

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

REPORT on behalf of the SWIMMING COMMITTEE to the SASA COUNCIL MEETING of
18th August 1991.

1. Business from 7th July

There has been only one item of major business since 7th July - the ASA Championship and GB Trials held at Leeds during the period 1st to 5th August.

2. Arising from previous business

Members of Council may have seen the article written by Elspeth Burnside and published by The Scotsman on Monday 22nd July 1991. That article is headed...
...'Exiles thrown in at the deep end'....and sub-headed...'The Scottish swimming authorities are taking a tough line with overseas defectors'.
The Swimming Committee Minutes of 26th May (Page 5, Item 6) and 16th June (Page 3, Item 4b) relating to the principles and policies concerned have previously been submitted to Council.

The letter received from Mr. Black (30th July 1991) did not refer to this matter and therefore the support of Council for this policy has previously been assumed. However, in view of this publicity prompted (I suspect) by one swimmer, it would be helpful if Council could give a positive response.

3. ASA Championships ; GB Trials : Leeds : 1st-5th August 1991

A separate Report is attached for information.

However, the issue of the participation of the Director of Swimming in ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee business at Leeds is of sufficient importance to warrant additional comment.

As the sole SASA Representative present at Leeds at the time when this issue arose and being without any prior notice of the circumstances, I based my judgements and the contents of my correspondence with Mr. Black on what I believed to be in the best interests of Scottish Swimming on that occasion. Now, with the benefit of hindsight, I still believe that judgement to be correct.

The critical issues in my view centre on the following :-

- (1) The Directors of Swimming are appointed for their Technical expertise which should be available to the Associations and to the representatives of the Associations ;
- (2) That expertise is offered in an advisory capacity to the ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee and is extremely valuable ;
- (3) If the SASA Director of Swimming does not attend these ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee Meetings (for whatever reason) Scottish Swimming loses the benefit of that expertise and there is an even greater imbalance within the Committee than exists constitutionally at present ;
- (4) If the SASA Director of Swimming does not attend these ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee Meetings (for whatever reason) then one must question why we have a Director at all ;
- (5) If the SASA Director of Swimming does not attend these ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee Meetings (for whatever reason) then careful consideration must be given to the workload, roles and relative expertise of those who substitute or of those amateurs like myself who are left to carry that load.

The above points are not restricted to this one issue. Indeed, the Swimming Committee has made similar points in respect of the Technical Assistant post (vacant) of the Association.

I hope that opportunity will be available to discuss such matters with Mr. Queen in his capacity as Chairman of the Study Group considering the structure of the Association.

Douglas C.J. Brown
Swimming Convener
15th August 1991

As SASA Representative on the ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee and as the current Chairman of that Committee I attended the Championships/Trials in Leeds arriving on Thursday 1st August and departing on Monday 5th August. Arising from four days of intense activity there are several significant points to record :-

1. Participation : SASA Director of Swimming

On Friday 2nd August I was advised by Mr. Smith that following a directive recently received from Mr. Black (SASA Secretary) on behalf of Council, he would not be able to participate in any of the ASFGB Committee business. Without any personal knowledge of the background to this matter and not having received any of the relevant correspondence I considered the situation facing the Association at Leeds and wrote a letter to Mr. Black (sent by fax)(copy attached).

An initial response was received late on that evening and a telephone call early on the morning of 3rd August from Mr. Black resulted in my confirming my view that it would be essential for the Director of Swimming to attend ASFGB meetings to ensure that our (Scottish) interests were fully represented bearing in mind my role as Chairman and the strong influences of the Directors for England and Wales together with the in-built representational advantage of England. Mr. Black accepted that recommendation on this occasion. Mr. Smith attended the formal meetings on that basis and made significant input into the deliberations of the Committee.

2. British Grand Prix Circuit 1991-92

On Thursday 1st August, Mr. Dave Morris (Chairman, British Grand Prix) and his Committee presented their report on the 1990-91 Grand Prix and the programme for the 1991-92 event.

