

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

To : Members of the Swimming Committee
cc Mr. Peter C.T. Barnett (Office Manager)
cc Mrs. F. Smith ; Mr. M. Sheppard
cc Mr. D. McGowan (Management Services)

From : D.C.J. Brown (Swimming Convener)

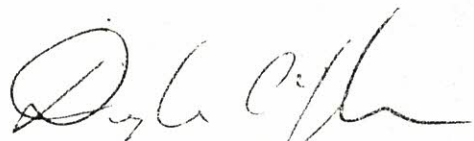
Date : 27th February 1991

Draft Minute : Meeting of 24th February 1991

I attach, for your information and reference, a copy of the draft Minute of our Meeting of 24th February 1991 held at Bellshill.

Subsequent Business

- (1) A meeting took place on Tuesday 26th February between Mr. Smith (Director of Swimming), Mr. McGregor (Chief Coach, Ulster Games Team), Mrs. Brown (Team Manager, Ulster Games Team) and the Convener. Currently, Mrs. Brown is contacting Team Members who may need accommodation and attempting to make the necessary arrangements.
This meeting also dealt with detailed Team arrangements which will be notified to Team Members at the start of next week.
- (2) Attached : letter to Mr. Black (General Secretary) regarding proposals to the Executive Committee for co-options to the Swimming Committee for 1991/92.
- (3) Attached : letter to Mr. Barnett asking him to write formally on behalf of the Association to book use of the pool at East Kilbride for the National Age Group Championships.
- (4) Thames Valley : additional coach agreed as being Christine Nash.
- (5) Luxembourg : consideration still being given (IHHS/DCJB) to potential 8th member ; however, staffing proposed as being :-
Mr. Andy Figgins (Coach)
Mr. I. Mason (Team Manager) - if not available, Mrs. Frances Smith.
- (6) Sheffield : noted that staffing not formally recorded ; intention had been to use this meet as preliminary to the 8 Nations and therefore to use the same staffing as for 8 Nations.
- (7) Milan/Bonn : Jean Hill withdrawn.



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Draft Minute of the additional Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on
Sunday 24th February 1991 at 10.30am at Bellshill Pool.

<u>Attending</u>	: Mr. D. Brown (Convener)	Mr. G. Philp (ex-officio)
	Mr. N. Dashwood-Brady (East)	Mr. W. Black (ex-officio)
	Mr. S. Davidson (Midland)	Mr. H.H. Smith (Director of
	Mr. M. Holland (West)	Swimming)
	Mr. K. White (SSCA)	
	Mrs. F. Smith (Co-opted)	Mr. M. Sheppard.

Apologies : Mr. T. Nelson (Mr. Holland substituting) ; Mrs. J. Cochran (Vice-President) ; Mr. J. Phillips (North)

Note : The Meeting had been requested by Mr. Black on behalf of the SASA Executive Committee to consider urgent business.

1. Business Raised on behalf of the SASA Executive Committee

The Convener acknowledged sole responsibility for cancelling the meeting scheduled for Sunday 10th February ; that decision had been made on the basis of the weather conditions on Saturday 9th and weather predictions for Sunday 10th.

(1) Finance

The Committee examined the financial implications of the changes proposed by the Director of Swimming and contained in the circular from the Convener dated 12th February :-

- i) Newcastle Grand Prix : had been within budget and assisted by the provision of £200 from the organisers.
- ii) Milan/Bonn World Cup : the unit cost had been reduced by £75.00 per person creating a saving of some £450.
- iii) Ulster Games : two swimmers had withdrawn and would not require to be replaced ; the saving would be £200.
- iv) Major Open Meet (Southampton/Cardiff) : the swimmers associated with this selection had been dispersed to other meets (eg Thames Valley or Luxembourg) saving £1,200

(2) Proposed revisions to Selections

- i) Ulster Games : it was agreed that Sean McQuaid should substitute for Campbell McNeill.
- ii) Luxembourg : it was agreed to send a team of potential European Youth qualifiers to the Luxembourg Meet to provide Long Course competition prior to qualification :-
Simon Capaldi ; Steve Leitch ; Jamie McNeil ; Malcolm McCallum ;
David Paxton ; Ross Murray ; Dominic Sheils.

It was noted that the Meet offered additional team competition (based on any 8 named swimmers over three events each). The Director of Swimming and the Convener were authorised to consider the addition of an eighth swimmer.

- iii) Thames Valley : it was agreed that the proposed additional members of the Team be included although it was noted, with regret, that Fiona Murray is ill and unable to participate. The total number of swimmers in that Team now being 30, it was agreed that the Director of Swimming should nominate an additional coach to join the Team.
- iv) Malmo/Rostock : it was noted that confirmation of invitation to Rostock had not been available at December when the original selections were made, however that meet had been included in the original list. It was therefore agreed that the selections for Malmo should be extended to include the Rostock Meet. The additional cost was estimated to be in the region of £1,000.

(3) Conclusions

It was recognised that the savings noted under item 1 (above) largely offset the costs identified under item 2 (above) and that any discrepancies would be covered from the Wave Programme funding and/or reduced allocations to events later in the year.

