

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on Friday 30th
August 1991 from 4.00pm at Moray House (Cramond Campus).

Attending : Mr. D. Brown (Convener) Mr. G. Philp (Ex-officio)
Mr. N. Dashwood-Brady (East) Mr. W. Black (Ex-officio)
Mr. S. Davidson (Midland) Mr. W. Charles (Ex-officio)
Mr. J. Phillips (North) Mr. H. H. Smith (Director of
Mr. K. White (SSCA) Swimming)
Mrs. F. Smith (Co-opted)
Mr. I. Lochray (West)

Apologies : Mr. T. Nelson (Mr. I. Lochray substituting) ; Mr. D. McGowan ;
Mr. Dashwood-Brady (for being unable to stay for the duration)

Notes : The Committee noted that Mr. McGowan was attending the wedding
of Miss Jean Hill and authorised the Convener to consult with
Mr. McGowan and to send, on behalf of the Association, an
appropriate message of good wishes for the future.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd July 1991

The following amendments were noted :-

Appendix (ESSO National Junior Squad)	Lyndsay Drummond (<u>Bridge of Don</u>)
	Denice Hawkins (<u>Hatfield</u>)
Appendix (National Senior Squad)	Martin Lee (<u>City of Dundee</u>)
Appendix (National Top Squad)	Jonathan Kerr (<u>Warrender Baths Club</u>)

Subject to the above amendments, the Minutes were approved on a motion proposed
by Mr. Dashwood-Brady and seconded by Mr. Davidson.

2. Matters Arising

The following matters were considered by the Committee :-

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- a) World Cup Final Report : The Convener advised that the Report had been
presented to Council but noted that the actual times recorded had not
been included ; the Director stated that the times had been included
with his Report when it had first been submitted to the Office for
typing.

- b) Recommendations to SASA Emergency Committee

It was noted that the views of the Swimming Committee had been considered
and that the Council had approved the establishment of a Study Group under
the Chairmanship of Mr. Jack Queen. The original intention had been for
a study weekend to be held in mid-July ; however that had not proved to
be practical.

As recorded in the Correspondence Report from the Convener, Mr. Queen
(assisted by Mr. McGowan) had arranged for a series of interviews with indiv-
iduals including the Swimming Convener. Those meetings were based on
immediate responses from the interviewee to a standard series of questions.
Prior to that interview, the Swimming Convener not being aware of that format
had prepared and tabled his views as an extension to the formal submission
to the Emergency Committee.

Although concerns were expressed on behalf of the East District in respect
of the short notice given to some interviewees, the Meeting recognised the
value of the standard format as a start to the investigation provided that
the results obtained evolved into an agenda for wider ranging and more open
discussion.

Members of Council present at the Meeting advised that such a meeting or
meetings would take place.

- c) Finance

The Convener noted that his meeting with Mr. Charles had taken place and that
he had invited the Treasurer to speak to the Committee on the subject of
budgets under Agenda Item 5.

- d) /

Matters Arising (Cont)

d) Letter to Barrhead Dolphins

It was noted that no response had been received and it was therefore assumed that the matter had been satisfactorily concluded.

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e) Scottish Schools Event (Ref Correspondence Item 91.308)

Mr. White had contacted Mr. Raeburn (SSSA) and advised that Mr. Raeburn was anxious to progress discussions on collaboration with the SASA to send a Scottish Schools Swimming Association Team to compete in the International School Sport Federation Meet to be held in Strasbourg (France) during the first week in July in 1992. The Meet was expected to be of a very high level.

The Convener reported that he too had received a telephone call from Mr. Raeburn during which references had been made by Mr. Raeburn to the non-cooperation of the SASA and a demand made that should the SASA not wish to cooperate in this proposed joint venture then he would expect a "full explanation to be provided, in writing".

Mr. Black (General Secretary) advised that at the initial meeting between SASA and SSSA representatives no commitment had been made by the SASA. Following consideration of the above reports, the Meeting authorised the Convener to arrange a meeting with Mr. Raeburn ; the Swimming Committee to be represented by the Convener, Mr. White and the Director of Swimming.