The Meeting was well attended by coaches and officials.

The Report for 1990-91 and the programme for 1991-92 are attached for reference.

3. Open Meeting : Olympic Games, Barcelona 1992 : Swimming Technical Committee

On Saturday 3rd August the Swimming Technical Committee held an open meeting to brief coaches and officials on the progress of arrangements leading to the Olympic Games. The meeting was very well attended.

The papers circulated prior to the meeting as part of the main presentations by Terry Denison (Chief Coach) and Paul Bush (Team Manager) are attached for reference.

The meeting expressed strong support for the separate Olympic Trials because of the advantageous timing of the sessions and the facilities both being in the best interests of the swimmers. An argument was presented for the achievement of qualifying times in other (nominated) meets and this will be considered by the ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee Meeting of 5th September.

4. ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee Meeting

The formal meeting of the Committee was held on Sunday 4th August ; the main purpose of that meeting was the selection of the GB Team to participate in the European Championships in Athens.

Despite fears expressed prior to and during the Trials that the Qualifying Times were 'too tight', ten Men and nine Women achieved times at the Trials, one Man achieved times at the European Junior Championships and another Man had achieved a time at the World Student Games...making a total of 21 'Qualifiers' out of a potential team of 24.....including Alison Sheppard, Jean Hill and Rik Leishman. Following long and difficult deliberation on the potential status of relay teams arising from recently produced ranking lists which differed from the previously produced Qualifying Times, three additional swimmers were added.

5. General Observations

The choice of Leeds as the 'qualifying venue' and the re-arrangement of sessions to provide afternoon finals on Saturday and Sunday did little to assist the swimmers, adding fuel to the determination to have separate Trials in future with morning heats and evening finals.

Generally, Scottish swimmers performed well at the Trials ; particular regret must be recorded that Ruth Gilfillan won both the 200m and 400m Freestyle events but in times outwith the Qualifying standards. There was no case to send

additional swimmers for the Womens 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay.
Although spectator attendance was good at the weekend, little atmosphere was generated and the whole event was 'slow'.

6. Acknowledgements

Having spent a significant part of the period in Leeds working with Terry Dennison and Paul Bush I would like to record my thanks to them for their assistance and my admiration for the quality and quantity of work which they are undertaking on behalf of British Swimming.



Douglas C.J. Brown
SASA Swimming Convener
14th August 1991.

Enclosures : Letter from Convener to Mr. Black
Report, British Grand Prix 1990-91
Programme, British Grand Prix 1991-92
Olympic Arrangements 1991/92

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr W Black
General Secretary

FROM: Mr D Brown
National Convener
Swimming Committee

cc: Mr W D Charles
Mr H H Smith
SASA Office

DATE: 2 August 1991

DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING: ATTENDANCE AT ASFGB SWIMMING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF 1 - 4 AUGUST 1991

I have been advised by the Director of Swimming (Mr H H Smith) that he has been instructed by council not to attend meetings without prior approval.

As Swimming Convener, I consider it to be essential that the Director of Swimming attends all of our SASA Swimming Committee Meetings and all of the scheduled ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee Meetings.

As important meetings of the ASFGB Swimming Technical Committee will be taking place during this weekend, I hereby formally request that Mr Smith be allowed to participate fully in the work of this Committee. As the current Chairman of that Committee and as the only Scot on the Committee, I feel that it is important that Mr Smith is available to balance out the influences of Mr Stubbs (England) and Mr Williams (Wales) as fellow Directors of Swimming in their advisory capacities.

I am currently staying at the Holiday Inn (Leeds) (Room 218) and would be grateful if any objection to my proposal be sent to my attention by 5.00 pm today.

Douglas Brown
National Convener

Swimming Committee



British Swimming Grand Prix 1990-91

Chairman's Report

Welcome to Leeds for this the Third Annual Open Meeting of the British Swimming Grand Prix Circuit.

