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Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on Sunday 2nd December 1990 at Stirling University.

Council
HHS/PB

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

Apologies : Mr. J. McWhir (President) and Mr. G. Philp (Vice-President)

1. Minutes of the Meetings of 30th September 1990

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on 30th September 1990 were approved on a proposal by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Dashwood-Brady.

The Draft Minute of the joint meeting with the Conveners of Diving and Synchronised Swimming held on 30th September was agreed subject to confirmation from those Conveners. Mr. Brown noted that the Draft Minute had been circulated to them both.

2. Matters Arising

(1) Page 1 : Management Services - it was noted that Mr. McGowan and the Director of Swimming had both been ill since the Cumbernauld Meet and had not been able to meet to finalise the job descriptions.
: Domestic Programme 1991 - the submission had been circulated to all members on 2nd November ; Mr. Phillips advised that the North District dates would be forwarded in the near future.
: National Squad Booklet - the Convener noted that he had now received the Booklet. Mr. White asked that it be noted that the SSCA representative was wrongly identified....it should read Mr. K. White and not Mr. A. Lynn.

Page 2 : Domestic Calendar - the Convener reported that the Director of Swimming had been asked to prepare a statement for inclusion in the business of this Meeting.
: Inter-District Contest - the Convener noted a 'drafting error' on his part in terms of the omission of the ineligibility of National Squad swimmers. However, in extensive discussion on this matter, the following points were noted. First, that District representatives felt that more time should be available for consideration of the future of this event. Second, that there is a wide philosophical gap between the views of members of the Committee ; some favouring a developmental approach while others favoured achievement of a high level contest ; however, all agreed that change to the current format is necessary. Third, that, as an interim measure for 1991, the Convener should present the draft Change of Rule to the February 1991 AGM to enable Districts to give more consideration to this matter for 1992 onwards ; the draft to be amended to allow reversion to the 1989 format in the event of all four Districts entering teams.

ACTION : CONVENER TO AMEND DRAFT CHANGE TO RULE

Page 3 : National Short Course - concern was expressed regarding the late notification to Clubs of the programme (entries, acceptances/rejection for the National Sprint Meet and hopes that the same would not occur for the Short Course. In discussion it was noted that :-

- i) The seeded programme should be received from Computa on Monday, be printed by Digital and posted to Clubs by Wednesday/Thursday 5th/6th December allowing some 8 days notice to Clubs.
- ii) Mr. Barnett (Office Manager) was close to producing a programme in the SASA Office to rank and seed entries : hopefully, from now onwards, the whole process from receipt of entries to the production of the programme master could be completed 'in-house' ready for printing.

- iii) Members noted that the responsibility for these aspects of National events rested with the Committee ; however, it had previously been recognised that it is not possible for the Committee to undertake the actual ranking and seeding operation to the desired timescale, hence the introduction of a computerised system.
- iv) Members noted that the Accommodation list had not been circulated and that Clubs required that list urgently.
- v) Members also noted that the Meet Information/ Application Form had been incorrect thereby making the task of entry more difficult.

ACTION : CONVENER TO ASK MR. BARNETT TO CIRCULATE THE ACCOMMODATION LIST IMMEDIATELY.

3. Correspondence

- 90.346 : It was noted that Mr. Dashwood-Brady's response regarding the draft submission to the Sports Council had been taken into account in the final submission (copy circulated at the Meeting for information).
- 90.367 : Matters relating to the Multinations Meet referred to Agenda item.
- 90.374 : CONVENER TO WRITE TO MR. LYNN REQUESTING COSTS TO BE IDENTIFIED : the Committee wishing to show support for Coaches undertaking such a high level of further training/education.
- 90.395 : The Committee noted that Caroline Kerr's submitted time of 2.36.93 for the 200m Breaststroke was a Scottish Junior Short Course Record and that her time for that event in the ASA Winter Championships at Coventry was a new Scottish Junior Long Course Record.
CONVENER TO INFORM THE SASA COUNCIL OF THESE RECORDS.
- 90.400 : Correspondence between the SASA/EDC to be taken under the Agenda item 5 (International Meets).