ACTION : CONVENER TO ARRANGE MEETING

f) National Age Group Championships

The Convener reported that the Council (Meeting of 18th August) had expressed concern about the cost of Computa services for the event - particularly when much of the input had been provided on a voluntary basis by Mrs. Brockie. The Convener had advised Council that the Swimming Committee would be pleased (indeed, it was an objective) to process all Championships through the SASA Office but that the cost implications of that course of action should also be assessed :-

- i) Provision of suitable computer hardware and software capable of reliable output - not just prior to a Meet but actually at the Meet (on line results) ;
- ii) Provision of competent and reliable staff to input data and to service the Meet.

During consideration of the situation the following additional points were noted :-

- iii) That in any consideration of purchases, the Association should avoid 'personalised programmes' ; it was agreed that the latest Sykes Programme be investigated (thought to be some £185).
- iv) That Mr. Black would contact the LEN to try to establish the identity of the programme used for the European Championships in August - a programme which provided detailed splits.
- v) That consideration be given to presentation to the Sports Council for special grant funding to assist with the provision of the total package.

g) Inter-District Contest

Mr. White advised the Meeting that his original contact (Mr. Penman) at Glenrothes had indicated that since the Contest is of 'National' status, the pool hire charge would be nil. However, subsequent discussion identified correspondence which suggested a charge of £350 + Vat. It was determined that Mr. Dashwood-Brady and Mr. Barnett should combine to write to Glenrothes noting the information provided by Mr. White and seeking clarification/confirmation of any charge (thought possibly to be waived or offset by a grant to that sum).

Mr. Dashwood-Brady (on behalf of East District) expressed concern that no guidelines existed at the Office for the operation of the Contest. He had had meetings with the Convener and Mr. Wilson and hoped that most matters were in hand. The Director of Swimming and Mr. Black both confirmed that files used to be available in the Office ; however, it would appear that

g) Inter-District Contest (Cont)

these had been disposed of and that no records had been retained. Consequently, the Meeting checked the following items through with Mr. Dashwood-Brady :-

- i) Following identification of Glenrothes as the venue, the East District should have received an invitation from the Association to form an Organising Committee to be responsible for organisation/operation.
- ii) In response to a question from Mr. Davidson, Mr. Black confirmed that Districts should submit to the Secretary, 14 days in advance of the Contest, their estimate of expenses. The Treasurer could give consideration to special cases where assembly costs were involved (eg a North/Midlands swimmers from the islands).
- iii) The Convener (on behalf of Mr. Nelson) questioned the availability of food ; Mr. Dashwood-Brady confirmed that cafeteria facilities were adequate.
- iv) Mr. Dashwood-Brady sought and received from District Conveners agreement that entries would include SASA Registration numbers - those entries to be received by Thursday 5th September at the latest.
- v) It was confirmed that the lanes would rotate every second event (one male and one female) from a draw already made by the President. Lanes for warm-up had also been allocated.

Members of the Committee supported Mr. Dashwood-Brady's concern that no formal guidelines for operation existed - further evidence of the need for a 'manual' and for the provision of reliable support and action from the SASA Office.

3. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were considered and noted as follows :-

91.327 : Telephone costs : East Kilbride

It was established that the installation of telephones was a requirement of the agreement with ESSO as sponsors. Members questioned the need for two separate installations and sought identification of the calls made.

91.325 : Commonwealth Games 1994

Mr. Black advised that a letter had been received from Mr. Hunter assuring the Association that no competitor who had achieved the necessary standard would be left out of the Team in 1994. Members did not consider this to be a satisfactory response.

91.338 : SSCA

The letter from Mr. Lynn was noted in the context of business later in the Agenda

91.343 : Mr. Starr

Members regretted that Mr. Starr felt unable to participate in the National Squad Programme ; it was agreed that the Director of Swimming should consult further with Mr. Starr.

91.360 : Potential Sponsor

It was agreed that a 'team' be identified to prepare and to be ready to respond to any potential meeting with the client - that 'team' to consist of Mr. Black, Mr. Charles and the Director of Swimming with the Convener as reserve.

91.372 : Draft letter - Local Authorities

It was noted that the Convener had supplied a draft letter - it was also noted that, once again, files with such drafts should have been available within the SASA Office.

It was agreed that the Director of Swimming, Mr. Black and Mr. Charles would combine during the week 2nd-6th September to make the necessary personal contacts and to issue the letters as originally intended.

