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SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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Mr. H.H. Smith (Director of Swimming)  
cc Mr. P.C.T. Barnett (Office Manager)

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Date : 29th April 1990

Report to Swimming Committee (20th May) : Scottish Sports Association

I attach, for your advance information and reference, a copy of a short report which I intend to include in the papers for our next Swimming Committee Meeting. Obviously, the report is not all-embracing - some items of interest have been identified and summarised.

As I did not submit a separate report on the Meeting of 5th March, the Minute of that Meeting is attached only for your information.

It should be noted that subscriptions are due.....is our SASA subscription already paid ?

  
Douglas C.J. Brown



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### 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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23 February 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 antonomous 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

KEN JOHNSTON

Technical Director

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Second Meeting of 1990 held at Caledonia House, Edinburgh on  
Monday 5 March at 1830 hours

PRESENT

A G Grosset, Chairman  
Mrs A M Gulland, Vice Chairman  
D C Brown,  
I D Grant  
K D Johnston, (for part of the meeting)  
J Livingstone  
P F Nelson  
Miss C Robertson  
Mrs M Simpson  
I G Russell, Secretary  
Miss L Melrose, Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of  
Mrs Livings, and Messrs MacRitchie, Normand and Smith.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the first meeting of 1990 held on  
11 January were confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 All Party Parliamentary Scottish Sports Group  
(Item 3.1 refers)

Referring to the note of the meeting which had been  
previously circulated the Chairman said that the  
meeting had been useful. In particular the  
Association should note the MPs' interest in  
attending the Annual Conference. The organisation  
might also furnish them with ideas on extending the  
arguments for increased funding for sport. They  
had intimated an intention to include sport in a  
debate in the Scottish Grand Committee and would  
welcome being briefed by the Association.

3.2 Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils  
(Item 3.2 refers)

P F Nelson reported that the Association's representatives at the meeting on 27 February had been reduced in number with only himself and Mrs Simpson being able to be present. The SALSC representation had been similarly reduced however and the meeting had discussed topics of joint interest, including mini bus legislation, local sports development groups and variable rates for coaching fees. The SALSC Chairman had also raised the matter of insurance. The discussions had been largely inconclusive but it had been agreed that the two organisations might exchange information better to inform their members of the respective roles of governing bodies and local sports councils. It had been agreed also to arrange a further meeting in late October/early November.

3.3 Association Patron (Item 6 refers)

The Chairman said that the Secretary had been advised that other organisations had written directly to Princess Anne. It had also been learned that the Queen had been patron of the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation. Her patronage had been bestowed on that organisation in 1954 and Buckingham Palace had recently inquired if the organisation still existed. The Chairman had taken the opportunity to suggest to the Queen's Private Secretary that the patronage might now be bestowed upon the successor to the SCPR, the Association. He had advised the Scottish Office of the correspondence.

4 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Coaching

D G Smith had asked for a meeting of the committee to be arranged in late March and those present agreed that Thursday 29 March at 1830 hours was convenient.

4.2 Valuation and Rating

The Chairman reported two recent developments. Firstly the Assessor's Solicitor had suggested he would make a case to lift the sist on the appeal. If such a move was activated the Association would oppose on the grounds that no action should be taken until details of the proposed legislation became known. Secondly, he



had been contacted by clubs regarding their charges for sewerage and water rates. It was understood that reductions in charges were to have been implemented to apply in the current financial year but clubs appeared to be being charged the higher rates. He would look into this matter immediately.

#### 4.3 Countryside Activities Group

P F Nelson expressed concern that under the proposals to privatise the Electricity Boards in the Electricity Act 1989, the Boards were required to present a policy on recreational use of facilities under their control. Such a policy did not appear to have been prepared however. The Chairman undertook to investigate this matter.

#### 5 SCHOOL AGED TEAM SPORT

A consultation paper having been received from the Scottish Education Department on the report of the enquiry group into school aged team sport it was decided that Mrs Gulland and Miss Robertson should prepare a draft response. In it they might suggest that the recommendations of the report should be enacted with some urgency but the SED should also bear in mind that the report referred to only part of the school aged sport issue. It was further agreed that the Executive Committee should meet to discuss the draft response before the half-yearly meeting on 26 April. The meeting would be at 1745 hours at Caledonia House prior to the half-yearly meeting which it was decided should be held at the Maybury Hotel at 1900 hours.

#### 6 FORWARD PLAN

A revised version of the plan had been circulated and P F Nelson explained the suggested amendments. They were relatively minor except for paragraph 18 which expressed an aim for the Association to move towards employing its own professional administrative support. It was explained that this aim was not based on dissatisfaction with the existing arrangements but was concerned more with the Association undertaking some of the services which the Scottish Sports Council presently provided. There was no wish to lose the working relationships with the Council. It was agreed that the Chairman, the Secretary and P F Nelson would prepare a list of target objectives to plan progress through broad discussion of the principles to detailed implementation.

In closing discussion the Chairman thanked Mr Nelson for his work in drafting and amending the forward plan.

7 MEETINGS WITH THE SCOTTISH SPORTS COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that the Council had agreed for a full meeting to take place on 8 May at Caledonia House at 1830 hours. He said it would be appropriate for this first meeting to have a relatively brief and non-consequential agenda. Items suggested were the Association's forward plan, the annual conference, and the attempts to form a convention for sport in Britain.

8 1991 YEAR OF SPORT

It was decided that discussion on possible initiatives to be supported by the Association could be discussed at the half-yearly meeting.

9 HALF-YEARLY MEETING

In addition to items suggested earlier it was agreed that there should be further discussion on British issues to continue some of the points raised at the recent open meeting. K D Johnston joined the meeting at this point and after discussion on a letter which he had written to the Chairman following the open meeting he agreed that six main points he made in that letter could be circulated beforehand to promote discussion at the half-yearly meeting.

10 MINIBUS REGULATIONS

It was agreed that the Association should seek to issue a public statement on the likely harmful impact of the regulations as proposed on sport in Scotland. It was agreed also that fuller information on the proposed regulations should be made available to governing bodies.

11 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Discussion on the wording on the motion to be debated as the keynote opening session of the conference was inconclusive. It was suggested that if Andy Roxburgh could not attend as the after dinner speaker either Brian Meek or Howard Haslett could be approached.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Compulsory Competitive Tendering

In response to D C Brown who enquired about the

progress of the model tender document the Secretary advised that it had been sent to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities on 27 February. There would likely be some consultation on the document between the parties involved before it was circulated to local authorities. It was agreed that it should be made available also to governing bodies.

The meeting closed at 2045 hours.