

SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Water Polo AGM held in Perth Ice Rink on
Sunday 7 December 1997 at 10 am

Present:- Mr Derrick Hoare (SASA President), D Brown (BoM),
R Elder (Nat.Convener), H Cullen (Glasgow Masters), Fiona
Cameron, B Littlejohn, A Donaldson (all Dunfermline WPC),
C Primrose (Western Baths), A Burgoyne (Renfrew Aqua),
V Williams (Perth City), D Balbirnie (Dundee/Tay Seals),
I Woolley (Warrender), H P McGibbon (Western/CoG), M McLeod
(Menziesshill)

Apologies:- Nan Battison

The National Convener asked the Scottish President to Chair the
Meeting but he declined

Minutes of Meeting held 1 December 1996 were approved by Vic
Williams and Hugh Cullen

Douglas Brown addressed the Meeting regarding GB which covered
the funding of GB men. The National Convener gave his opinion on
GB Funding.

Vic Williams addressed the Meeting on Domestic competitions -
National Leagues.

Calendar to be sent to all Polo Squad players with a News Letter
to be sent to all players regarding 1997 with the enclosure of a
Calendar.

Water Polo invitations to be sent to Council Members as well as
the President, Vice President re tournaments etc.

Clubs to run more tournaments and to be organised by Clubs.

There are two new clubs starting in the West District.

Derrick Hoare addressed the Meeting thanking everybody for their
hard work and efforts made on behalf of Water Polo. He hoped
that more clubs could be encouraged into the sport.

The National Convener gave his Review for 1997:-

I would like to welcome everybody for attending the AGM.

At Domestic level entries to the various competitions have stayed
at the same number.

The Scottish Cup was won by Portobello beating Dunfermline and
Tay Seals won the Malta Trophy u/21 and Willie Mellors u/17
defeating Dunfermline and Portobello respectively.

The Ladies final was between Tay Seals and Hamilton and this
turned out to be a very exciting game which was televised by
Grampian Television. Congratulations to Tay Seals on winning.
The Senior Inter District was again won by the East District
beating Midland District 8-7 in the deciding game and
congratulations to the East District on winning the Junior
competition.

The Ladies Inter District is to be played on 14 December 1997
between the West and Midland Districts.

The National Leagues were completed last night with Portobello
winning the Senior League.

Congratulations/

/Congratulations to Portobello on winning the ASA Cup and for reaching the final of the British Deep Water League.

At International level, the Senior team finished in third place at the Home Nations and we then held the first ever International at Tollcross Pool, Glasgow which was won by the Senior team. They then travelled to Wales for the 6 Nations tournament which we finished in second place.

Mr H Cartwright-Senior Team Coach-and Mr H Cullen-Senior Team Manager-both resigned from their positions. The SWPC would like to thank them for all their efforts and wish them All the Best in the future.

At Junior level, we finished in third place in the Home Nations at Sheffield beating England for the first time ever.

Due to the withdrawal of countries from our own tournament at Tollcross, we ended up playing Ireland and losing two of the three games. We travelled to a tournament in Holland which we won and proved to be a very worthwhile competition as part of our development of the Junior team.

We have played Yorkshire-home and away- and again found it beneficial to our Junior team.

At the RCP, Edinburgh, we played Ireland and Northern Counties which was won by Scotland.

Our Ladies team played in ASA National Leagues this year. We played Ireland at Tollcross losing narrowly in all three games. They then travelled to Holland finishing in second place. The Ladies then played Ireland at the RCP defeating Ireland in two games and drawing the third. My thanks to A Donaldson-Junior Coach-and to B Littlejohn, and to the Ladies Team Management-Vic Williams, A Burgoyne, K Brown and Fiona Cameron-for the way they carried out their duties throughout the year.

This year Brian Littlejohn passed the LEN International Refereeing exam. Congratulations are extended to you and we wish you all the Best in the future.

We now have three International Water Polo Referees and congratulations to all concerned who have refereed at various tournaments throughout Europe.

This year we held a Development Programme for Junior Boys and Ladies. These were held at Dunfermline, Dundee and Drumchapel which was a residential weekend at which we had 24 players.

Overall, this was a very successful programme for Water Polo. My thanks to A Donaldson for running the programme and to the Coaches who were in attendance-B Littlejohn, K Brown, R Laird, N Wilkinson, M McLeod and Fiona Cameron.

We are now in a position that by next year we will have our own qualified Tutors for Water Polo (Two Tutors).

A decision on Water Polo for the 2002 Commonwealth Games will hopefully be known shortly. This is very important to the future of our Sport.

A submission for Lottery Funding for Water Polo will be drafted shortly for submission which will take into account SENIOR and JUNIOR Polo, LADIES polo and COACH development.

We are to advertise the position of Senior team coach and Assistant; also Assistant Coaches for the Junior team.

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REVIEW continued/

/A Budget has been submitted for 1998 and we have asked for a special presentation for the SCOTTISH SENIOR TEAM because of the negative attitude of the GB Committee not to support GB Men's Water Polo. This decision means GB funding that goes to GB Senior Ladies is for ENGLAND players only. (This means that England men receive England budget and Ladies receive GB Budget). GB level-Congratulations to Lynne Baird on her selection to the GB Junior Ladies team, also to Liam Allan selected for GB Junior team tournament.

I would like to thank Elaine Mackenzie and her Staff, especially Ann, for all their assistance throughout the year.

To all the Officials who have given their support in the past year and to the Board of Management for their assistance.

My thanks to Douglas Brown and Stuart Martin for their help as well.

Special thank you to the SWPC Minute Secretary, Nan Battison.

I take this opportunity to Wish everybody A Merry Christmas and A Happy New year.