

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SCOTTISH SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY, 2 JULY 1995 AT 6.00 PM

AT THE COTTRELL BUILDING, STIRLING UNIVERSITY

Present: M Sheppard - Convener W Black - President
Mrs E Adams - North N Grierson - Vice-president
S Davidson - Midlands M Woodroffe - Director
I Lochray - West
Mrs H Murray - East (sub)
G Roberts - SSCA (sub)

Apologies: D Brown - Vice-chair, disciplines
N Dashwood-Brady - East
W McGoldrick - SSCA
A McNeil - Co-opted
J Park - National coach

**ACTION
BY**

1 MINUTES - 2 JUNE AND 16 JUNE 1995

These were approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

Carried forward

2.2 Sykes report not received.

John Bruce's hardware specification not received.

NDB

2.3 SSAF grants:

- Director's recommendations to be implemented from September dealing with phases 1 and 2.

- Director to consider the position for Youth Squad swimmers by September.

MW

- Scheme to be considered for other disciplines.

MW/DB

- Phases 1 and 2 can be published in updated Swimmers' Booklet in September.

MW

2.6 Lyons camp update:

- Due to fare structures, ten places were booked for Lyons and Winnipeg, to fill gaps, it was agreed W McGoldrick go to Lyons and A Lynn to Winnipeg.

2 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

2.6 Lyons camp update: (continued)

- Noted that SSA have information re travel plans which cater for late changes, EM to obtain from DB.

EM

3 - Convener has written re Fast Lane News, response awaited.

- North District asked convener to take matter of expenses differential up with Council, convener advised more appropriate to have North District council members raise the issue.

EA

4 Age groups

Noted that Council had insisted on the award of pennants, convener expressed concern re financial implications.

5 Multi-nations

Noted there will be no senior event next year, EM to write to current holder of Royal Bank Quaich (Finland) for return next year.

EM

Noted that provisional entries had been made at LEN Conference for three age group teams, it has to be decided very soon if Scotland will take part since there are heavy fines for late withdrawals.

MW/MDS

3 CORRESPONDENCE

Council minute - 30 April

West District claimed not to have accepted timing equipment.

Re 50m pool at Tollcross, WB confirmed it would have seating for 800 spectators and a 25m swim down pool plus space for seating for swimmers on the pool deck.

Re GB review, noted that ASA committee had not consulted their districts but had rejected proposals. Alternatives to be discussed at GB committee meeting on 7 July.

Council minute - 18 June

Minutes not yet circulated.

WB reported:

- Clubs to be aware of difficulties stemming from new unitary authorities, also noted Fife (new authority) straddles Midlands and East Districts.
- R Dale and P Syers will be put forward for next FINA lists, both having been given exposure at ASA meets.

MDS

3 CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

Council minute - 18 June (continued)

- Noted that coach, Mr Pinto, had been suspended for one year following an incident at a meet on 10 June.

Re LEN restructure proposals, noted that, as in SASA, discipline committees to be given more autonomy and accountability for budgets.

4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open

- North and SSCA would like a return of consolation finals, alternative view was there was not enough depth of swimmer to justify.
- With the introduction of Youth Championships, youths were excluded from becoming Junior Champion, consider next year selecting Junior Champion from either senior or youth final.
- Generally, the management of the meet was good, catering was good, there were no breakdowns or problems.
- Youth Championships were debated and considered good, next year, perhaps, could include relay events for 13/14 years to reduce congestion at Age Groups.
- Can we try to revert to weekends after existing midweek contract runs out in 1996?
- There was a misunderstanding re swimmers' responsibilities for drug testing, Dr Snape agreed to produce an "idiot's" guide for inclusion in the handbook being issued in September.
- Following an enquiry from D Brown the committee considered the inclusion of other discipline events to be held within the Open Championships, the general view was:

Diving - if contained within a short programme at around lunch-time, not a problem.

Synchro - On advice from Mrs HM, RCP pool not a suitable venue.

Water polo - Set-up time makes this difficult unless at end of last day.

MW

4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

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| Open (continued) | Masters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Given there is no need to set-up, evenings could be passed over to Masters provided they contributed to pool hire and bought medals from another budget, ie, to produce a net income to cost of pool hire - also to provide their own officials. |
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Income generation agreed to be of great importance.