The last twelve months has seen a number of changes in the format of the Grand Prix, the main change being the inclusion of the final in the last Open Meet on the circuit, this being at Southampton. Whilst this event was extremely well organised and attended by Swimmers and Spectators alike, it was generally felt that the Grand Prix Final, has lost some of its identity.

You will recall at last year's meeting I reported that we were without a Major Sponsor, I regret to say that we are in the same position this year. In spite of considerable activities by all members we have failed to secure the support of any one company. The main stumbling block being the lack of Television coverage, it appears that the Television Companies are reluctant to screen Swimming, we have even offered them the final at no cost, but still they refuse. I am quite sure that once the Olympics start they will be falling over themselves to beam swimming into our homes.

This year we were fortunate to secure MONK CONSTRUCTION LTD, as our sponsorer for the final at Southampton, this together with good house-keeping by the Committee enabled the final to take place. We are extremely indebted to MONK CONSTRUCTION LTD, who have remained one of our Sponsorers from the first final at Leeds, I understand that they will continue to support various Open Meets on our Grand Prix Circuit, which is appreciated by all.

The sole purpose of the Grand Prix has always been to improve the standard of British Swimming, by creating the right environment to enable swimmers to reach their peak.

This year is no exception, with the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992 we realise the importance of providing all swimmers with the best possible means of preparing for these games. After discussions with British Team Manager, Coaching Staff and of course the swimmers we have decided to run the first half of the 1991-92 Circuit in Short Course Events and the remainder leading up to the games in Long Course including the final.

The Committee is mindful of the fact that by assisting all British Swimmers in their preparation for the Olympic's, it has been necessary to omit certain Short Course Meets previously included on the Circuit, I must stress this is no reflection of the organisation of any of these meets, it is hoped that they will understand our decision in the interest of British Swimming and in future years will return to the Circuit.

I am however pleased to report that for the first time the Grand Prix Circuit will be truly BRITISH with the inclusion of the Speedo Meet at Cardiff in 1992, this together with the final in Edinburgh in April 1992, will certainly make it a British Event. It has always been the aim of the Management Committee to include all three Nations in the Circuit.

The changes we have made, will we hope result in a most successful and rewarding Olympic Games for all British Swimmers and satisfaction to all who have helped in the organisation of these events.

In conclusion I wish to thank all Members of the Management Committee for their splendid support during the last twelve months, and once again in particular Mr. David Rolley our hard working Secretary.

Dave Morris
Chairman British Grand Prix

1st August, 1991

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BRITISH SWIMMING GRAND PRIX
1991 - 92 CIRCUIT

8/9/10 NOVEMBER 91 CUMBERNAULD

TRYST SPORTS CENTRE

25m Pool with boom

Meet Director - Danny McGowan

Telephone: (0236) 722131 • Fax: (0236) 736258

29/30 NOV & 1 DEC 91 GLOUCESTER

ECCELSIASTICAL LIFE OPEN SWIM MEET

GLOUCESTER LEISURE CENTRE

Meet Director - David Rolley

Telephone: (0452) 611440

Enquiries: Esther Murray (0242) 674276

17/18/19 JANUARY 92 LEICESTER

THE LEICESTER SHORT COURSE

25m Pool with boom

Meet Director - Mike Parker

Telephone: (0533) 629001 • Fax: (0533) 532072

(Incorporating the World Cup and may be
subject to a possible change of venue)

14/15/16 FEBRUARY 92 CARDIFF

SPEEDO OPEN MEET

50m Pool

Meet Director - John Pearce

Telephone: (0222) 382296

6/7/8 MARCH 92 EAST KILBRIDE

**THE MONK EAST KILBRIDE
INTERNATIONAL SWIM MEET**

50m Pool

Meet Director - Andy Figging

Telephone: (03552) 21357

27/28/29 MARCH 92 LEEDS

MONK MULTI NATIONS MEET

50m Pool

Meet Director - Peter Broadley

Telephone: (0532) 555347

16/17/18 APRIL 92 EDINBURGH

**SUPER FINAL
EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL SWIM MEET
SUPER FINAL**

50m Royal Commonwealth Pool

Meet Director - Wally Lord

Telephone: 031-667 7211 • Fax: 031-662 0265

WITH THE AGREEMENT OF
THE AMATEUR SWIMMING FEDERATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN

BRITISH SWIMMING GRAND PRIX

1991-92 CIRCUIT



CIRCUIT
1991 - 1992

THE AIMS

BRITISH GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT

The 1991/92 Circuit will consist of six qualifying meets and a Super Final, around the British Isles, all of which currently attract the very best in British Swimming.