ACTION : MR. SMITH/ MR. BLACK/ MR. CHARLES.

(LOCAL AUTHORITIES / POTENTIAL SPONSOR)

4. Reports from Convener

The undernoted Reports from the Convener were considered and approved :-

- a) Convener to Council (7th July 1991)
- b) Convener on ASA Nationals/ GB Trials (August 1991)
- c) Convener to Council (18th August 1991)

5. Budgets

Before inviting Mr. Charles to address the broader matters associated with recent developments within the Association, the Convener advised the Meeting that his discussions with Mr. Charles on 15th August had confirmed that the Swimming Committee was within budget requirements. One or two minor matters still had to be clarified but those would not effect that situation. Mr. Charles confirmed that to be correct.

Mr. Charles outlined the current financial situation faced by the Association and members noted the probability of an EGM on 22nd September 1991. Until that time, every effort should be made to reduce uncommitted expenditure ; in that context it was considered unlikely that significant savings could be made from cancellation of the Training Weekends.

It was agreed that the identification of 1991/92 costs associated with the proposed programme for that period would be undertaken at the next meeting of the Swimming Committee.

6. Selections

The Director of Swimming tabled proposals for selections for the Wave Programme 1991/92 and for the Commonwealth Games Squad 1991/92.

In general discussion it was agreed that although some additional swimmers were very close to the required times, only those achieving or bettering those times would be included.

The Selections are noted in Appendix 1 to this Minute.

7. Domestic Programme 1992

a) Age Group Structure

The Convener referred to the letter (circulated) from Mr. Black and noted the need to deal with the matter of restriction of awards sponsored by ESSO to a maximum age-group of 17/18 years. It was agreed that the Convener should draft a Change of Rule to that effect.

ACTION : SWIMMING CONVENER

The remaining matter of separation of the 15 and 16 years was held over until the next meeting thereby allowing the views of those attending the Seminar on 31st August to be taken into account.

b) Programme Update 1992

The Director tabled an outline programme (excluding the National and Age Group Championships) which was approved. (see Appendix 2)

Discussion centred on the previously noted proposal to run the National Age Group Championships in mid-June and the National Championships at the end of June/start of July.

Initial objections on the part of all Districts centred on the possibility of having to adjust District Age Group Championships to an earlier date to allow time for processing entries. It was established that the publication of 'accepted times' for entry would enable Clubs to be certain of their entries and to make the necessary arrangements for their swimmers and coaches. The timetable for processing entries was identified as :-

- Entries to SASA Office by midnight on Monday 1st June 1992;
- Tuesday 2nd/ Wednesday 3rd checking by Office;
- Thursday 4th -Monday 8th loading of entries;
- Wednesday 10th, seeded programme.

Consideration was also given to the merits of moving the National Championships to the end of June thus providing the proper 'climax' to the season and recognising the Age Group Championships as an appropriate preliminary event. Members did express some reservations in respect of the academic year in Secondary Schools starting in June.

The Meeting agreed to recommend to Council that the Programme tabled by the Director be amended to show the Scottish Age Group Championships on 17th - 21st June and the National Championships on 2nd- 5th July 1992 ; that,

that recommendation being based upon support from the North, East and Midland Districts (albeit with reservations on the part of the latter) but with disagreement recorded on behalf of the West District.

8. Squad Training Arrangements

The Director tabled a revised schedule of Weekends (see Appendix 3) to take account of the major sports event being staged at Stirling University which had caused the postponement of the planned Youth Squad Weekend from 7th/8th September to 5th/6th October.

The revised schedule was approved.

9. National Seminar (31st August/ 1st September 1991)

It was noted that there were no major problems or matters outstanding.

10. A.O.C.B.

The following matters were noted :-

(i) SSCA Letter

The proposed criteria for selection would be considered at the next meeting of the Swimming Committee for inclusion in the 1992 Programme Guide.

(ii) Masters Swimmers

Mr. White sought clarification of the position of Masters swimmers who might be selected to swim for their club in league fixtures. It was noted that any Masters swimmer could compete in swimming competition provided that he/she was Registered in that category with the Association (ie as a Swimmer and not solely as a Masters swimmer).

11. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Swimming Committee would be held on SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER at 10.30am AT STIRLING UNIVERSITY.

