

Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on Sunday 1st April 1990 at East Kilbride at 4.30pm in the Bruce Hotel.

<p><u>Attending</u> : Mr. D.C.J. Brown (Convener) Mr. N. Dashwood-Brady (East) Mr. S. Davidson (Midlands) Mr. T. Nelson (West) Mr. K. White (SSCA) Mrs. F. Smith (Co-opted) Mr. J. Park (Co-opted)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> : Mr. W. Black (Gen. Secretary) Mr. G. Philp (Vice-President) Mr. J. Phillips (North)</p>	<p>Mr. J. McWhir (President) Mr. M. Sheppard (Treasurer) Mr. H.H. Smith (Director of Swimming)</p> <p>In attendance for selection purposes :- Mr. D. McGowan (Team Manager) Mr. J. McAuley (Senior Coach)</p>
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### 1. Introduction

The Convener welcomed Mr. McGowan and Mr. McAuley as appointed Team Manager and Senior Coach respectively for the 8 Nations Contest.

It was noted that the Meeting would be held in two parts ; the first, to clarify selection criteria, establish availability and associated recommendations and to prepare an outline selection subject to the outcome of the evening finals at the East Kilbride Open Meet ; the second, to finalise selections.

### 2.1 Criteria for Selection

The Convener referred to the Swimming Committee Minute of August 1989 :-

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"The Committee agreed that Scottish swimmers selected for the GB 4 Nations International would not be considered for Scotland's 8 Nation Team. These Internationals were only two weeks apart and a training camp was proposed to follow the GB contest."

It was also noted that the Note of the Meeting of 18th February 1990 recorded :-

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"It was agreed that clarification of Council views on the matter of selection policy be sought from their Minutes."

Mr. Sheppard confirmed that Council Minutes recorded no objection to that initial proposal.

At the Meeting of 11th March 1990, the Swimming Committee had noted the unexpectedly large number (10) of swimmers selected for the GB 4 Nations Meet and was concerned that the original criteria, if applied, would weaken the Team to an unacceptable level. It had therefore been remitted to the Director of Swimming to establish the individual intentions and availability of those swimmers and to circulate a revised outline selection which members had since received.

### 2.2 Intentions and Availability

The Director advised the Committee that all of those 10 swimmers would be available if selected, however, both Ruth Gilfillan and Jean Hill had indicated that they would be pleased if not selected and were therefore able to continue training. Campbell McNeil, Neil Hughton, Jonathan Kerr, Peter Hendry, Ross Noble, Linda Donnelly, Alison Sheppard and Sean McQuaid had all indicated a desire to be considered for selection.

The Committee noted that Ross Noble had not been able to swim the 1500m Free at East Kilbride due to a civic function and that Sean McQuaid had not been able to swim because of academic priorities.

The Director then outlined a revised provisional (ie to the outcome of the finals session) selection which the Committee regarded as satisfactory but noted that relay team problems could emerge.

Mr. McGowan and Mr. McAuley left the Meeting.

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The Convener had circulated an up-dated list of Correspondence and invited members to raise any matter which could not be held over to the May Meeting of the Committee. The following items were raised :-

- 90.043 : Mr. Dashwood-Brady asked why the SSCA had not identified 'Regional' within their 'hierarchy of priorities'. The Director advised that although not specifically stated as such, regional development was undoubtedly part of that overall structure.
- 90.050 : Mr. Sheppard noted that the ASA had sent copies of the criteria and times to all members of their squads - we had not done so and swimmers (eg Sam Ferguson) had not been aware of those matters even though they had been published in the Swimming Times.
- 90.057 : Members requested information on progress. The Director advised that Mr. Barnett was in the process of establishing a programme which would soon be available. Mr. Davidson offered to arrange to obtain the assistance of a colleague who could set up the programme within a day (for a small payment, eg £50) - Mr. Davidson offered to be available at Stirling on that day.  
It was agreed that the Director would liaise with Mr. Barnett and Mr. Davidson to ensure that speedy progress is made.
- 90.064 : Mr. Dashwood-Brady advised that Mrs. Brockie was unhappy with the response received from the Swimming Committee. In discussion it was noted that a meeting had taken place between the SASA and the Scottish Schools Swimming Association recently and that the matter may have been resolved.
- 90.080 : Members expressed concern that no formal report from the Games had been received. In view of the correspondence received from the Commonwealth Games Council it was considered essential that the report from Mr. Taylor/ Mr. Park be available within days to enable the Director of Swimming to combine the results of our own de-briefing into a report which should be circulated to the Swimming Committee members for their comments by 20th April and for the use of delegates to the meeting of 25th April.  
The Convener was asked to advise the General Secretary of the views of the Committee.

Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on Sunday 1st April 1990 at East Kilbride at 8.00pm in Dollan Baths

(see attached)