Swimmers will be expected to compete in three qualifying meets and the Super Final. If for any reason one of the qualifying heats has to be cancelled, then swimmers can qualify for the Final by swimming in only two of the qualifying meets.

The circuit for this important season, as build up to the Olympic Games, has been changed, and the last four meets on the circuit are all long course. This decision was taken at the request of the British Olympic Squad and does not reflect on the ability of meets previously on the circuit.

At the Super Final, the top 16 swimmers in each category after 6 meets will be invited to compete, and will not be required to pay entry fees for the events in which they compete in category, or categories for which they have qualified.

Swimmers can, if they wish, compete in all 6 meets and the highest points from their best score in three meets will count.

The circuit is managed by a Management Committee and is backed by the sport's governing bodies, The Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain and the three Home Countries Associations.

Each of the swim meets on the Circuit have had to meet stringent guidelines in order to provide the finest possible conditions available for world class performances.

The British Grand Prix Circuit brings together the cream of British swimmers, producing British Grand Prix swimming champions and continues to give the sport every opportunity for enhancement and media exposure.

THE DETAILS

EVENT CATEGORIES

1. Sprint Final	50	100	200
2. Distance	200	400	800/1500
3. Backstroke	50	100	200
4. Breaststroke	50	100	200
5. Butterfly	50	100	200
6. Ind. Medley	100	200	400

POINTS FOR EACH EVENT

The top 16 swimmers in each event will score :
17, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

POINTS FOR RECORD BREAKING PERFORMANCES

Scot/Eng/Welsh	1 point
British	2 points
Commonwealth	3 points
European	4 points
World Best	5 points

ONLY HIGHEST RECORD POSITION WILL COUNT

Only British swimmers score points for the Grand Prix titles.

SWIMMERS REQUIREMENTS

Swimmers may compete in one event in any one category to score points. Scores from a maximum of 2 events in each category will score.

Compete in at least 3 of the 6 meets and the Super Final.

You can compete in all 6 circuit meets but only the highest scores from 3, plus the final will count.

THE FINAL

The Super Final is an open meet like the previous 6 meets on the circuit. The top 16 in each category will have their entry fees reimbursed for the events in which they compete in this category.

Ranking points will be carried forward from circuit meets to the Final.
e.g. 1st in category 16, 2nd 15, etc.

Foreign swimmers may compete in any or all of the six meets but will not have any bearing on the GRAND PRIX placings as they will not be awarded points.

THESE ARE THE BASIC GUIDELINES OF
THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX.

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AMATEUR SWIMMING FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Affiliated to F.I.N.A. and L.E.N.

Dear Colleague

OLYMPIC GAMES, BARCELONA 1992

Please find attached information in respect of Great Britains preparation for the 1992 Summer Games.

In respect of the selection policy, qualifying times will be published as soon as available, after 1st September 1991.

Very best wishes to you all in your quest for Olympic success.

