

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Report to Swimming Committee (20th May 1990) on some issues arising from business considered by the Scottish Sports Association.

As the SASA Delegate and as an elected member of the SSA Executive Committee, I have attended the following recent meetings of that Association :-

- 11th January 1990 : First Meeting of the Executive Committee
- 12th January 1990 : Meeting of SSA representatives with the Parliamentary (all-Party) Scottish Sports Group
- 13th February 1990 : Joint Meeting : SSA with the SSC
- 20th February 1990 : Open Meeting (Scottish Governing Bodies and British Structures)
- 5th March 1990 : Second Meeting of the Executive Committee
- 26th April 1990 : Third Meeting of the Executive Committee
- 26th April 1990 : Half Year Meeting

The SSA has undertaken a great deal of business over this period and there is therefore a degree of 'subjectivity' in the following summary of a few of the most significant (to us) items :-

(1) Scottish Bodies and British Structures

The attached letter from Mr. Ken Johnston (Basketball) touches on a number of issues which have been surfacing from time to time :-

- || (a) The possibility of the Sports Council being more selective in their funding policy in future....making better use of limited funding rather than spreading it even more thinly than at present ;
- (b) The inclusion within the definition of 'sport' of associations representing aero-modelling or baton twirling for example.
- (c) The ever-present current of opinion that Scottish Sport is being submerged within GB and that the future of Scottish Sport depends heavily on competition and success at International Level of Scottish Teams.

(2) School Aged Sport

Responses to the Minister for Sport's consultation paper broadly support the involvement of Sports Associations in the extra-curricular activities and much will depend on the reactions of the teaching professions and unions in this respect. While this is primarily aimed at 'team sports', we could perhaps be giving some thought to our involvement - better links between schools and clubs ?.....an 'adopt a school' policy ?

(3) Legal Matters

Following heavy involvement in the Rates issues, the SSA is now involved on two other fronts :-

- (a) Minibus legislation
- (b) Compulsory Competitive Tendering

On the latter issue, it has been agreed that the model CCT document would be made available to governing bodies.

(4) Sports Medicine Course

An intensive practical course has been designed by the Edinburgh Post-Graduate Board for Medicine (The University of Edinburgh/ The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh/ The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh) primarily for General Practitioners actively involved in Sports Medicine.

10th-14th September 1990 : Cramond Campus
Fee : £120

(5) Annual Conference

The SSA Annual Conference will be held on 6th/7th October 1990.

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Dear Alan

SSC/SSA Open Meeting

It was probably fortuitous that at Tuesday's Open Meeting the introductory Speakers overran their allotted time and that I had to leave at 8.30 pm for a coaching appointment. I must confess that I left the meeting angry and bewildered. Angry that so many Speakers apparently saw little hope for the future of Scottish International sport, and bewildered that I was apparently so out of touch with their perception of the role of Scottish Governing Bodies of Sport.

As you will know from my contributions to the activities of the SSA I have consistently argued against selectivity and many of the other objectives in Sport 2000. No more. My interpretation of a number of the contributions to Tuesday's meeting is that many of the Sports in membership of the SSA are there under false pretences.

I have written to Brian Porteous suggesting the following criteria for full membership of the SSA, and entitlement to grant aid from the Scottish Sports Council:-

- 1 It must have full membership of its International Body.
- 2 It must have access to official European Competition.
- 3 It must have full responsibility for all aspects of its sport in Scotland.
- 4 It should have an ^W autonomous Coaching Scheme.
- 5 It should be totally responsible for organising domestic Scottish Competitions.
- 6 It defines eligibility to represent Scotland in International Competition on the basis of birthright, parental or citizenship criteria.

This might be an appropriate topic for discussion at our next meeting.

Yours sincerely

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