

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of 1st Annual General Meeting held at Cambridge Road Baths, Huddersfield on Sunday 29th September, 1957, at 2 p.m.

Apologies were received from J. Somerfield, N. Pearson, R. McCoughey, E. Hannam, A. E. Ayres, C. G. Fersberg, Miss J. Gilbert, Miss A. J. Slater, Miss J. Broadhurst, & Mrs. F. Slater.

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting and first General Meeting were accepted.

Secretary's Report accepted as circulated, &

Treasurer's Report & balance sheet accepted as circulated.

Press Relations Officer reported that he had experienced difficulty in obtaining publicity in certain quarters, although publicity had been given to the Championship by Press, T.V. and B.B.C.

Alterations to rules. After Rule 3 insert "Rule 3a, Ex Officio members.

Honorary Vice-Presidents. The Association may recognise outstanding service of an individual by election as Honorary Vice-President. Patrons Private individuals firms, or organisations making voluntary donation of £1 or over to the Association annually, be recognised as official patrons of the B.L.D.S.A." Rule 3 add "and Press Relations Officer" after Chairman delete "and".

A proposal to substitute the title Vice-President instead of Chairman in Rule 3 was defeated, but it was agreed that the President preside at all meetings, and that in the absence of the President the Chairman carry out that office.

Election of Officers. Tellers - E. Robinson (Otley) W. Anderson (Warrington)

President - P. H. Rising, Chairman - F. C. Oldman, Hon. Sec. J. K. Slater,

Treasurer - G. T. Smith, Press Relations Officer - L. Craven, Hon. Vice-

Presidents - J. G. Couplethwaite, Dr. G. Lancaster, Mrs. F. Oldman,

Committee - F. Broadhurst, F. Slater, J. Brennan, A. A. Ann, Miss E. Fenton,

J. Brown, W. Toulcher, G. Foote, Miss M. Sugden, E. Summers.

Date and Venue of Annual Championship 30th August or 6th September, 1958, at Windermere.

It was decided that the Association should give all possible assistance to the Torquay Corporation in organising a Perbay Championship and it was agreed that Mr. F. Oldman conduct the preliminary negotiations on behalf of the Executive and act as Hon. Sec. of this particular Championship, which if possible should be held in July.

Conditions for award of Windermere Certificates. That any member completing the course and giving sufficient evidence to the Executive shall be entitled to a certificate (fee to be decided shortly) and that certificates be available subject to those conditions to members who completed the course w.e.f. 30.9.56.

On behalf of visiting members who had enjoyed the hospitality of members living in the Huddersfield district, Mr. W. Anderson asked that the appreciation of the visitors be recorded in the minutes.

Auditors. Mr. J. Todd (Bradford) and Mr. D. Lee (Huddersfield)

It was agreed that the Association give all possible support to the formation of a Welsh Branch of the B.L.D.S.A. and that close contact be kept with the organisers.

Championship Trophies. It was agreed that appreciation for the generosity of the President in providing the Championship Trophy and Mr. W. Toulcher in providing the Ladies Championship Trophy be recorded in the minutes.

Annual Dinner etc. It was agreed that at the end of the 1958 season a Dinner Dance be held on the Saturday preceeding the A.G.M. or at the Championship venue in conjunction with the Presentations.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the above date and venue.

Emergency Committee. comprising President, Chairman, Hon. Sec. Treasurer, Press Relations Officer, Miss E. Fenton & W. Toulcher was elected.

Co-opted members Mrs. J. Brown (Morecambe) J. O'Hara (Huddersfield) J. Todd (Bradford) W. Anderson (Warrington)

Regional Representatives J. Somerfield (Staffs) Miss Jenny James (Wales)

A. Ayres (Warwicks) Mrs. E. Anderson (Sth. Lanc's & Cheshire) in addition to those already shown on the Association's notepaper. Delete W. Pickering (Staffs)

Miscellaneous.

The sale of photos which were taken at the Annual Dinner by Mr. Allan realized £1. Mr. Allan presented the proceeds to the Association and was suitably thanked.

Annual Dinner. First Annual Dinner took place at Whiteley's Cafe, Huddersfield, at 8 p.m. 28th September, 1957. Among the guests were the Mayor of Huddersfield, Counc. R. Wood, Esq., J.P. and the Chairman of the Baths, Parks & Cemeteries Committee. Both paid tribute to the work of the Association and expressed their wishes for its continued success and expansion.

Membership subscriptions are now due for season 1958 and your continued support would be appreciated. (membership fee 5/-)

Hon. Sec's postage expenses during 1957 amounted to over £8, just less than half the total membership fees.

Windermere U.D.C. have confirmed Championship date as 6th September '58.

Dates of other Championships will be circulated to competitive members as soon as available.

I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy and successful New Year.

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