

S.A.S.A. Water Polo Clubs A.G.M.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Tay Hotel, Dundee on SUNDAY
4 December 1983 at 1300 hours.

Mr R T Elder, Scottish Water Polo Convener, in the Chair welcomed delegates representing 8 clubs.

Apologies were received from the Executive, WAW Laidlaw, A Gilhooly, R Nicholson and Warrender BC.

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 1982 were approved as a true record by Mr G Spowart and Mr J Watson.

REVIEW 1983

Senior International

This year the senior training was changed to one weekend per month which has proved to be the right decision considering the results of the team this year.

The team had a training camp plus competition in Israel earlier in the year finishing in third place.

The 8 Nations tournament took place in Tenerife finishing in fourth place.

Under 21

The u/21 team retained the Willie Mellors Quadrangular tournament at Rosyth.

The 4 Nations tournament took place in Switzerland finishing in third place.

Under 18

This year 4 Nations took place took part in the tournament which was held at East Kilbride. Scotland did well in winning this tournament.

Women's tournament

This was held at East Kilbride the same weekend as the u@18 tournament. Unfortunately, they lost to England and were narrowly defeated by Ireland who won the tournament.

My thanks to Mr & Mrs. George Battison for donating a shield to the Women's tournament.

Looking at the results this year at International level it is very encouraging for the future. My thanks to the Coaches and Team Managers for the way they carried out their duties and to the efforts of all players for their contribution to the results in 1983.

Domestic tournaments

Premier League was retained by Portobello, 2nd Dunfermline, 3rd Hamilton, 4th 1930 and 5th Warrender.

Scottish Cup This year's competition was sponsored by Fosters Lager. Quarter finals were held at Wishaw and the finals played at Dundee. Congratulations to Hamilton who defeated Dunfermline in the final.

Malta Trophy u/21

This year only one semi final and the final was played with Hamilton defeating Portobello.

Willie Mellors u/17

Only three teams entered this competition with Hamilton defeating Portobello in the final.

Scottish First Division

Five teams participated in this tournament. This was won by Taybridge, 2nd Gala, 3rd Renfrew, 4th Aberdeen and 5th Inverness.

Senior Inter District

East again retained this trophy defeating the West in the final.

Junior Inter District

This year was the turn of the North District to organise this tournament. The West defeated the East in the final.

Refereeing

Once again I take the opportunity to thank Dave Gordon for the way he has carried out this duties as Referees Supervisor.

Coaching

The following coaches have been selected for various Squads for 1984:-

Senior-HARTLEY P MACGIBBON, u/21-BILL LAIDLAW, u/18 BRUCE BECKETT,

Assistant Senior Coach-ROBERT NICHOLSON.

G.B.

At G.B. level my congratulations to all players and officials who represented G.B. this year.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Water Polo Committee for their assistance throughout the year and to the officials who attended various competitions. My thanks to the Executive and Council Members, Mr R Betteley and this staff, also a special thanks to Mrs Nan Battison for her assistance.

I feel the unfortunate death of Willie McFall will be a great loss to Water Polo in Scotland.

Water Polo Calendar 1984

Discussion took place regarding the form of the Premier League. Convener to arrange a meeting with participating clubs proposing changes to the above competition.

Discussion took place regarding the lack of entries for the Malta Trophy, Willie Mellors water polo competitions. The possibility of some incentive to new/more clubs to participate in these competitions was discussed.

Any other business

Women's Water Polo The grant which was given by the Sports Council was a 'one off'. It is hoped that there will be a chance to arrange a domestic programme for women's water polo in 1984.

Timing Equipment

Once again the question of timing equipment was raised. The Convener to discuss the matter with the Director of Administration.

Dunfermline Water Polo Club has again offered to store the water polo equipment; by this the Club mean to maintain and store it properly. Mr Elder thanked the Dunfermline Water Polo Club for their kind gesture. Convener advised that this matter was on the Agenda at the Council Meeting which was being held on 4 December 1983.

Referees' exam

A referees' exam paper has now been drafted and when it is ready notification will be sent to the various Districts.

Change of Rule

Mr Spowart raised the question regarding a Change of Rule for various competitions. Mr Spowart will put in a Change of Rule at the AGM to be held in Aberdeen on Saturday 24 February 1984; this matter having been thoroughly discussed; on the following lines:-
Players who have moved to another District due to work commitment should be allowed to play in 'home' District competitions.

Mr Martin Laidlaw raised the question regarding availability of release of players for club competitions when Scotland were involved in International matches. Convener informed the meeting that Scotland always had first call on players.

Referees Advisory Panel

Convener to see Dave Gordon re nominations for this Board.

The meeting concluded with the Convener thanking those who had turned up and wishing everyone the Compliment of the Season.

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair at 1500 hours.