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| Age groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern expressed re not including 19-24 years age group, consensus was they should swim at Open and clubs should try to include more events at this age group. - Concern expressed re adverse publicity stemming from Hind and apparent lack of proper planning for sponsors' requirements, from Murdo Wallace, he had not discussed detailed arrangements with pool management who were not aware of Hind banner requirement until start of meet. - Concern expressed over lack of proper planning re siting of swim shop, again neither sponsors' requirements nor pool management requirements were dealt with by Murdo Wallace. - Noted that no SSC banner was displayed. - Noted that pool management declined banner from SSCA. - Concern was expressed re lack of adequate seating from swimmers, agreement was to provide bench seating for 250, what was provided were seats for around 190. - Noted a letter had been sent by GDC suggesting we do not hold Winter Championships at Scotstoun. |
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Inter district	- Glenrothes - planning all in hand.	NDB
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Winter	- EM to write to Ayr, Aberdeen and Dunfermline to enquire if they can accommodate this event and what grants are available.	EM
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	- Convener to draft programme of events excluding 100 IM.	MDS
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	- Because of clash of dates with ASA, agreed to run this event on Thursday to Saturday, 21-23 December.	
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Club Team	- Planning to commence in September.	
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4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued)

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| Computers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed all Scottish events now to be run on computer. - If events are in West District, noted that John Bruce has offered assistance and to teach operators. | |
| Events information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Booklet to be produced by office, director to prepare draft for next meeting, hold over then till after Winter Championships and distribute in January. | MW |
| Income generation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Convener suggested professional staff might consider running swim schools during school holiday periods, either residential or not, and use senior swimmers. - Convener asked whose responsibility it is to sell advertising in programme. - Committee do not believe it is responsibility of the organising committee or the swim committee. - Committee believe it is the responsibility of the vice-chairman for marketing. - For major programme, advertising sales should generate easily over £1,000 each. | MW |

5 SQUADS

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| Youth squad | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted that management appointed: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Manager</td> <td>Maureen Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant manager</td> <td>Helen Murray</td> </tr> </table> - There is to be a staff meeting on 17 July to develop plans for training and competition and to deal with issues such as staff expenses, assembly costs, etc. - Agreed, only those who achieve qualifying times will be selected to the squad. | Manager | Maureen Campbell | Assistant manager | Helen Murray | |
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| Elite squad | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted six swimmers currently in France. - Seven swimmers will compete in Canada. - There are eight swimmers selected at present. - Only long course times will be used to add to the elite squad for next February's training camp. | MW/
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6 ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

This will be reviewed after the holiday period.

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NDB

7 CALENDAR PLANNING

This will be on the agenda for the next technical panel meeting in August.

MW

8 FINANCE

The convener had distributed trial balances, costs to date were discussed, the overspend at Lanzarote was noted, and hoped there would be a compensating underspend between France/Canada.

Multi-nations (senior and two junior) costs not all to hand yet.

Open and Age Group Championships costs not all known yet.

9 DISTRICT TRAINING

North District has responded - development plan already distributed and approved - finance noted as:

	<u>1992/93</u>	<u>1993/94</u>	<u>1994/95</u>
	£	£	£
Costs - training	530	1,190	1,200
	<u>1,880</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>6,200</u>
	<u>2,410</u>	<u>4,710</u>	<u>7,400</u>
Income - swimmers	1,100	2,700	4,720
- district)	1,310	1,260	1,680
SASA)	—	<u>750</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>2,410</u>	<u>4,710</u>	<u>7,400</u>

Approval to release £1,000 to North District.

EM

Conveners of West, Midlands and East reminded to please respond to convener's letter of 15 May, no funds can be released until there is a satisfactory response.

District
Conveners

10 CONSTITUTION REWRITE

Noted that the first draft has been requested for 15 September, convener explained because of his late holiday arrangements he might not make this date, he will attempt to have a draft for the committee meeting scheduled for 22 September.

MDS

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Swimmers' contributions for France and Canada were queried, confirmed, £100 each location.

Top 10 rankings were distributed.

Coach of Year nominations:

Female	Mrs E Adams
Male	A Lynn
Disability	E Campbell
Junior	G Roberts
School	A McNeil
Outstanding contribution	None
Professional	A McNeil

Development plan progress noted as on target.

PR responsibility queried, eg, lack of Scottish input to Swimming Times - agreed higher profile needed.

STO convener advised he had not sought representation on swimming committee however, agreed to keep him on mailing list and he could delegate responsibility to attend say to R Dale and/or P Syers - both potential FINA officials.

Meeting finished at 9.50 pm.

Next meeting - 9/10 September 1995 at Perth during annual seminar.