

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WATER POLO CLUBS
Held at Dewars Rink, Perth on Sunday 5th December 1999 at 10.00a.m.

Present : A.Burgoyne (Renfrew) : V.Williams (Perth) : D.Balbirnie (Dundee) :
J.Osborne (Dundee) : H.Cullen (Glasgow Western) : M.McLeod (Menziesshill)
: K.Anderson (Portobello) : N.Rutherford (Portobello) : A.Donaldson
(Dunfermline) : F.Cameron (Dunfermline) : W.Donaldson (Dunfermline) :
B.Littlejohn (Domestic Co-ordinator).

Apologies : R.Elder (National Convener) : Inverness ASC : D.Stewart (Dunfermline) :
G.Spowart (Dunfermline).

Chair : In the absence of the National Convener, A.Burgoyne chaired the meeting

The Meeting expressed its disappointment that no one was present from the S.A.S.A. and/or Board of Management. It was AGREED that the National Convener should write to P.Bush, S.A.S.A. Chief Executive, (with a copy to the S.A.S.A. President) to convey this. **Action – R.Elder**

Minutes of the 1998 Meeting : These were not available.

Convener's Annual Report : This was not available.

In the absence of this report, details were given by those present of activities during the year :-

International : Programme severely curtailed due to financial constraints.

National League : Problems during the programme resulted in 4 clubs being fined.

West District : No District polo so far this year. District Cup Final has still to be played.

Midland District : Open leagues have been held on a tournament basis at senior, under-18 and under-15, plus the annual Perth v Dundee match.

North District : Inverness is the only active club, with limited numbers involved. The only girl regularly travels to national sessions.

East District : All activity is club based, with emphasis on juniors. Clubs and club members have been successful at national and national squad levels. A.Donaldson has qualified as an A.S.A. Tutor.

The Midland District were thanked for their continuing junior programme and club were asked to encourage Inverness club as best they can.

Budget for 2000 :

The Budget allocation for 2000 is £20650, sub-divided as follows :-

National	£2750
International	£8000
Training	£5100
Education	£500
Development	nil
S.W.P.C. costs	£2000
Commonwealth Games 2002 preparation	£2300
Miscellaneous	nil

TOTAL	£20650

There is no carry-over from the 1999 allocation.

Additional funding has been applied for, for Commonwealth Games 2002 preparation, from the Sports Council.

The view of the Meeting was that this funding was inadequate, particularly the Nil Funding for Development.

In view of the fact that Water Polo had been encouraged to enter the 2002 Games, the allocated funding was thought to be a token gesture towards the costs required to prepare for such a high profile major tournament where a good performance is the ultimate aim.

A.O.C.B

- 1. Squad appointments :** Concern was expressed at the late issue of the letter requesting nominations and that it may not have been sent to all S.W.P.C. members. Clubs were requested to write to the National Convener regarding this. Nominations are due to be in by 16th December to the National Convener. Clubs were requested to submit their nominations accordingly. It was suggested that, for future years, nominations should be sent to the S.A.S.A. Office who will forward them to the National Convener.
- 2. National League Format :** The present format will remain in force for the year 2000.
- 3. Development :** It was AGREED that Development would take place mainly at club level, with particular emphasis on junior development. It would be helpful to liaise with Local Authorities and to have parents lobbying coaches at swimming clubs. The Tournament Format was accepted as being the best to develop current juniors and the present co-operation between clubs is a good base to build on. The target should be all clubs to have a junior team (boys or girls or both) by the next annual meeting. *

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4. **Club Barriers** : The Chairman initiated a discussion regarding barriers which may or may not exist between clubs at the present time. Many points were raised, all of which should help to increase co-operation between clubs.
5. **Domestic Competitions** : It was felt that the senior Cup should have a higher profile than at present and could again be held during or at the conclusion of a major swimming meet.

The Domestic Co-ordinator agreed to look into this. **Action – B.Littlejohn**

The remaining three finals should continue on a centralised basis on the same day at a venue which would encourage spectators, Portobello being the preferred option.

6. **Referees' Expenses** : The Home Club will continue to be liable to pay referees' expenses (the proposed change to this procedure was supported by two clubs only).

The Meeting closed at 1227p.m. with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair