

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on Sunday, 30th September 1990 at Stirling University.

Attending : Mr. D. Brown (Convener)
Mr. N. Dashwood-Brady (East)
Mr. S. Davidson (Midland)
Mr. J. Phillips (North)
Mr. T. Nelson (West)
Mr. K. White (SSCA)
Mrs. F. Smith (Co-opted)

Mr. W. Black (Ex-officio)
Mr. M. Sheppard (Ex-officio)
Mr. H.H. Smith
(Director of Swimming)

Apologies : The Convener intimated that he had received apologies from Mr. G. Philp (Vice-President) who was attending the North District Open ; Mr. Philp would convey the Convener's apologies for being unable to attend that event.

No other apologies had been received.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 31st August 1990

The Minutes of the Meeting of 31st August were approved without amendment on a proposal from Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Phillips.

2. Matters Arising

i) Page 4 : Item 6 b) : Management Services

It was noted that Job Descriptions had not yet been received. Mr. Smith explained that Mr. Mason's professional duties were not at this stage entirely clear and that, until these were settled, it would be difficult to establish Management Services duties in detail ; hopefully, Mr. Mason would be available for the meets in early 1991.

ii) Page 5 : Item 9 (iii) : District Events

In response to a request from Mr. Phillips for clarification, Mr. Smith confirmed that District Events are taken into account when National Programme events are timetabled : in this particular case, it had been considered that an Age Group Development Squad Weekend did not 'clash' with an Open Event.

iii) Page 4 : Item 7 : Domestic Programme 1991 : Budget Estimates

Following receipt of the request from Mr. Barnett for a list of dates/events for 1991, the Convener had contacted the District Conveners and had asked for their programmes for 1991 to be available. The responses were noted as follows :-

West District : dates had previously been submitted to the SASA Office but had not been circulated. Mr. Nelson supplied a note of the dates.

East District : dates as per 1990 (to nearest date)

North District : dates not determined until their AGM in December - agreement to take 1990 dates (to nearest date) and enter as provisional.

Midland District : dates not yet determined ; 'B' Championships likely to be 14th or 20th March ; 'A' Championships likely to be the first or second weekend in May.

Mr. Smith advised that the dates for the ASA Winter Championships had only recently been changed and that a new date for Cumbernauld (subject to their agreement) would be sought.

It was noted that the Convener and Committee members had not received the revised copy of the National Squad booklet which already contained some of these changes.

Under the Budget Estimates, the following points were noted :-

- a) Several minor corrections were made to the paper submitted by Mr. Smith with the following effect :- (National and Squad Competition)

<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Actual Cost (ie less swimmers' contributions)</u>
£33,750	£29,500

- b) The 'Wave' programme costs were identified as follows :-

wave 4 (5 swimmers)..... 3,500

Wave 3 (8 swimmers)..... 3,200

£16,900

Staff Costs..... 2,500

Support Staff..... 600

Total costs.....£20,000 ('New Money' application)

- c) It was agreed that the National Programme training element be retained at the same costs as 1990 level, there being fewer swimmers to accommodate should the 'New Money' be provided for the 'Wave' Programme.
 - d) It was agreed that the Domestic Programme budget should also be retained at the 1990 level. In discussion on this item the Committee noted that it was extremely difficult to anticipate what (if any) sponsorship might be obtained and what pool costs might be, particularly in relation to some venues (eg EDC). It was also noted that members of the Executive Committee had a scheduled meeting with EDC on Tuesday 2nd October.
 - e) It was also agreed that following the meetings between Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Smith and the preparation of the final draft of the submission to the Sports Council, that all members of the Swimming Committee be circulated with that final draft for comment.
- iv) Page 4 : Item 7 : AGM Remit (Domestic Calendar)

The Convener tabled a paper which outlined a discussion (informal) which had taken place with Mr. Adam (Thurso ASC) at Drumchapel on 22nd September. Mr. Adam had been of considerable assistance by clarifying the thinking behind his proposal to the 1990 AGM. In some respects, the Swimming Committee had been trying to take the matter further than was required immediately - the first step should be to re-state the logic associated with the current Calendar for two reasons :-

- a) To assist Districts and Clubs to understand the reasoning and requirements ;
- b) To enable Districts and Clubs to plan their own programmes within that general format.