A.S.F. G.B TECHNICAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE
1ST AUGUST 1991

AMATEUR SWIMMING FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Olympic Year - Calendar of Events

1991

22 - 24 November	Welsh ASA - Shortcourse - Bangor (Closed)
06 - 07 December	European Sprint Cup - Germany, Gelsenkirchen
06 - 08 December	Scottish ASA - Short Course - Ayr (Closed)
12 - 15 December	ASA Short Course - Barnet

1992

10 - 21 March	OLYMPIC CAMP - Florida
10 - 11 April	GB Club Team Final - Sheffield
22 - 25 May	OLYMPIC TRIALS - Sheffield
26 May	TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT - Press Breakfast - Holiday Inn - 8.00 am, return to home coaches
10 June	Olympic Team Assemblies - Sheffield
11 - 14 June	ASA Nationals Sheffield
15 - 25 June	OLYMPIC CAMP - Marseilles/Cyprus
26 June	Return to home coaches/regional long course training
09 July	Olympic Team Assemblies - London
10 - 20 July	OLYMPIC CAMP - Canet, South France
20 July	Transfer by Coach to Olympic Village
25 July	OLYMPIC GAMES - Opening Ceremony
26 July	Day 1 - Swimming
31 July	Day 6 - Swimming
09 August	OLYMPIC GAMES - Closing Ceremony
10 August	Return to London

Notes in Respect of the above:-

Olympic Training Camp - Florida, March 1992

Selection Policy

Members of the above camp will be selected immediately after the ASA Winter National Championships at Barnet in December 1991.

Selection will be based upon performances at the 1991 European Trials in Leeds and the 1991 European Championships in Athens.

Performances in the 1991 winter short course championships promoted by constituent countries of GB will be reviewed taking into consideration the published Olympic Games Selection Policy.

Team size 24 swimmers and 8 staff.

Olympic Trials

The trials will take place in Sheffield from 22 - 25 May 1992
Heats will be held at 9.30am and finals at 6.30pm.

Olympic Team Announcement

This will take place in Sheffield at a press breakfast on Tuesday 26th May 1992.

All team members will be expected to attend and will be accommodated at the Holiday Inn on the previous evening.

Following the team announcement all necessary administration work for the Games will be completed, the team will disperse at lunch time.

A.S.A. Nationals 11 - 14th June

All team members will assemble in Sheffield on Wednesday June 10th to participate in the above event prior to departure for the Marseille/Cyprus Camp.

Additional Coach Accreditation

The B.O.A. have highlighted to all governing bodies the anticipated difficulties with accreditation in Barcelona, (please see attached letter).

All coaches are therefore asked to take note of the B.O.A. recommendations and seek tickets via Sportsworld Travel, the official appointed agents (Tel: 0235 554844).

Olympic Team Staff

Appointed to date:-

Team Manager	Paul Bush
Chief Coach	Terry Denison
Coaches	Bob Pay
	Jim Park

A.S.F. G.B. Technical Swimming Committee
31st July 1991

OLYMPIC GAMES PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 25th July	19.00	Opening Ceremony	
<u>Bernat Picornell Pools</u>			
Sunday 26th July	10.00	Heats Womens 100 Freestyle	Womens 400 IM
		Mens 100 Breaststroke	Mens 200 Freestyle
	18.00	Finals	
Monday 27th July	09.30	Heats Mens 100 Butterfly	Womens 100 Breaststroke
		Womens 200 Freestyle	Mens 4 x 200 F/S Team
		Mens 400 IM	
	18.00	Finals	
Tuesday 28th July	10.00	Heats Womens 400 Freestyle	Mens 200 Backstroke
		Mens 100 Freestyle	Womens 4 x 100 F/S Team
		Womens 100 Backstroke	
	18.00	Finals	
Wednesday 29th July	10.00	Heats Mens 400 Freestyle	Womens 200 Breaststroke
		Womens 100 Butterfly	Mens 4 x 100 F/S Team
		Mens 200 Breaststroke	Womens 800 F/S (H)
	18.00	Finals	
Thursday 30th July	10.00	Heats Mens 200 Butterfly	Womens 4 x 100 Med Team
		Womens 200 IM	Mens 50 Freestyle
		Mens 100 Backstroke	Mens 1500 Freestyle (H)
	18.00	Finals - including Womens 800	Freestyle
Friday 31st July	10.00	Heats Womens 200 Butterfly	Mens 4 x 100 Med Team
		Mens 200 IM	Womens 50 Freestyle
		Womens 200 Backstroke	
	18.00	Finals - including Mens 1500	Freestyle
Sunday 9th August	21.30	Closing Ceremony	

A.S.F.G.B.

