

S.A.S.A. Water Polo Clubs

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Dundee Leisure Centre on Sunday 5 December 1982 at 11 a.m.

Mr R.T. Elder, Scottish Water Polo Convener, in the Chair welcomed delegates present representing 10 clubs.

Apologies - Executive, B.Beckett, P. Dempster, D.Gordon, J.Roxburgh, J.A.Snowdon and M. and WAW Laidlaw.

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 1981 in University of Stirling were approved as a true record by D.Roxburgh and I.Jamieson.

Convener's review on the 1982 programme -
I would like to thank everyone for attending.

Senior Internationals

The senior team were invited to participate in the quadrangular tournament this year but not competing for the trophy.

Wales v Scotland v Ireland was cancelled.

8 Nation Swimming and Polo took place in Norway. Unfortunately we finished last.

Under 21

The first series of matches was at Manchester for the Mace Trophy which they won. The next tournament was the Quadrangular which was held at Rosyth. This we were able to win.

Their main tournament was held in Belgium and did very well to finish in third place.

Under 18

The Ireland v Scotland international was played in Belfast which we won both Internationals but lost to an Ulster Select.

Womens International

This year we have held various training sessions for women and competed against Ireland losing 7-3 and 4-0. Considering this was their first international the women did Scotland proud.

Before going on to the Domestic programme may I take this opportunity to thank all the Coaches and Team Managers for the way they carried out their duties.

Domestic Tournaments

Premier League was won by Portobello; Hamilton 2nd; Warrender 3rd; 1930 4th; Gala 5th and Taybridge 6th.

Scottish Cup The final was played at Inverness which was won by Portobello who defeated Warrender.

Malta Trophy u/21 Only five teams entered this year and my congratulations go to Portobello who defeated Warrender.

Willie Mellors u/17 Portobello again won this tournament defeating 1930 in the final.

Scottish 1st Division Three teams entered this year and congratulations to Renfrew on winning this league.

Senior Inter District This tournament was retained by East District defeating the West District in the final.

Junior Inter District Was held at Bishopbriggs pool this year. The tournament was won by the East District.

Referees My thanks to Dave Gordon for the way he has carried out his duty as Referees Supervisor.

Coaching This year Murray Anderson resigned as National Coach and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Scottish Water Polo Committee to thank him for the way he has carried out his duties over the years.

1983 Mr.Hartley P. MacGibbon will be Senior coach
Mr. Bill Laidlaw will be U/21 coach
Mr. Bruce Beckett will be Under/18 coach.
Mr. Robert Nicholson will be Ass.Senior coach and also help the other coaches if required.

Mr. David T. Urquhart will be the Coaches Co-Ordinator.

G.B. Congratulations to Fraser Moore, (Hamilton), and Andrew Gilhooly, (Portobello), on their selection to the G.B. Team for the European Championships.

CONCLUSION I would like to thank all those Officials who have assisted me throughout the year and a special mention to Mrs. Nan Battison for making my job as Convener much easier, also to the Executive and Council and, finally, not forgetting Mr.R.Betteley and his Staff.

Water Polo Calendar 1983

Convener informed those attending about the forthcoming Duncan Goodhew Swimalong and said that full efforts must be put in to this fund raising venture to enable us to fulfil the 1983 Calendar.

The matter was raised Mr.G.Spewart if any sponsors had been gained for any of the Domestic competitions. Convener had no knowledge if the Fund Raising Organiser had made any achievements re the Domestic programme. This matter to be taken up with Mr.Petteley.

Hamilton Club raised the point regarding the venue this year's (1982 at Inverness) Scottish Cup. Convener informed meeting that if offers are received all venues will be considered.

First Senior Training Weekend - The matter was raised as to the venue. Convener stated that he had applied for Wishaw Baths and would inform players as soon as possible.

Warrender BC raised the matter re Entry Forms for various Championships. Convener in the process of making a new form to be circulated to all Water Polo Clubs, District Secretaries and District Conveners.

Timing Equipment - Matter was raised regarding the use of timing equipment. Unfortunately, Convener had to inform the meeting that parts of the equipment was missing and that he would again take the matter up with the Director of Administration.

Premier League - A discussion took place regarding teams having to report at various competitions and waiting one or two hours before playing. There will be no change - all teams to report quarter of an hour before the commencement of the tournament.

Womens Water Polo was discussed and one or two of the clubs attending the meeting informed the Convener that they had women interested in attending weekends. Convener to inform all clubs when the first training session will be held. Convener also informed the meeting that he was trying to obtain a separate budget for Womens Water Polo.

Convener informed the meeting that there will be no National Coach appointed for 1983. Instead a Coaches Co-Ordinator has been appointed to co-ordinate training throughout the various squads and that Mr. David T.Urquhart as accepted this position.

Mr.H.F. MacGibbon (Senior Coach) was invited to address the meeting on his views regarding the training of the Senior team for 1983. This was appreciated by the meeting. General opinion from the meeting was that the new training structure would be successful.

Any Other Business

It was suggested that a Referees course should be held. Convener to contact Dave Gordon on this matter.

Matter was raised regarding the possibility of inviting English referees to referee at the Scottish Cup. Convener stated he would take the matter up with Dave Gordon but felt the expense would be too much.

Grading of Referees - It was stated that the grading of referees was a continuous process.

Mr.Jock Watson raised the matter of a Referees Advisory Panel. Convener to discuss the matter with Dave Gordon.

Convener informed the meeting that Entry Fees to Scottish Championships etc., would be raised to £10 per team but the Premier League and Scottish First Division would remain as they are.

Convener wished the new Dunfermline Waterpolo Club all the best for future years.

Convener closed the meeting by thanking all those who had attended the meeting and wished everyone the Compliments of the Season.

The Meeting closed with a **Vote** of Thanks to the Chair at 1.15 pm.