

S.A.S.A. SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE.

Meeting held in The Royal British Hotel, Perth.

on Saturday, 10th October, 1970.

Convener, Mrs. M. Black.

Minutes.

Present: Mrs. Mitchell, North; Mrs. Murray, East;
Mr. J. Reid, S.A.S.A. President; Mr. J. Y. Coutts; Gen. Secy; Mr. J. W. Williamson.
Hon. Treas.

Apologies: Mrs. Dempster, West.

Chairman: Mrs. M. Black. West.

Convener welcomed the members to the meeting, and particularly Mr. J. Reid, being the first occasion that he had sat in on the Synchronised business, during his term of office.

Minutes: of the previous meeting were adopted on the motion of Mrs. Murray seconded by Mr. Williamson.

Business from Minutes:

Reports had been circulated regarding the Tulliallan Course, which cleared up any business.

Correspondence:

Convener read a letter from Tulliallan College, in which the Commandant stated that there had been some tightening up of bookings for residential courses and that our application would go before the Board of Governors, on 9th Oct., for their decision.

No replies had come from, St. Leonards School, St. Andrew's; Hamilton College or Rosyth.

Mr. Coutts suggested that Convener contact Mr. Buchan of Glenrothes, Pool, with a view to acquiring training facilities there, it would be suitable perhaps for National Courses, providing residential accommodation could be arranged.

Future plans:

Committee were advised that the Synchronised budget for the 1971 expenditure would have to be in the Hon. Secretary's hands in good time for the December Council meeting. In fact 21 days prior.

Discussion took place and it was made clear to the members that only National Courses would receive consideration from the parent body and that any District ^{group} running a course would have to apply to the appropriate District for a grant. All costs would have to be met by the organising group.

..... It was agreed that the future development of Synchronised lay in the broadening of the scope of the existing participants, to become instructors; teachers and coaches. In this respect the convener was given a remit to place before the district representatives a plan for examinations leading to these three standards and after perusal and agreement of same to institute examinations whereby proper examiners shall be in charge all tests.

Suggestion of age limits were :- 16 for Instructors; 18 and over
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for Teachers and Coaches. There should be a certificate and Badge awarded to successful candidates.

..... There had been a proposal that some form of lectures be given but nothing had been done about is so far. Convener was asked to contact Mr. G. Rackham with a view to this- his lectures could be given by proxy' by selected members of the Synchronised groups in each District. The final examination could be done by an external examiner. i.e. Mr. Rackham. /

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REPORTS:

Midlands: None.

North: Mrs. Mitchell reported that she now had water time at Hilton School and was due to start classes this week. Mrs. Murray took note of this as Miss Janet Dickson of the Team is now studying at Aberdeen and could perhaps help there.

East: Mrs. Murray gave a detailed list of engagements fulfilled by the East group, and they were continuing the good work unfortunately water time had been denied them recently, Mrs. Murray had been asked by Mr. Donald to give a series of monthly lectures to a group at Glenrothes. This is very encouraging. There had also been an unofficial championship contest.

West: On Mrs. Dempster's behalf, convener told members of the large number of galas attended by various groups in the West. Mrs. Black would be lecturing to schools in her county. National level: Convener stated that in her opinion the state of Synchro Nationally was nearing the phase in progression when the girls who had been participants were now wanting to become coaches and examiners. We should have to make provision for this.

The Scottish Team had performed at the Games in a manner which was applauded by home and overseas visitors alike. Special mention had been made by the Canadians. Mrs. Black had passed on to the girls, the congratulations of Mr. J. Reid and Doctor Haugh, F.I.N.A. after the display in Edinburgh.

A vast amount of work had been achieved in a very short time and every girl was to be commended for her staying power. They had made many sacrifices.

Convener asked that it be put forward at the Council meeting that The Team should be used in the future at National events and any other occasion Council deem suitable, to first of all keep the Team together and give them something to aim at. With this thought in mind the Team should continue to meet regularly and the financial aspect be included in the budget for the coming year.

Financial:

Mr. Williamson had very little to add to the forgoing statements - he advised on the costing of courses.

Convener at this point asked if the gentlemen of the executive could clarify what she and the Team members had considered an understood fact - that one of the sets of swimsuits worn at the games be purchased on their behalf by the S.A.S.A / or Games Committee. There seemed to have been a misunderstanding over this and she put it to Council for further consideration. The girls had done everything in their power to keep costs down.

Other Competent

Business:

Mr. Williamson asked that the thanks and appreciation of the Games Technical Committee be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting. He had personally written to Mrs. Black and offered his congratulations on the performances at the Games.

Mrs. Black thanked Mr. Williamson on behalf of the Team.

This being all the Business, Mr. Reid gave a Vote of thanks to the Chairman and also his personal commendations on all the work done by the Committee. He asked the District delegates to take this back to their Districts.

Mr. Coutts added his congratulations to the Team and the meeting closed at 5.p.m.