

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Water Polo Clubs held in the Leisure Centre, Dundee, on Sunday 3rd December 1978 at 1pm.

Mr. J.A. Snowden, Scottish Water Polo Convener, in the Chair welcomed delegates present representing seven clubs. ~~.....~~

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Apologies: J.Watson, P.Dempster, W.Stevenson, W.A.W. Laidlaw, R.B.Morrison.

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Mr.Snowden said that internationally the Scottish Team have done well - the Senior played in a Tournament associated with the 8 Nations Swimming Tournament in Tel-Aviv. Four teams participating-Israel, Wales, Belgium and Scotland. Belgium won the Tournament with 6 pts and Scotland came 3rd.

The highlight of the Home international tournament was the contest held at Wishaw in May. Six Nations took part and Scotland again finished third behind France who won the tournament and a W.Germany team which finished second. Abroad the U/21 team took part in the 5 Nations tournament in Switzerland and again finished third position. Switzerland finished first.

At Resyth in April the U/21 team won the Willie Mellors International Quad. Tournament, Ulster were second, R.N. third and the Army brought up the rear. In October the U/18 squad took part in the Attack Trophy Tournament at Manchester but lost to Plant Hill in the deciding tie.

At home Portobello again won the Premier League with an unbeaten record, having won all four games; the other teams taking part were 1930, Renfrew, Hamilton and N.C.R. - that being the finishing order. ~~Three contests were held at Coatbridge - 1930, Portobello and Dundee in May.~~ The disappointing sequel to this was that the Portobello club chose not to participate in triangular contest against the champions of England and Wales in order to find out who may take part in the European Cup Winners Tournament.

Portobello again won the Scottish W.P. Championship - the Scottish Cup - held at Easterhouse Pool in June, beating the City of Glasgow in the Final.

In the Under 21 tournament which was held in Wishaw last month - the Malta Trophy was won by Portobello beating 1930 in the final tie. N.C.R., Hamilton and Warrender made up the five teams participating.

The Willie Mellors Memorial Trophy Tournament for the U/17 was held at Coatbridge last month and was won by Hamilton who beat Warrender 12-3 in the final tie. Seven teams took part - Falkirk, Portobello, N.C.R., Carnegie and 1930.

The Senior Inter District was won by the East District - the contest being held in Dundee at the end of May. Unfortunately due to University exams, the North District were unable to take part.

The Junior Inter District was won by the West District in a tournament in Sept. at Easterhouse.

Unfortunately, there were only two entries for the Ad Hoc First Division so it was decided not to hold this tournament this year - late commencement. Next year an earlier start would be made.

I should like to congratulate Alan Campuell on his selection to the U/21 G.B. team. He took part in contests in Holland and Hungary.

I am pleased at this stage to congratulate the following players who following G.B. trials at Cosford last weekend have been selected to the G.B. squads - A.Campbell, U/21 team squad with Alan Donaldson as Reserve., I.Barrie-U/19 team squad and Mike Troup to the U/20 Team Squad.

I have summarised the results of the past year but looking to the future I should like to arrange more contests - of a tournament nature - for our National squads, particularly the u/18 squad who only had one contest last year.

The question of refereeing has been given much attention by the Committee and the Ref. Supervisor has been instructed to prepare a report for implementation early next year.

In conclusion I should like to thank the President, the other members of the ~~Committee~~ Executive and particularly the members of the S.W.P.C, the National Coach and his fellow coaches - Bob Morrison and Bill Laidlaw and last but not means least Nan Battison for doing so much of the secretarial work and thus making my duties much lighter and easier to handle.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 4th December 1977 were approved as a correct record by Mr.D.Urquhart and seconded by Mr. R.Eelder.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mr.P.Dempster resigning as West District Convener and advising that Mr. I. Jamieson, for 1979 would be the West District Convener, of 15 Milner Road, Jordangill, Glasgow, Tel.No. 041-959 5269. Mr. Dempster said that although he had resigned

/resigned as West District Convener, he would still be available to attend and assist at tournaments through his own District Convener. Mr.Snowdon thanked Mr.Dempster on behalf of ~~the~~ Scottish Water Polo for having made valuable contributions to Water Polo over the past years.

Letter from Mr.Dempster advising of a Proposal for Change of Rule - Under 17 and Under 21 Polo events he altered as far as entries and venues are concerned, the alteration being as follows:- "If more than two teams enter then a draw will take place covering preliminary quarter and semi-finals. Teams will play on a 'home' and 'away' fixture and all preliminary finals etc., to be completed by 15th October. The final for the Under 17 and Under 21 to be held at the same venue on the same date". Expenses for final pool hire and Officials' expenses only by S.A.S.A.

Letter from I.Martin sending his best wishes to the polo fraternity and apologising for not having given active support recently due to pressures of business and stated that he was still doing his best to obtain sponsorship for the benefit of all aspects of the sport.

Letter from R.B. Morrison resigning as Under 21 Coach due to family reasons.

1979 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Inverness Club - Loss of Polo Ball. Nothing came from this.

15 Years and under National League- This did not come to fruition, but Mr.McGibbon had successfully run an Under 16 Contest in Hamilton on 11th November 1978.

W.P.Referees set up. Nothing has come of this, but Mr.Stevenson has been requested to make a report of his proposals for 1979 and this to be circulated with the January minutes for consideration by the S.W.P. Committee at their meeting in January.

1979 PROGRAMME

~~_____~~ The proposed programme was agreed as follows:

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It was suggested that there should be a Polo Delegate ~~_____~~ to the L.E.N. Conference.

Mr.Snowdon to write to Lt.Comm.AV.R.Thompson re change of date for the U/21 Quadrangular contest as some of the players will be called upon for the G.B. squads. Mr.Snowdon also to contact Andy Morton.

Change of Rules by P.Dempster - As stated in the correspondence- After discussion it was agreed that this Change of Rule, ~~as amended with the necessary approval~~ be submitted to the A.G.M. to be held in February, ~~_____~~ *Mr.Dempster subsequently agreed not to withdraw his proposal*

Mr.Snowdon to write to Mr.Bell of Wishaw Baths re the booking of the pool for the 5 Nations tournament to be held on July 6-8th 1979.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COACHES for 1979 - To be fixed at the January W.P. Meeting.

Mr.Hartley McGibbon, ~~supported by Mr.~~ Jack Donaldson, said that we should be encouraging the Under 15 or even an Under 14 squad. This matter to be brought up at the January meeting of the W.P. Committee. Mr.McGibbon has agreed to undertake the making up of a set of rules and run on an Ad Hoc basis. Mr.Anderson suggested that this should be held in the first part of the year.

Mr.McGibbon said that the Hamilton club has been approached by an East Kilbride player to play for Hamilton in the Premier League but play for East Kilbride in the Leagues. This is quite in order.

Before the Meeting was closed, Mr.Snowdon thanked the Midland District for organising the accommodation.

As there was no other business, the Meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.