

S.A.S.A. PAST PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minute of 2005 Annual Dinner held in Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow
on Friday 25th February, 2005 at 7 pm for 7.30 p.m.

Arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Blair Prentice as the most recent Past President from West District, host District for the occasion. The company assembled at 7 p.m. for pre-prandial drinks and conversation. Present were:

Alex. Spence (1967) and Netta.
John Neil (1973) and Margaret.
Les Turberville (1974)
Peter Heatly (1975 and 1988)
Mary Black (1976 and 1977)
Mrs. Isobel Smith, widow of Peter (1978)
Jack Snowdon (1984)
Andrew Taylor (1987) and Nan
Don McGillivray (1989) and Nancy
George Philp (1991) and Agnes
Jill Cochran (1992) and Gordon
Winnie Ferguson (1993)
Helen Brunton (1994)
Bill Black (1995)
Norman Grierson (1996) and Myra
Mrs. Jean Hoare, widow of Derek (1997)
Robin Dale (1998 and 1999) and Jennifer
Ron Taylor (2000) and Sheena
Stewart Davidson (2002) and Joan
Blair Prentice (2003) and Ann
Mrs. Helen Murray (2004) and Stuart
Mr. Tom Tracey, President -elect, and Sadie, as guests, making a total of 35.

Chairman's remarks:

Apologies were received from John Gunning (1957); Alan Robertson (1979) and Sheena, who was too ill to travel; Jim Thomson (1980) only recently out of hospital and Chris;

Tom Nelson (1982); Sandy Brunton (2001) and Lorna who could not travel from Inverness in time for 7.30 p.m.. No reply had been received from Don Hawthorn(1983) and Carole. Blair referred to the menu which had been changed, as he described, by unpopular demand. He then called on Helen Brunton (1994) to say Grace.

There followed an excellent meal with copious draughts of wine, followed by a necessary comfort break.

Loyal Toast:

The company responded to the toast proposed by the Chairman.

Minutes of 2004 Annual Dinner held in Thistle Airport Hotel, Aberdeen on 27th February, 2004

Alex. Spence, as scribe, read the minutes. As no one present on that occasion had any recollection of what took place, the minutes were accepted as a correct record and unanimously adopted.

Toast to the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association

Introducing the speaker, Mrs. Mary Black, the Chairman facetiously reminded the company that this was a licenced event and subject to the constraints of a three-hour session!

Mary reminded the company that the Association was now 117 years old. She looked upon the Association as one large family with many divergent interests. She reminisced about her early days in swimming and referred to swimmers who had made an impression upon her. She reminded the company of the special occasions in Scotland - the 8-Nations, twice the Commonwealth Games, the special events at Tollcross Pool and the Commonwealth Pool and praised those who had contributed their skills to organising these events. She paid tribute to Alison Shepherd as an ambassador for Scottish Swimming and to Masters swimmers Flora Connelly and Sandy Gellatly who were still achieving world records in their events.

She thanked the pioneers in the sport who had kept the Association going in difficult financial times and contrasted the present-day situation with huge grants. She hoped the Association would use them wisely and continue with the immense improvement and success in recent years.

Reply:

Mr. Tom Tracey, President-elect, thanked Mary for her toast. He came into swimming via his children, then as a committee member of Inverness Club, taking an interest in North District affairs. He became involved in the computing side of officiating. He referred to the recent

improvements in standards. We were now a very professional organisation, in good financial heart. The office staff, the coaches and volunteers were highly committed to the improving of standards and he would endeavour to support them in their efforts.

The Chairman announced that the meal would cost £19 per head. When they had lightened their pockets, the company reminisced about people and events, which continued late into the evening elsewhere. The evening closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman at 11.25 p.m.

It was announced that next year's event would be held in Peebles at the Macdonald Cardrona Golf and Leisure Hotel and the organisation would be in the capable hands of Mrs. Helen Murray as most recent Past President from East District, hosts for the occasion.