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Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on Sunday 11th March 1990 in the Cottrell Building of the University of Stirling.

Attending : Mr. D.C.J. Brown (Convener) Mr. J. McWhir (President SASA)
 Mr. Noel Dashwood-Brady (East) Mr. G. Philp (V-President SASA)
 Mr. Stewart Davidson (Midland) Mr. W. Black (Gen Secretary SASA)
 Mr. Tommy Nelson (West) Mr. M. Sheppard (Gen Treasurer SASA)
 Mr. John Phillips (North)
 Mr. Ken White (SSCA)

1. Membership of Swimming Committee 1990/91

The Convener welcomed Mr. Dashwood-Brady and Mr. Phillips to the Committee as new

members representing their Districts and Mr. McWhir and Mr. Philp as the new President and Vice-President respectively of the Association.

Amendments to the listed details were taken and members agreed to notify the Convener of Fax numbers where appropriate. Once received, the list would be completed and lodged with Mr. Peter Barnett (Office Manager)

ACTION : Members to advise Convener of Fax numbers where appropriate.

(1) Co-options

It was noted that the co-opted members in the previous year (Mr. Park, Mrs. Smith) had provided valuable input in respect of the older and younger swimmers respectively. It was also noted that while those co-options had originally been proposed for selection purposes, such co-options served a wider function.

It was agreed that Mr. Jim Park and Mrs. Frances Smith be co-opted to the Swimming Committee for 1990/91 subject to the approval of Council (29th April) and that the remaining place be held open at this stage in the year.

It was also noted that a Minutes Secretary would be a valuable addition - that Secretary would not have to be co-opted.

Mrs. Smith was invited to join the Meeting and was advised of her co-option subject to the approval of Council. (Note : Mr. Park had submitted apologies for absence).

ACTION : Convener to advise Mr. Park of co-option and to seek the approval of Council : Convener to identify a potential Minutes Secretary.

2. SASA Rules and the Remit of the Committee

(1) Dates of Council Meetings

The listed dates were confirmed by the General Secretary.

(2) Expenses

It was noted that expenses claims forms could be obtained from Mr. Barnett (SASA Office Manager).

(3) Championships

It was drawn to the attention of the Committee that the General Rules contained in the papers and extracted from the Handbhook should be substituted by the updated FINA Rules. It was suggested that consideration might be given to the extension on the specific SASA Championship Rules to include the Club Team Championships ; reservation was expressed to the effect that the Club Team Championships were organised outwith the authority of the SASA.

(4) Proposed Dates of Swimming Committee Meetings

It was noted that the 'purpose' of each of the proposed meetings might be extended as need arose. The General Secretary asked that the Meeting of 3rd July be transferred to Stirling if suitable accommodation could be found.

(5) Procedures

(1) Meetings : the outline procedures were agreed subject to the provision of a Minutes Secretary.

(2) Selections : the proposed procedures were accepted.

(3) Rankings : In general discussion it was agreed that the objective should be to establish a system based in the SASA Office and computersied which would provide the Committee with the rankings necessary for the task of selection and for the production of information which would serve a wider function, for example, ensuring that Scottish times are recorded in World Rankings. It was established that suitable and compatible programmes existed (Mr. Davidson and Mr. White offering to assist in those respects). Thereafter, the main problem identified is that of operator time to enter the results.

DECISION : It was agreed that the Director of Swimming would investigate the introduction of a suitable system (in conjunction with Mr. Barnett) and that the sum of £500 would be set aside from the Swimming /

Swimming/ Committee Budget to meet the cost of operator input.

ACTION : Convener to receive from Mr. Sheppard details of the times omitted from the World Rankings and to write to Mr. Cranfield to ensure that, until we are in a position to provide such information direct to the publishers in Canada, that the GB system includes all Scottish times.

3. Matters Arising from the SASA AGM.

Members regretted that Mr. Adam had not provided more information on or examples of the kind of changes which he envisaged for the National Swimming Calendar. Nevertheless, members welcomed the opportunity to review that Calendar. In discussion it was agreed that the Director of Swimming and the Convener combine to produce a 'discussion document' which would be circulated as soon as possible to the Districts for consideration and response by mid-June. It was also noted that arrangements for 1990/91 were already too far advanced for any changes to be implemented before September 1991. It was therefore agreed that the proposed time-frame be adjusted accordingly.

ACTION : Director of Swimming and Convener to produce discussion document on potential changes to the National Swimming Calendar 1991/92.

(2) Inter-District Competition

In discussion members recorded that they had not as yet had full opportunity to consider the implications of the Change of Rule at District level.