Douglas C.J. Brown
Swimming Convener
2nd September 1991

REPORT TO SWIMMING COMMITTEE

BY DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING

AUGUST 30 1991

SUBJECT:- COMMONWEALTH GAMES SQUAD AND WAVE PROGRAMME SELECTIONS

COMMONWEALTH GAMES SQUADMALE

Neil Hudghton
Fraser Walker
Jonathan Kerr
Rik Leishman

FEMALE

Alison Sheppard
Carlyn Connaghan
Ruth Gilfillan
Angela Pendrich
Jean Hill

WAVE PROGRAMMEWAVE 1MALE

Neil Hudghton	City of Dundee
Fraser Walker	Warrender
Ross Noble	Cumbernauld

FEMALE

Alison Sheppard	Milngavie & Bearsden
Carlyn Connaghan	Barrhead
Jill Ewing	Paisley

WAVE 2

Ross Murray	Aberdeen
Jamie McNeil	Milngavie & Bearsden
Neil Arthur	Aberdeen
Andrew Buchanan	Warrender

Faye Phimister	Buckie
Linda McLaren	Warrender
Corinne Jack	Milngavie & Bearsden
Yolanda D-Brady	Warrender

WAVE 3

Paul Latimer	Warrender
Dominic Sheils	Warrender
Richard Hope	City of Dundee

Nicola Steel	Aberdeen
Claire Connelly	Barrhead
Claire Taylor	Peterhead
Jill James	Peterhead
Isla Hale	Barrhead

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING CALENDAR 1991 - 92

1991

November/ December

30/1 Montreal, Canada (SC)
6/7 Gelsenkirchen, Germany (SC)
European Sprint Cup

1992

January

13/14 Leningrad, USSR (SC)
17/18 T.B.A., G.B. (SC)
21/22 Malmo, Sweden (SC)
25/26 Bonn, Germany (SC)
28/29 Milan, Italy (SC)

February

1/2 Paris, France (SC)
28/29/1 T.B.A. Europe (SC)

March

14/15 Ulster Games (SC)

April

11/12 Portugal (Multi Nations)(LC)
25/26 Oulu, Finland - 8 Nations (LC)

July

26 - 9 Aug Olympic Games, Barcelona

NATIONAL SQUAD REPRESENTATIVE MEETS

Age Group Development Squad - meet in England T.B.A.
Esso Junior/Youth Squad - Viareggio February 14/15/16
Esso Junior/Youth Squad - meet in England T.B.A.

DOMESTIC SWIMMING CALENDAR 1991 - 92

1991

September

21 Inter District
28/29 Larkhall Meet
North District Champs

October

26/27 West District Champs

November

8/9/10 Cumbernauld Meet
30 Scottish Sprint Champs

December

6/7/8 Scottish Winter Champs
12 - 15 English Winter Champs

1992

January

17/18 International Meet
25/26 Stirling Meet
26 Elgin Meet

February

30/1/2 Cunningham Meet
9 Scottish Schools Champs (LC)
14/15/16 Cardiff Meet (LC)
23 Scottish Club Team Champs

March

29/1 East District Champs
6/7/8 East Kilbride Meet (LC)
14/15 Paisley Meet
27/28/29 Leeds Meet (LC)

April

10/11 G.B. Club Team Champs (LC)
16/17/18 Edinburgh Meet (LC)

May

22 - 25 Olympic Trials (LC)

June

11 - 14 English National Champs (LC)

N.B. Scottish Esso Age Group and Scottish National Championships details to be determined.

SQUAD TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS 1991/92

The current programme are as follows:

September

14/15	Junior Squad	Stirling
19/20	Wave Programme	East Kilbride
28/29	Age Group Development	Stirling

October

5/6	Youth Squad	Stirling (Provisional)
12/13	Top Squad/Wave Programme	East Kilbride/Stirling
19/20	Senior Squad	Stirling
26/27	Age Group Development	Stirling

November

2/3	Junior Squad	Stirling
15/16	Top Squad/Wave Programme	East Kilbride/Stirling
16/17	Youth Squad	Stirling
23/24	Senior Squad	Stirling

Dependent upon finance being made available it is recommended that a number of additional Wave Programme Long Course Training Sessions be held on approximately a monthly basis from December 1991 to July 1992. Details of these will be discussed at the National Coaching Seminar.