OLYMPIC GAMES - BARCELONA - JULY 1992

SELECTION POLICY

1. The Team to be selected immediately after the Olympic Trials on ~~Sunday~~ ^{Monday} 24th May 1992 at Sheffield.
2. Pre-Selected Swimmers : Swimmers in Individual Events and ranked in the top 3 in the World, at the end of November 1991 (2 Per Nation) ,to be Pre-selected.
Those selected to prove their fitness by swimming at the Olympic Trials in May.
3. Selection :-
 - a) Pre-Selection of Swimmers as outlined in Paragraph 2.
 - b) Winners of each Individual Event at the Trials, providing they achieve the Qualifying Time as outlined in section 4.
 - c) Where an event is won by the pre-selected swimmer for that event, the second placed swimmer shall also be considered for selection providing that the set Qualifying time has been achieved.
 - d) Where a pre-selected swimmer does not compete in the event they have been pre-selected for at the trials, the winner of that event will only be selected if the qualifying time has been achieved.
 - e) All other individual swimmers who achieve the qualifying time up to a maximum of 2 per event will be selected after taking into consideration the general rules on selection.
 - f) Where no selections have been made in individual events.
 - i) For the mens 4 x 100, 4 x 200 F/S Teams and womens 4 x 100 F/S Team, the top 4 finishers will be selected providing combined individual performance, at the trials achieve the Qualifying Times (see note on Qualifying Times relating to relay takeovers). -1.5 sec
 - ii) In the mens and womens 4 x 100 Medley Teams the individual stroke winners will be selected as long as the aggregate of the four winners achieves the Qualifying Time (see note on Qualifying Times relating to relay takeovers).
 - iii) This policy on relay selection will be adjusted to take into account pre-selections.
4. Qualifying Times : will be based on 20th place in the World 2 per Nation as at 27th August 1991.
These times will be taken from the ISSA Ranking lists and published by ASFGB after 1st September 1991.
5. General Notes on Selection :-
 - a) Swimmers to be selected on places gained in finals;these to take priority over heat and "B" final times and placings. "B" Final placings take priority over heat times and placings.This also applies for all relay team selections.
 - b) Split Times will not be considered.

6. All selected team members must attend all programmed Training Camps and Meetings organised between the Team Selection and the Olympic Games.
7. Swimmers living and training overseas must comply with this selection policy.

A.S.F. G.B. Technical Swimming Committee
July 1991



BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Our ref: KH/cg

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen President: HRH The Princess Royal GCVO

18 July 1991

David Reeves Esq
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Dear David

OLYMPIC GAMES - BARCELONA 1992

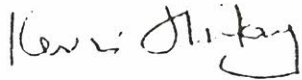
Whilst recent meetings with Governing Bodies focused on the setting of Olympic qualifying standards, the matter of accreditation of additional support staff was central to all meetings. The purpose of this letter is to address this matter.

The Barcelona Games is going to present enormous problems to anyone living outside the Village who expects to have access to competitors. The category of FX passes, which operated at all previous Games, will not be available in Barcelona. This reflects both the size of the Olympic Village and the limited availability of hotel bed space. Access to the Village and training areas will be heavily restricted. A mere handful of Day Visitor passes will be available to cover all the GB teams and medical support staff.

The BOA would be grateful if you could convey this "real" situation to your swimming fraternity who intend to be in Barcelona for the Games. Whilst the nearby proximity of the Games is no doubt attractive, the fact is that personnel close to the swimmers - including personal coaches, will simply have to accept that their role will be largely as a spectator at the swimming events.

Having coached at the previous 5 Olympic Games, I fully appreciate the problems that this could cause. The potential danger obviously exists that this could interfere with the performance of the swimmers. This must obviously not be allowed to happen, and coaches, family and friends should be forewarned of the situation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin Hickey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "H".

Kevin Hickey
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR