

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION-SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting held in Central Hotel, Glasgow on Sunday, 4th March, 1973 at 2.p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mary Black, Convener; Mrs. Avril Dempster, West; Mrs. Elise Fyffe, North; Miss Laurie Henderson, East; Mr. Alex. Cooper, Midlands.
Mr. Bill Black, Gen. Secy., in attendance.

Apologies: Mr. John Neil, President, S.A.S.A. ; Mr. Ian Martin, Treasurer, S.A.S.A.

Convener welcomed the members and thanked everyone for a full turn out.

Aberdeen Course: As previously suggested, to enable each district to be represented at the Course, the committees of each district had nominated one willing participant who would be sponsored by the S.A.S.A. to the extent of the course fees only- and would be committed to passing on the knowledge to the district in return. It was however, pointed out that local authority grants were generally available if the candidate put a good case forward. The suggestion had been accepted by the four districts and names were as follows:

East: Miss Laurie Henderson.

Midlands: Miss Pauline Page.

North: Mrs. Elise Fyffe.

West: Member of East Kilbride Club. Name not as yet confirmed.

The closing date for names was 19th March.

The convener pointed out that her budget to the Council was principally for development and it was thought that the Aberdeen Course would be a good beginning.

A.S.A. EASTER Course: The names of two nominees had been put forward: Miss Anne Matheson and Miss Catherine Snowden. Again it was hoped that the S.A.S.A. would underwrite the cost of the Course, but the nominees could ask for grant aid locally.

A.S.A. SCORERS Course: This had originally been scheduled to take place at the trial for the Billingham Course, but as only two names were eventually put forward the trial was cancelled. The examiner Mrs. Williams however had been in agreement to carry on the Course and it was successfully completed at Clydebank on Sunday 18th February. Of eight candidates, 7 passed and 1 failed. The committee are grateful to Mrs. Williams for her encouragement and interest. Her expenses to and from Bolton were paid.

4 Quarterley Weekend Courses: The object behind this proposal was that each district in turn would organise a course which would be progressive throughout the year from basics onwards. The teaching of synchro would be the main aim and prospective teachers would be encouraged to attend. Swimmers would also be used in the teaching programme, but they would have a separate time laid aside for individual performance improvement and coaching. It would also be the purpose to encourage and teach the girls with the Synchro Awards as an objective.

Dates were initially set for the first two:

31 Mar./1st. Apr. Midlands.

23/24th June. North.

Sept. West.

Early Nov. East.

S.A.S.A. TEACHERS CERTIFICATE: A letter had been received from Miss Brayshaw stating that the A.S.A. syllabus would not be ready until September. The committee agreed that this would be a suitable time for our programme, taking into account the difficulties in obtaining venues. The convener would ask the A.S.A. for their permission to incorporate their syllabus in our teachers programme.

Other Competent Business:

Other suggestions were that we should meet together socially and the convener pointed out that the four quarterley get togethers should be used also for this purpose. Committee meetings could also take place then to save running costs.

Competitions were suggested and it was agreed that Inter District competitions would be a likely follow up from the courses.

Thsi being all the business, the convener closed the meeting, thanking all the members for their attendance, at 4.p.m.