However, the Committee agreed to recommend the following format :-

- i) That in the event of North and Midlands Districts opting to combine and subject to the support of the Swimming Committee and subject to the approval of Council.....
- ii) That East, West and North/Midlands each be eligible to enter two Teams :-
 - 'A' Teams to compete for the Inter-District Contest and Trophies ;
 - 'B' Teams to compete against other 'B' Teams for a separate award.
- iii) That in order to promote wider participation and to encourage the Districts, the Swimming Committee would offer from their Budget the following :-
 - £100 for the East District
 - £100 for the West District
 - £100 for the combined North/Midlands Districts.

ACTION : Convener to write to the Secretaries of North/Midlands Districts asking them to advise the Swimming Committee if they wish to combine their entry under the proposed format (above).

ACTION : East and West Conveners to advise their Districts of the proposed format and arrangements.

(3) Young Age Group Swimming Report

It was confirmed that Mr. Black, Mr. Smith (Director of Swimming) and Mr. Raeburn (WBC) would be meeting in the near future to further this matter.

4. Correspondence

The list of correspondence to 9th March had been tabled together with additional items received since that date. Matters discussed included the following :-

90.028 : Convener to write to Mr. Campion advising of interest in the triangular contest but seeking further information prior to any decision or commitment.

90.029/ : Confirmation that the 8 Nations Contest 1990 would take place on the
90.030 basis of one swimmer per event.

90.031 : Agreement that the Director of Swimming and the Convener explore with the City of Edinburgh District Council the possibility of a joint bid with the SASA for either the Euro Junior Championships or the Euro Cup (new format) in 1993. If successful, the proposal to go to Council, from Council to the GB Committee and, with their support to the LEN Congress in Belgrade on 25th May 1990.

Consideration would also be given to the identification of a 'special event' for the 1991 Year of Sport - such an event might attract some additional funding (Sports Council) and TV coverage.

90.037 : A letter from Mr. D. McGowan (Cumbernauld) had been tabled. The Committee noted the advice from Mr. Nelson that the matter was likely to be resolved soon : the Committee, recognising the importance of the Cumbernauld Grand Prix Meet, hoped that resolution could be achieved quickly.

90.040 : The letter from Mrs. Brockie (The Scottish Schools Swimming Association) had been tabled. That letter contained the request that....

"It is for the shortfall of £500 that we now seek the assistance of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association"

The Committee, while wishing to develop and foster links with the Schools Association, regretted that due to budget and expenditure priorities it could not agree to underwrite the proposed venture. The Convener was requested to advise Mrs. Brockie accordingly.

In general discussion it was suggested that the Districts might be willing to give a donation towards the costs of any swimmer from their individual District.

90.041 : The Convener tabled his Report of the GB Technical Committee Meeting held at Leeds on Saturday 10th March. Matters discussed included :-

(1) GB Selection : 4 Nations (7th/8th April 1990)

The surprisingly high number of swimmers not available for selection had resulted in many more Scottish swimmers being selected for GB than anticipated - this had a major impact on our previous approach and policy towards our own 8 Nations selection. Under the circumstances it was agreed that the Director of Swimming should contact the listed swimmers (10) to establish whether or not they would wish to be considered for 8 Nations selection. In so doing, the Committee acknowledged this change to established policy but took the view that the number of swimmers ineligible for selection under that previous policy would seriously weaken the Team even in developmental terms.

(2) Euro Junior Championships : Dunkirk : 28/29 July 1990

Mrs. Smith expressed regret at the decision to limit the team size by some 6 or 7 places from that of 1989. The Convener explained that the decision had been taken on the grounds that significantly less GB swimmers were expected to achieve qualifying times and that factor had been reflected in decisions relating to the location and cost of accommodation for the Team.

ACTION : Convener (90.028/90.031/90.040)

Director of Swimming (90.031/90.041)

5. Swimming Committee Budget Responsibilities

The Treasurer advised the Committee of the following :-

(1) That the Swimming Budget had underwritten to a maximum of £3,500 the participation of Mr. McGregor in the Games. At this stage, it was not known what might be realised from fund-raising to eliminate or reduce that sum.

(11) That the Committee had available a sum of £1,000 (not included in the circulated budget statement) for administration and travel expenses.

The Meeting noted that computerised budget statements would probably be available for the next meeting and authorised the Convener (in conjunction with Mr. Barnett) to prepare a format for budget sheets to help to identify and control costs associated with individual Meets. The broad pattern of procedures proposed by the Convener were approved.

ACTION : Convener to consult with Mr. Barnett and produce estimating and costing sheets for individual Meets.

6. Minute of the Meeting of 19th December 1989

The Minute was approved subject to the following amendment :-

Page 3 (City of Manchester : continued from page 2)

Line 2 : delete..."The view.....greater degree"....line 6.