Under Correspondence it was also noted that a previous letter received from Stewart Bisley had not been acknowledged in the context of withdrawal from the National Squad Programme.

DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING TO WRITE TO STEWART BISLEY ACCORDINGLY.

4. Reports from Convener

All the previously circulated Reports were approved.
In respect of the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland, it was noted that the Council could not be moved to accept separate recognition of Diving and Synchronised Swimming - the differences in disciplines were mirrored in other sports (eg Athletics) and the historical separation of Women and Men (eg Athletics) stemmed from separate Governing Bodies in those sports.
The Convener drew attention to the concerns expressed at Coventry regarding the poor facilities for swimmers to attempt to achieve consideration times for selection for the World Championship Team.

5. International Meets

- a) Staff Selections : the nominations proposed by the Director of Swimming for Coaches and jointly with Mr. McGowan for Management staff (see Appendix to Minute) were agreed subject to confirmation that Mrs. Russell would be available to go to Viareggio (24th-28th January 1991).
- b) Arrangements for Swimmer Selections : it was agreed that the selections for Viareggio and for the two Senior Squad Meets would be undertaken at the National Short Course. In respect of the Viareggio Meet, it was agreed that prime consideration would be given to 1976 Boys and to 1976 and 1977 Girls.
The Director of Swimming advised that he had drafted a letter to the Senior Squad inviting them to indicate their preference for the Leicester or Newcastle Meets.
It was also agreed to drop the ASA Age Group Championships from the list of Meets due to the late date (5th-10th August 1991) in the swimming year which would not allow our swimmers any realistic break during the summer vacation period. Additional places will be allocated to the Youth Squad Meet (3rd-8th July 1991).

- c) It was agreed that the Convener should arrange for an additional Meeting to be held on Sunday 23rd December at 11.00am in Perth (possibly at the Stakis City Mills Hotel).
- d) Reports were received from Mr. Black, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dashwood-Brady (who had substituted for the Convener) on various stages of the negotiation between the Association and the City of Edinburgh District Council. While the Committee welcomed the possibility of improved relationships with EDC which would make the facilities of that City more available to our swimmers and for International Events, it was nevertheless agreed that the Convener, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dashwood-Brady should draft a letter of response to be sent by Mr. Black (subject to his agreement) which clearly stated the conditions under which their 4th International Meet could be accredited. The points to be contained within that letter include :-
- i) Accreditation could be provided subject to receipt of a formal application by an affiliated Club and confirmation of the financial arrangements with swimmers ;
 - ii) That the Association would invite Technical Officials to service the Meet but could not guarantee attendance because of the mid-week dates of the Meet and the requirements on officials to service the East Kilbride Meet immediately following ;
 - iii) Advising that the response of Scottish swimmers cannot be predicted because of the already approved dates of other events ;
 - iv) Advising that EDC should not be making direct contact with other Governing Bodies - their route should be through the SASA ;
 - v) Noting that this assistance to EDC is a positive reaction to the joint attempt to improve co-operation ; we expect EDC to react just as positively over matters such as the 1991 National Championships at the RCP (which could still be a joint venture as previously agreed) proposals for future events and to the basis of facility hire charges which must be greatly reduced or provided free.

6. Budget Revisions

Mr. Sheppard informed the Meeting that formal announcement of allocations would have to be delayed until receipt of the formal letter of allocation from the Sports Council.

However, preliminary information suggested that the Swimming Programme could be achieved and that an additional sum in the region of £12,500 had been allocated to the Wave Programme.

It was therefore agreed that the Director of Swimming would investigate the actual costs of the Wave Programme in relation to potential selections and prepare proposals for the Meeting of the Swimming Committee to be held on Sunday 23rd December. Swimmers should be notified by the end of December 1990.

ACTION : DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING TO INVESTIGATE WAVE PROGRAMME COSTINGS IN THE LIGHT OF SPORTS COUNCIL FUNDING AND TO PROPOSE WAVE 2/3 NOMINATIONS

7. Provisional Calendar 1991 (Sept) to 1992 (August)

The Director of Swimming presented his detailed Paper to the Meeting and the following points were noted :-

- i) That the World Cup series is now controlled by FINA ;
- ii) That there is no stated location yet for the World Cup Final (21st/22nd March 1992) : the Committee agreed that a bid to host this event should be attempted. Actions were agreed : first, that Mr. Black should deal direct with ASF GB to obtain their agreement/support ; second, that a fax be sent immediately to FINA asking about other nominations and to 'signal' our intention to bid ; third, to work with EDC to obtain their support ; fourth, to request Sir Peter Heatly to represent our case in Perth, Australia during the World Championships in January 1991 where the location will be determined by FINA,
- iii) That bid failing, to follow-through by bidding for the British Heat of that event (7th/8th March 1992) which would be a Short Course Event ;
- iv) That the Swimming Committee supported the concept of a separate Trial event for the Olympic Team Selection but disagreed strongly with the

proposal to use only an ASA Event as the qualifier for that Trial. The Committee took the view that the East Kilbride Meet (3rd-5th April 1992) and any Welsh Long Course Meet at that time should also be recognised as qualifying events for the Trials.

- vi) That, subject to confirmation of school holidays in summer 1992, the SASA Age Group Championships might be preferred a week later than suggested (ie 1st-5th July rather than in June)
- v) The Convener and the Director of Swimming confirmed to the Committee that they had spoken to Mr. McGowan about the change in date for the 1991 Cumbernauld Meet and that the later dates of 8th-10th November are acceptable
- vi) In discussion on the 1991 Sprint Meet, the Convener raised complaints voiced the previous day regarding young age-group relay teams having to appear for heats in the morning (which became straight finals) and wait to evening. It was agreed to extend the range of these younger age-group events and to hold 12 & under heats and finals in the morning session, 13 years heats and finals in the afternoon session, 14 years heats and finals in the evening sessions. It was acknowledged that these events assisted the programme by giving 'space and time' between events for the senior swimmers many of whom entered several events.

Concern was also expressed about the number of National Squad Swimmers who did not participate in the 1990 National Sprint Championships.

ACTION : CONVENER TO DRAFT LETTER TO BE SENT TO NATIONAL SQUAD SWIMMERS WHO DID NOT ENTER (ie Top, Senior, Youth) REQUIRING AN EXPLANATION

The technical concern expressed by the Committee was emphasised by reports that the representatives of the Sponsors had been disappointed by the non-appearance of some of the better known Scottish Swimmers.

- vii) The Committee agreed to re-name the National Short Course Championships as the National Winter Championships with effect from 1991. The Committee gave careful consideration to the dates for the 1991 Championships : although recognising potential disadvantages, the Committee agreed to move the event forward to 6th-8th December 1991.

ACTION : CONVENER TO PROPOSE CHANGE OF RULE TO ACCOMMODATE THE TITLE OF 'NATIONAL WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS'

- viii) The Committee also agreed to a proposal to allow consultation with Scottish Schools Swimming to change the date of their final in February 1992 to the same weekend as the Club Team Championships thus utilising one weekend for two one-day events and potentially saving travel for many swimmers.
- ix) District Conveners noted the suggestions relating to dates for the District Championships : considerable discussion centred on a potential change of emphasis for these Championships with priority being placed on high levels of participation rather than on high levels of performance.
- x) The logic describing the Year Programme was agreed (subject to appropriate amendments to take account of the above items) for inclusion in the SASA Year Programme 1991 as a response to the 1990 AGM requirement to state that logic.

ACTION : DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING TO REVISE THE SUPPORTING STATEMENT AND TO ENSURE INCLUSION IN THE 1991 YEAR PROGRAMME.

8. A.O.C.B.

- i) The Committee agreed to recommend Bellshill Pool as the location for the Scottish Heat of the Club Team Championships on 24th February 1991 ;
- ii) The Committee noted the report from Mr. White that the Glenrothes Pool (Fife Institute of Physical Education) had been informally offered free of charge for major events ;
- iii) It was noted that the SASA personnel could not afford the time to act as consultants or lobbyists in relation to Local Authority pool construction or design ; it was considered more appropriate to engage external consultants if necessary.
- iv) It was agreed that from February 1991 all members of the Swimming Committee would be asked to provide passport size photographs which would be used to supply accreditation-style passes to prove membership of the Swimming Committee and access to pools, programmes and results.
- v)

- v) In consideration of pool availability and costs, it was agreed that a letter should be sent to all Local Authorities and Pool Owners detailing the events to be located and inviting bids for use of pools (hopefully free use) together with sponsorship which they might be willing to offer.
ACTION : DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING TO PREPARE AND CIRCULATE
- vi) In respect of the Multinations Youth Meet it was noted that no action had been taken to record withdrawal from the Meet in Israel in April 1991.
ACTION : CONVENER TO DRAFT FAX TO BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- vii) The Committee agreed to introduce Club Relay Team Records with effect from the 1990 National Short Course recognising those Records which currently stand to Club Teams as National Records. These Scottish Club Team Relay Records can be made at Junior and Senior levels by Male or Female Teams ; Records can only be claimed from Accredited Meets and by Clubs where the Team Members (names must be submitted with the Application) are all Members of the Club and all have Scottish eligibility. The events for which such Records can be claimed are :-
- 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay
 - 4 x 50 Medley Relay
 - 4 x 100 Freestyle Relay
 - 4 x 100 Medley Relay
 - 4 x 200 Freestyle Relay
- viii) The Committee expressed concern that Mr. Park (co-opted member) had not attended any of the full meetings of the Committee (ie excluding selection meetings). The Convener agreed to write to Mr. Park noting his non-attendance and asking him if he wishes to withdraw from that co-option.
ACTION : CONVENER TO WRITE TO MR. PARK

Douglas C.J. Brown
 Swimming Convener
 3rd December 1990.

To : Mr. Peter C.T. Barnett (Office Manager, SASA)
 cc Mr. H.H. Smith (Director of Swimming)
 From : D.C.J. Brown (Swimming Convener)
 Date : 3rd December 1990


NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION : NATIONAL TEAM STAFF : 1991

In consultation with the Director of Swimming, please arrange for letters to be sent to the undernoted Team Staff, congratulating them on their selection(s), advising them that it is their responsibility to obtain the necessary approvals for participation (ie from their Club or employer or both as necessary) and with the usual acceptance slips, team kit information etc. Please also ensure that formal letters to non-swimming employers can be provided on request.

It is also important to note that the Club Secretary of every selected member of the National Team Staff should receive, simultaneously, a copy of the letter issued to that individual.

Viareggio Meet : 24th-28th January : Alan Lynn, Eileen Adams, Gordon Sommerville
 Agnes Russell (subject to availability)(Manager)
 Leicester Meet : 24th-27th January : Andy Figgins, Viv Johnstone, Ian Mason (Manager)
 Harrogate Meet : 1st-3rd February : Frances Smith, Karen Sterricks, Douglas McIntyr
 Shona Cowie (Physio), Christine Holland(Manager)
 Newcastle Meet : 14th-17th February: Alec McNeil, Eileen Griffith, Ian Mason(Manager)
 Ulster Meet : 14th-18th March : Ian McGregor, David Hill, Christine Nash,
 Anna Platt (Physio), Noreen Brown (Manager)
 8 Nations : 18th-22nd April : Ann Clements, Jim Park, Alex McNeil, Jim
 Gilfillian, (Physio to be named), Danny McGowan
 (Manager)
 Thames Valley : 18th-21st April : Frances Smith, Andy Figgins, Henry Gray,
 (Physio to be named), Marjory Harvey (Manager)
 Youth Squad Meet: 3rd-8th July : Andy Figgins, David Hill, Joan Davidson(Manager)

Please check actual dates with the Director of Swimming as I wish to ensure that staff when obtaining the necessary approvals/ leave of absence are aware of the total time away from work (ie including travel time) so that the formal letters to employers are not misleading.


 Douglas C.J. Brown
 Swimming Convener
 3rd December 1990