2. Matters Outstanding

The following matters were raised by members :-

- i) **Ulster Games** : Mr. Dashwood-Brady expressed concern that the original programme of assembly and travel had been changed and now included a 6.00am assembly time at Glasgow Airport - a time of day which he considered to be to the detriment of the swimmers and their parents. In discussion it was agreed that the arrangements should stand and that the Director in discussion with the appointed Team Manager would make arrangements with the individual Team Members to minimise that difficulty, if any. There was general agreement that earlier notification of arrangements would be of assistance to Team Members. Mr. Holland offered to assist where possible with accommodation and transport.
- ii) **Thames Valley** : Mrs. Smith advised that an advantageous deal had been made with a hotel for bed only and that the Team would make their own eating arrangements ; travel would be by train with reclining seats.
- iii) **Sports Council** : it was agreed that the Director of Swimming would prepare a draft statement to the Sports Council regarding the proposed use of the reduced £12,500 allocation towards the Wave Programme, that draft to be submitted to the March meeting of the Committee.
- iv) **Harrogate Meet** : the Convener circulated the report provided by the Team Manager (Mrs. Holland) and drew the attention of Executive Members to potential claims from the Hotel for damages which were caused (accidentally) by Team Members. Subsequent correspondence between the Hotel management, the swimmers concerned and the Association were not available for reference.
The Committee was satisfied that the damage caused was due to a genuine accident and considered that the Association might wish to take legal advice.
- v) **City of Edinburgh District Council** : the Director of Swimming and Mr. Dashwood-Brady reported on their meeting with representatives of the Council ; the Committee welcomed the progress being made on a provisional basis and advised that future meetings should attempt to specify the facilities being made available within the costs identified. The Committee also gave careful consideration to the allegation made by District Council representatives that the SASA had not as yet made any contribution to the costs of the Meet ; Mr. Sheppard refuted that statement but agreed that there was a claim from the District Council for payment. Part of that claim was disputed by the SASA. However, in discussion, it was identified that a sum in the region of £2,000 was not disputed by the SASA.
In view of the difficulties in negotiating future use of the RCP against a background of unpaid bills, the Committee recommended to Council that the undisputed element of £2,000 be paid to EMC as soon as possible.
- vi) **Co-options to Swimming Committee** : the Committee recognised the need to have co-opted members available to attend the first full meeting in March ; Mr. Black (General Secretary) advised the Convener that it was competent for the Meeting to consider co-options and for proposals to be made in writing to the Executive Committee as Council would not meet until after the Swimming Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive that Mrs. Frances Smith continue as a co-opted member and that Mr. M. Sheppard be co-opted for the year 1991/92.
Mr. Holland advised the Meeting that he was unable to express a view on the matter of co-options.
- vii) **Mr. Holland**, on behalf of Mr. Nelson, questioned whether any formal booking of use of East Kilbride for the Age Group Championships had been made by the Office. The Convener undertook to check with the Office Manager.

viii) Rankings : the Convener regretted that despite a provision from the 1990/91 allocation to Swimming Committee to the Office for operator time, rankings of a suitable nature had not been available. All results from accredited meets were sent to the Office - neither the Convener nor the District Representatives received all such results and it is therefore not possible for a comprehensive ranking list to be produced except from the Office.

Mr. Dashwood-Brady suggested that consideration be given to an 'exchange' of results between District Representatives to enable such lists to be prepared. While recognising that suggestion as a possibility, the Convener recommended that the current system be retained but with proper input from the Office through the computer programme and under the supervision of a Swimming Technical Officer, such an appointment being urgently required.

ix) Colin Braund : Mr. Philp (President) expressed the view that Colin Braund was not receiving fair or encouraging treatment in respect of his swimming performances and that, for example, he should be included in the Swimming National Squads. The Convener noted that Colin Braund had been selected for the 8 Nations Team on merit, was subject to the same requirements as all the others selected (ie to demonstrate fitness to participate prior to the Contest) and that membership of the National Squads was not a pre-requisite for selection. Mr. Smith (Director of Swimming) advised the Meeting that he had spoken to Colin Braund as requested and that arrangements had been made for Colin to demonstrate fitness as necessary. It was regretted by all that the East Kilbride Meet had been cancelled as it had been identified as the major meet for that purpose.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the first full meeting of the Swimming Committee will be held on Sunday 24th March 1991 : venue to be notified.

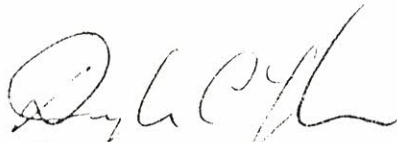
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Booking of East Kilbride Pool : Scottish Age Group Championships

Arising from the Swimming Committee Meeting of 24th February 1991, I would be grateful if you could write formally on behalf of the Association to book use of the pool at East Kilbride for 26th to 30th June 1991 ; times to be checked with the Director of Swimming in respect of previous discussions with the venue owners.



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To : Mr. W. Black (General Secretary)
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SASA Executive Committee : Co-options to Swimming Committee

Arising from the Meeting of the Swimming Committee held on Sunday 24th February, I wish to propose on behalf of the Swimming Committee the co-option for the year 1991/92 of the following :-

Mrs. Frances Smith
Mr. Mike Sheppard

The next meeting of the Swimming Committee is scheduled for Sunday 24th March and it is important that the above members (if approved by the Executive Committee) are available to attend.

The proposal would leave one co-option vacant at present. However, I would wish to be able to invite Mr. McGowan (Management Services) to attend as necessary and as appropriate to the duties which he undertakes on our behalf.



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