Substitute : "Mr. White advised the Meeting that one coach had expressed the view that the money had been spent unwisely and that the funds should be directed towards more mature swimmers who would obtain greater benefit from it."

(2) Matters Arising /

(2) Matters Arising (Minute of 19th December 1989)Page 5 (top line) : Team Kit

Although the Director of Swimming advised the Committee that sufficient stocks of Team Kit existed (just) to meet 1990 requirements, the Committee considered the principles to be adopted in future years under varying circumstances :-

- (i) That whenever possible, Teams should be supplied with full kit without charge. In the case of the Age Group Development Squad, the extent of that kit is limited as previously defined.
- (ii) That every Team representing Scotland at any Meet should have full Team Kit.
- (iii) That where, for reasons of finance, that Kit could not be given permanently to the swimmers, the following guidelines should apply :-
 - a) That Teams competing overseas (outwith U.K.) should receive full Kit on a permanent basis (Note : every second year).
 - b) That Teams competing within the U.K. should be provided with full Kit on a loan basis but with the option to purchase that Kit from the Association at a cost to be determined annually (for 1991 onwards) either at cost price + a small charge for administration or at a reduced price reflecting part subsidy or sponsorship.

Through such sales it is hoped that the Association can purchase new stock and thereby meet the objective of full kit for all Teams without additional cost to the Association.

Page 5 (Notes Swimmers etc)(Line 4)

It was noted that responsibility for ensuring that the Council is notified of offences incurring fixed fines rests with the Meet Organisers. The outcome in the case of Ian Teaz was not known.

7. Note of Meeting of 18th February 1990

The Note of the Meeting was approved subject to the following amendment :-

Item 4.1 : Change 'Graeme Ritchie' to 'George Ritchie'.

(2) Matters Arising4.1 : Thames Valley Meet (14/15 April)

Mr. Nelson asked if a replacement Meet for the West District swimmers had been identified. The Committee was unable to identify any appropriate replacement Meet ; in discussion it was suggested that the West District might like to organise a District group to participate in the ASA Age Group Championships and to include within that group any of the swimmers previously selected for the Thames Valley Meet who were not included on merit in the Team selected for the ASA Age Group Championships.

The Director of Swimming reported that Mr. Gordon Piper was unable to participate in the Team : the Committee authorised the Director of Swimming to identify a substitute coach and to advise the Convener accordingly.

ACTION : Director of Swimming to identify substitute coach.

The Director of Swimming confirmed that Angela Pendrich had accepted her place on the Team on a 'without prejudice' basis.

(3) Case of Angela Pendrich

The letter of 30th January 1990 from Mr. and Mrs. Pendrich to the Director of Swimming was considered by the Committee with the following outcomes :-

- a) The Committee strongly objected to the allegation made by Mr. and Mrs. Pendrich of 'religious discrimination' against their daughter Angela in terms of selections.
- b) The Committee confirmed the previously stated policy of non-selection of any swimmer who, for whatever reason, was unable to participate fully in and for the Team and Meet for which selection was being considered. Mr. and Mrs. Pendrich had made it clear that Angela would not be allowed to swim on a Sunday and therefore, in the view of the Swimming Committee, would not be eligible for selection for any Team where participation on a Sunday would be required for that Team as a whole.
- c) The Committee noted that the Association had made every effort to,

to meet the development needs of Angela Pendrich short of the matter of Team participation on Sundays.

ACTION : The Convener was authorised to write to Mr. and Mrs. Pendrich to advise them of the views of the Committee and to offer, if they so wished, opportunity to discuss the matter further with Mr. Black (General Secretary), the Director of Swimming and the Convener.

8. International Programme (1990)

(1) Report of Meets :-

Geneva (26/27 January '90) : Reports of Team Manager and Coach (tabled) were accepted and the Meet was noted as being successful. The Coach's recommendations were also noted in terms of all the early season Long Course contests.

Paris Coca Cola (2/4 February '90) : Report of Team Manager/Coach was accepted and the fullness of the Report commended.

Viareggio (9/11 February '90) : Report of the Team Manager and Coach was accepted and the success of the Team noted.

Leicester (23/25 February '90) : Report from the Team Manager was accepted. It was noted that the Coach's report would be presented later.

The recommendation from Mr. Figgins was considered in broad terms in relation to the early season Long Course Meets. The problem of ensuring fitness to swim after potentially significant holiday breaks at Christmas was noted as was the suggestion of providing some Long Course experience during that vacation or prior to departure for Meets.

DECISION : The Committee decided to establish a system of monitoring of training intentions and actual performance during the vacation through the respective Team Managers.

ACTION : Director of Swimming to prepare and circulate a pro-forma to the swimmers/coaches concerned and to arrange with Team Manager on appropriate actions to be taken.