In extensive discussion on this matter, the following additional points were noted :-

- c) That there is a need to consider the whole programme of Scottish Swimming - not to regard the National and District Calendars as separate entities ;
- d) That a process of 'accreditation' by functions and levels might be required ;
- c) That there is nothing wrong with having different meets taking place at the same time if one meet caters for National level swimmers and the other is a 'graded meet'.

The matter was again remitted to the Convener and the Director of Swimming to draft an explanatory paper with options for development identified.

3. Correspondence

The list of Correspondence to 29th September was considered and the following items noted :-

- 90.299 : Mrs. Smith advised the Committee that the letters issued by the Director to swimmers who were no longer included in the National Squads had been much appreciated by the swimmers and their parents.
- 90.322 : The circulation of the newsletter 'The Road to Barcelona '92' was questioned ; it was agreed that it should be circulated by the SASA Office to all 'Wave' swimmers and to all Club Secretaries.
- 90.328 : It was noted that Alison Sheppard's 50m Free time from the 8 Nations Contest 1990 had been omitted from the Rankings - it was not clear why the results from that Contest did not appear in the Rankings.
- 90.330 : The observations of the Convener on the 1990 Inter-District Contest were noted. In extensive discussion on this subject, the Committee remitted to the Convener the task of preparing a draft proposal to the AGM in 1991 for change within the following guidelines :-
 - i) Because of the difficulties experienced by Districts in obtaining sufficient Senior swimmers with enthusiasm for the event, to change the oldest age group to 15 years and over : other age groups to follow the National Age Group

structure (ie 12 & under : 13/14 years).

- ii) To change the Rules to exclude any National Squad Swimmers from selection for the 13 Years and over Contest ;
- iii) To adjust the award of trophies to the three remaining age groups ;
- iv) To retain the same programme, but with one less age group to allow for shorter sessions and a longer break.
- v) To change the basis of competition from two separate Teams ('A' and 'B') to two strings both counting.
- vi) To incorporate rotating lanes.
- vii) That warm-up lanes should be nominated in advance.

It was noted that all such proposals for the 1991 AGM must be notified to Mr. Black (Secretary) by 15th December 1990.

It was agreed that the 1991 Contest should remain (for one year at least) at the September date.

90.289/ Correspondence between Mr. Black and EDC regarding the use of Ainsley Park
90.317/ was noted. Further correspondence with Dunfermline District Council was
90.318 also noted and, in that context, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council :-

- i) That should Dunfermline District Council wish to receive a commitment from the SASA for location of the Short Course at Carnegie, that it be accepted for 2 years ;
- ii) That in the event of a two year commitment to Carnegie Pool, offers from all Districts would be considered for 1992 onwards

90.293: Mr. Nelson noted the request from the West District that, in future, all reports from National Squad / Team meets should contain details of the swimmers' performances (eg times recorded). It was noted that the reports tabled (ASA Championships and ASA Age Groups 1990) both contained such information.

90.334: The Convener drew attention to the fact that he had not received a copy of the final version of the 1990 Games Report which had been submitted to the Commonwealth Games Council : this could be embarrassing if reference is made to our submission. It was agreed that the Convener be provided with a copy of that submission prior to the Commonwealth Games Council Meeting of 2nd October.

The Convener noted the omission from the Correspondence list of a letter from Cockermouth ASC regarding the non-availability of Kathryn Burke due to selections for her County : the Committee accepted that her non-availability was for good reason.

4. Reports from the Convener

The Reports as circulated were held over for comment until the next meeting of the Swimming Committee.

5. Reports : International Programme

The Reports as tabled were held over for comment until the next meeting of the Swimming Committee.

6. A.O.C.B.

- i) It was confirmed that the circulation of the Monk Meet (Dundee Grand Prix) Information was not the responsibility of the SASA Office - use of the SASA circulation mechanism had not been requested.
- ii) SASA Ranking Lists : Mr. Sheppard raised Mr. Barnett's request for guidance on the compilation of the Short Course Ranking Lists : Mr. Smith indicated that he had already provided guidance to Mr. Barnett on that matter : Convener to check.
- iii) Mr. Sheppard raised the potential problem of unused weekends at Stirling for which the Association would have to pay : due to uncertainty over the categorisation on one weekend and confusion over the dates of others, it was agreed that Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Smith would consult, identify unused weekends and offer those weekends to Clubs and Districts.
- iv) Mr. Dashwood-Brady continuing concern over the SASA Office Structure : the Committee agreed that only matters pertaining to the service received by the Swimming Clubs and Committee were appropriate to the Swimming Committee.