

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SCOTTISH SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1995 AT 1.00 PM

AT GLADYER INN, ROSYTH

Present: M Sheppard - Convener M Woodroffe - Director
N Dashwood-Brady - East
S Davidson - Midlands
I Lochray - West
B Prentice - West (designate)

Apologies: W Black - President
A McNeil - Co-opted
W McGoldrick - SSCA
D Brown - V-C Disciplines

**ACTION
BY**

1 MINUTES - 20 OCTOBER 1995

These were approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

Carried forward

Peter Snape to be reminded he offered to produce an "idiots' guide" to drug testing.

MDS

Sports Systems rankings, convener to raise operation of this with Stuart Martin.

MDS

Swimming records proposals to filter these through Swim committee have been made by convener in Regulation changes for new Constitution.

S S C proposals regarding top club scheme still awaited but were on hold for time being.

MW

Noted that Edinburgh Spring meet is now cancelled through lack of funding.

New

3.0 Noted that pool hire costs for RCP and East Kilbride Summer championship not yet known.

Committee re-iterated their view that a separate championships organising committee was neither desirable nor necessary for reasons already stated.

2 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

New (continued)

Noted that convener had been invited to sit on European Junior and World Cup organising committee, first full meeting scheduled during Winter Championships at Ayr.

Noted that possible representative meet at Carnegie in February will not take place.

- 5.0 Regarding proposed payments of £400 grants to swimmers not attending the Florida camp. The convener expressed concern following press comment. Director agreed it would be given only in support of an approved programme.

MW

Noted that PRF payments to Elite swimmers had been approved to the extent of £2,000 up to 30 November 1995, director to action.

MW

3 CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

SASA Awards Proposed:

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| Nancy Riach | - Graeme Smith for his silver medal performance at the European Championships. |
| W G Todd | - Bryan Morgan for his outstanding performance during the year. |

No reports were tabled.

4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winter Championships - Ayr: 14/17 December 1995.

Organising committee has planning in hand.

Computers will be used for meet management.

Club Team Championships - Carnegie: 21 January 1996.

Organising committee has planning in hand.

Age Group Championships: East Kilbride: 27/30 June 1996.

National Championships: RCP: 12/14 June 1996.

Pools Booked - cost of hire not yet known.

Inter Districts 1996: venue/date to be confirmed.

Winter Championships: 20/22 December 1996.

Venue preferred: Tollcross, Glasgow: to be confirmed.

5 SCOTTISH SQUADS

Youth

Head coach Drew Gordon made a presentation to the committee on squad activity so far.

Sixteen swimmers had qualified for phase 1 (ie education/training) and two had not accepted, so would have to re-qualify for phase 2 (ie competition).

Evaluation of first training weekend at East Kilbride was a success, but that the facility proved to be difficult since public were in one half of the pool and there were no land facilities.

Proposed changes to squad structure in the light of experience:-

- drop 13 year old girls and 18 year old boys so there would only be a one year difference between boys and girls.
- operate as one squad instead of two.
- adjust some of the qualifying times in view of Scottish situation.

These proposals were discussed and accepted although there were reservations by:-

- convener regarding changing qualifying times, not to make it easier and return to squads of large numbers.
- by N Dashwood-Brady regarding age changes and time changes since squad has only been going since Summer and all criteria had already been published.
- general concern regarding coach appointments, ie two head coaches and not a head coach and coach.

A revised Youth Squad booklet will be produced outlining changes and new criteria.

It was agreed that District squad criteria would be reviewed in early new year with a view to possible implementation in August 1996.

MW

Elite/Senior

There are testing weekends up to the Olympic Trials.

Florida camp was arranged for four swimmers, staff to be Jim Park plus one coach, either A McNeil or A Lynn, and possibly a physio.

It was suggested that McNeil and Lynn should be the two coaches since it was only their swimmers who were going on the camp.

Director to consider the position and deal with staffing in December.

MW

6 ACCREDITATION / LICENSING OF SWIM MEETS

Reported that two meetings of sub group had been held with a further one scheduled for early January. Thereafter a report will be made to Swim Committee, possibly for the January meeting.

MDS/
ND-B

7 CALENDAR PLANNING

Still in progress with a view to implementation in 1996/97.

MW

8 FINANCE

Current year

Convener reported expenditure still broadly in line with budget.

Next year

Convener reported approval for increased funding for 1995/96 expected but not yet received.

9 DISTRICT TRAINING

Noted that West had now provided some of the information requested. Convener to report on it at January meeting.

For 1996 support, Districts will be asked for their plans at January meeting.

10 REGULATIONS / BYE-LAWS

Convener reported the regulations review was now completed and in the hands of E Adam.

Convener reported the changes to committee duties had been completed and passed to Bill Black.

11 POOL SAFETY

Carried forward.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Parks proposals for Performance Related Funding for coaches and for clubs were approved in principle - fine tuning to be dealt with at Ayr.

PA Specification was produced by N Dashwood-Brady. Convener to pass to Stuart Martin for consideration.

MDS

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED

Convener expressed concern over the situation in Aberdeen where a Council coaching appointment had now been made but the main club, ie Aberdeen ASC had not joined the Council swimming scheme. Convener offered his assistance but director advised that he and the Chairman were attending a meeting of all parties in early course.

Meeting finished at 4.00 pm.

Next meeting - Friday, 19 January 1996 - Venue to be arranged.