh Pool nearer the date, Mr. Williamson said he would look into this.

Mrs. Black reported on a meeting she had had with the Tele-Communications Engineer Mr. Bill Ross, and Mr. Black Gen. Manager, Baths Dept., regarding the sound equipment at the Pool. It had been a useful meeting, when the convener had been allowed to put forward her requirements, but the finalisation was in the hands of Mr. Black. The recording device, the spotlighting etc., had been discussed and the depth of the pool had also been pointed out. (See addendum below next para.)

As to accommodation at the Games, convener stated that she had had discussion with the leader of a Youth Centre which had residential facilities and was within the easy reach of Edinburgh, she was asked to make further enquiries.

Add: Convener had asked Mr. Black & Mr. Ross if there could be sound equipment similar to that at present successfully in operation at Chelsea College of Phys. Ed. She had acquired details and specifications of same which Mr. Black was pleased to receive. This equipment gives ideal underwater hearing and can either be a permanent fixture or portable.

Date of next meeting was fixed for 15th November, 1969 at 2.p.m.

The meeting had discussed all aspects of the agenda very fully and as there was no other business, a Vote of Thanks was given to the Chairman by Mr. Wainwright and the meeting closed at 5.20.p.m.

Mrs. Mary Black. Convener.
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