

Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee with the Conveners of Diving and Synchro Swimming on Sunday 30th September 1990 at Stirling University.

Attending : Mr. D. Brown (Swimming Convener) Mr. W. Black (Ex-officio)
 Mr. W. Law (Diving Convener) Mr. M. Sheppard (Ex-officio)
 Mrs. M. Black (Synchro Convener) Mr. H.H. Smith (Director of Swimming)
 Mr. N. Dashwood-Brady (East)
 Mr. S. Davidson (Midlands)
 Mr. T. Nelson (West)
 Mr. J. Phillips (North)
 Mr. K. White (SSCA)

1. Introduction

Mr. Brown welcomed Mrs. Black and Mr. Law to the meeting which was intended to identify an acceptable response to the Commonwealth Games Council meeting of 2nd October and the proposals of the Games Council for 1994 selection.

2. General Responses

Mr. Law broadly welcomed the return to the system which had operated until the Games of 1986 but was changed for 1990.

Mrs. Black stressed the significance of the 1994 Games for Synchro Swimming as a sport due to the small numbers entered in 1990 - if the sport is to be encouraged then formal recognition must be given in terms of selection proposals.

3. Response to the Commonwealth Games Council

Arising from discussion, the following points were agreed to be included in the response to the Commonwealth Games Council :-

i) Equality (Item 2)

Agreement that criteria for assessment of status between sports is necessary - something which we must also do internally.

ii) Methods of Selection (Item 3)

Broad agreement to the procedures outlined but with the following case being proposed :-

(3.1 : numbers) : It is noted in the Executive Committee Minute of 2nd July (No.13) that there is continued reference to Swimming as one sport.

Other sports are sub-divided into men and women (eg Athletics, Badminton and Bowls).

We propose that recognition be given to the three sports currently under the umbrella of 'swimming' by separation to show :-

Swimming	(8 Men) (8 Women)
Diving	2
Synchro Swimming	2

Embodied in the proposals from the Council are the laudable aims of encouragement to the potential participants, the ability to plan preparation and equality of status : Diving and Synchronised Swimming need to share in the benefits which these provide for other sports.

In respect of projected numbers, the 1990 umbrella of swimming provided for 16 swimmers and 2 divers (Total of 18) : we feel that this is a reasonable number (ie 16 and 2) to carry forward for 1994 however, we would request that a further two places be recognised for Synchro Swimming. While no Synchro Swimmers were selected for 1990 we feel that, with encouragement, selection could be merited for 1994.

Therefore, we accept the recommendation contained in Item 8 (Team Size)

"It is considered realistic to allocate the same numbers as for 1990..."

which was 16 (swimmers), 2 Divers, and supplemented by 2 Synchro Swimmers.

iii) Number of Officials (Item 6)

The Association welcomes the recognition of need for officials - an area of problems for us in previous years. The three sports have clearly different service requirements which cannot be covered by the other two. We therefore propose :-

- 1 Aquatics Manager (overall administrative responsibility)
- 1 Coach/Manager - Swimming (Men)
- 1 Coach/Manager - Swimming (Women)
- 1 Coach/Manager - Diving
- 1 Coach/Manager - Synchronised Swimming.

In addition, the need for specific support staff (eg physio) was clearly identified in the last Games. We are of the view that full accreditation is necessary for the following :-

" 3 support staff"

(1 additional Coach for Swimming)

(1 physiotherapist, SASA)

(1 medical support)

iv) Code of Conduct (Appendix)

The Association welcomes the draft Code of Conduct as a base on which Section rules of a more specific nature can be built. We have an observation on Section 4.11 :-

Section Manager

It is suggested that this Section might be developed to include procedures for dealing with any inter-section difficulty or dispute

v) Other(Travel) (SASA Proposals : Page 10 : Item 13.3)

As travel arrangements are clearly linked to competition preparation arrangements, that the travel proposals of Governing Bodies should be submitted to the Council by June 1992 and confirmed by Council by Easter 1993 subject to minor amendment of numbers.

4. Conclusions

Mr. Brown thanked Mrs. Black and Mr. Law for their attendance and contributions. Mr. Law identified lack of communication within the Association in the past on these matters as a major problem and hoped that we could jointly use the next three years to good advantage for the competitors for 1994.

Douglas C.J. Brown
Swimming Convener
1st October 1990.