

## **MINUTES OF THE CSSC ASA ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008.**

The meeting started at 5.40 p.m. with our President, Ron Bowrage, in the chair. There were 12 members present.

**Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Jim Essex, Ian Milligan and Bill Oakes

**1. To approve the minutes of the last Council Meeting.**

The minutes of the last council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were agreed and signed.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Presentation of Annual reports.**

The Hon. General Secretary's Annual Report was approved.

The Hon. Trophy Secretary reported that two valuable trophies had been missing for the past two years. He asked team leaders to ensure that the forms which are signed by people taking trophies be returned to him before the end of the gala. Suzanne explained that one of the persons involved had left the service and cannot now be traced

**4. Presentation of Financial Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007**

Iain Colquhoun had prepared the financial statement that was before the meeting. He explained that the accounts would be scrutinised by the CSSC who effectively control all our expenditure. It was agreed that the accounts be approved subject to CSSC scrutiny.

**5. To fix entry fees for 2009.**

It was agreed that no increase in entry fees was currently needed.

**6. Election of Officers.**

Iain Colquhoun was elected President and at this point Ron surrendered the chair to Iain. Fred Humphreys proposed and John Helm seconded and it was agreed that the following be elected en bloc: -

Hon. Gen. Secretary	Iain Colquhoun
Hon. Treasurer and Trustee	Suzanne Witton
Championship Secretary	Iain Colquhoun
Hon. Secretary Men	Matthew Gomez
Hon. Secretary Women	Janine Thomas
Hon. Diving Secretary	Anne Murray
Hon. Water Polo Secretary	Darren Nash
Hon. Trophy Secretary	Ron Bowrage
Hon. Technical Officer	John Helm
Hon. Press Officer	Iain Colquhoun

**6a. Election of Executive members in accordance with Rule 16**

Eon Coulthard, Ron Macdiarmid and Corrine Williams were duly elected to the Executive.

**7. Election of Accounts Examiner.**

Due to the small amount of funds that now actually passes through our officer's hands it was agreed that we no longer needed to appoint an examiner.

**8. Amendment to rules [Motions for the Meeting].**

There were no proposed amendments to the rules.

**9. National Championships 2009.**

The 2009 Championships are to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May at Ponds Forge Sheffield. The Association will be in its centenary year in 2009 and it is hoped that we will have special medals to commemorate this anniversary.

**10. Small Team Trophy.**

After much discussion it was clear that a formula which could work in favour of the smaller teams would have repercussions and could discourage participation by the larger teams. As the aim of the Association is to encourage the widest possible number of entries it was clear that no special consideration could be given to the smaller teams. It was proposed by Bill McKenzie and seconded by John Helm that this idea should be dropped and the motion was carried.

**11. Centenary.**

The discussion ranged freely over a range of items that could serve to make our anniversary year something special. It was emphasized that there should be a lot of publicity and that we should request the CSSC to provide: - special medals for the Championships, special tops for representative teams and our officials. Other ideas included special sports bags and towels, a dinner dance or disco and a celebrity VIP to present trophies at the Championships in Sheffield. Anyone who could come up with any other ideas was asked to let Iain Colquhoun know.

**12. Cross Channel Swim (6 x 1 Relay).**

Iain explained that we will have CSSC support if we go ahead with this venture. The proposed date for the swim is July/August 2009. A more precise date cannot be given at this distance in time as the actual day of the swim will be subject to prevailing weather and sea conditions. John Helm pointed out that there are very explicit requirements that apply to any cross channel [or open water] swim. He said that there are strict rules concerning the ability of the swimmers and those in charge of the accompanying boat. He gave as an example that the Health and Safety Department insists that someone in the accompanying boat must be trained to deal with anyone suffering hypothermia during the swim. It was proposed by Suzanne Witton and seconded by Corrine Williams that we should obtain all necessary information and go ahead with this venture and this motion was carried unanimously.

### 13. CSSC Games

The discussion centred on what the CSSC really wanted. Did they want fun and games in the pool or more serious swimming? There was a view that swimmers invited to take part in these games would expect to compete in swimming events. Nevertheless certain suggestions were made on the basis of fun and games events. A relay event with each team member pushing a polo ball up one length of the bath was suggested. Another event suggested involved throwing a Wellington boot into the water from one end of the pool, recovering it and swimming with it to the other end. It was also suggested that we could stage races at Olde English Backstroke, Sidestroke and Trudgen or include these in a style event for both men and women. To make things more authentic it was thought that we could ask swimmers to wear costumes typical of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. To accommodate senior swimmers a handicap system would be employed.

### 14. Any Other Business.

[1] Mike Williamson felt it was necessary to let swimmers coming to the gala tomorrow know that swimming under ASA Laws means what it says: - still on the blocks until the starter's signal, touch and turn with both hands in Breaststroke and Butterfly and no illegal leg kicks or arm movements. It was proposed by Bill McKenzie and seconded by Corrine Williams that such an announcement should be made before the start of the gala and this motion was carried.

[2] Ron Bowrage proposed and Bill McKenzie seconded that Suzanne Witton be made a Life Vice President of the Association. This motion was carried unanimously.

[3] It was agreed that Iain Colquhoun, Ron Bowrage, Suzanne Witton and Fred Humphreys should be the authorised signatories of the Association for banking purposes.

The meeting closed at 7 p.m. following a vote of thanks to the chair.

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**Iain Colquhoun**

**RETIRING PRESIDENT**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2009**