(2) Southampton Update

Further to the paper previously circulated by the Director of Swimming, Mr. Smith advised as follows :-

- a) Games swimmers had been entered for the Southampton Grand Prix following consultation with their coaches ;
- b) Arrangements had been made for their accommodation in the same hotel as the Team Staff for the official Senior Team ;
- b) That he and Mr. Kim Swannick would provide poolside cover/supervision for those swimmers.

It was confirmed that the swimmers going to Southampton outside the official Senior Team would be meeting the full cost of their participation.

(8) 8-Nations Contest

The Director of Swimming confirmed the following outline arrangements :-

- (i) Team Staff : Mr. D. McGowan (Team Manager), Ms. A. Clements, Mr. John McAuley and Mr. Alan Lynn (Coaches)
- (ii) Travel : an advantageous deal had been made to travel by air from Aberdeen to Oslo and from Oslo to Glasgow at approximately £160 per person : seats booked for Team of 22 plus 2 (President)
- (iii) Selection : would be made as planned at East Kilbride ; however, in view of the GB selection matter, the provisional selection would be revised and circulated to members by Monday 26th March, together with programme of events.

ACTION : Director of Swimming to circulate provisional selection and programme of events.

9. Domestic Programme (1990)

The Minute of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Group for the National Long Course Championships and the correspondence item 90.024 were noted. From discussion it was agreed that Mr. Black (General Secretary) would liaise with Mr. Sheppard (Treasurer) and respond to Mr. Jones (EDC) giving the approval

of the SASA to proceed with the joint Meet, subject to satisfactory mutual understanding of the budget. This would enable the Joint Planning Group to meet as scheduled on Monday 19th March.

A second revision of the Meet Programme was tabled by the Director of Swimming; this version transferred the 17/18 and 19/24 Age Group Relay Events from the National Championships to the Age Group Championships and thereby accommodated minor changes to other events within the Programme. The Committee accepted that revised Programme.

The Convener advised the Meeting of discussions which had taken place with members of the East District Executive Committee in respect of a longer-term policy for obtaining and training volunteers to service meets at the Royal Commonwealth Pool (eg 1990 - 1993). A letter of response had been received from Mrs. Brockie and was tabled.

Consideration was also given to the Entry Fees for both the National and Age Group Championships. Two proposals were made :-

1. Individual Events : £2.50 (Prop M. Sheppard : Sec N. Dashwood-Brady)
Relay Events : £4.00
2. Individual Events : £2.50 (Prop S. Davidson : Sec J. Phillips)
Relay Events : £3.50

Proposal 1 (£2.50 and £4.00) was carried by 4 votes to 2 votes.

(2) National Age Group Championships

A proposed Meet Programme of events was tabled by the Director of Swimming and agreed subject to :-

- a) Integration of the 17/18 and 19/24 Age Group Relay Events ;
- b) Assurance that the Official Meet Programme would contain the Rules and a statement of Fines.

10. Preliminary Discussion : National Calendar/National Squad Programme

The Director of Swimming was invited to present his papers and a wide ranging discussion on preliminary lines identified the following points :-

- i) That the major events in 1990 be located as follows :-
Long Course (NCP) : Age Groups (E.Kilbride) ; Inter-District (Bellshill)
Sprint (Drumchapel ; Free pool use plus £1,000) ; Short Course (Ainslie Park) ; these locations were agreed.
- ii) That for 1991 and 1992, the Director of Swimming should take up previously identified offers of locations from local authorities (Ayr, Stirling, Larkhall) and other potential offers (eg Glenrothes) in terms of negotiation and advise the Committee of the results.
- iii) That with the possibility of a 'graded or ranked system of meet recognition' the Committee would use the Grand Prix format to assess (on a pilot basis) meets during 1990 ; it was agreed that this would only be done with the full knowledge and co-operation of the Club/Organising Committee.

In respect of the proposed National Squad Programme, two major items were identified for further consideration :-

- i) The full integration of the Age Group Development Squad and the removal of the Senior Squad. In the case of the Senior Squad reservations and concerns were expressed about the concept of District operation of that group : in some respects, age group development might be more appropriate at District level. Objective standards for entry should be set.
- ii) However, the concept of greater District involvement and participation in the National Squad Programme was given general support and the idea of per capita financial support from the Districts to the National Programme was mooted.

11. Any Other Business

Commonwealth Games : Mr. Black reported that the Games Executive wished to have in-depth sessions with each Governing Body on the performances at the Games. As no report had yet been received from Mr. Taylor and as the Working Group had not yet had opportunity to interview the swimmers, it was agreed that an Ad Hoc Committee meet after the East Kilbride Meet to formulate a response.