

Present	1 Honorary President 7 2016 committee members approximately 40 other adults swimmers from the club	
1. President's remarks (Cath Fleming - VP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cath Fleming, Vice President, gave the address. It is attached.</li> </ul>	
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Murray MBE</li> <li>• Karen Foster</li> <li>• Irene Glen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caroline Petrie</li> <li>• Megan Wimberley</li> </ul>
3. Approval of minutes from previous AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes from the last AGM were approved at the first committee meeting of 2016. A copy was sent to all members and available for anyone who had not seen it. The minutes were approved by the AGM (proposed by Eva Akhter and seconded by Antonia Delaney).</li> </ul>	
4. Chief coach's report (Margo Wimberley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MW gave a review of the past year. The presentation is provided alongside these minutes. She also thanked all the coaches and poolside helpers for their continued support</li> <li>• In 2016 there were only two girls in the club who did not compete in at least one competition, one due to illness on the day. MW expressed her wish for all swimmers to take part in a competition in 2017.</li> <li>• MW gave out the following awards, which were presented by CF:                     <p><b>Beginner's Cup – Amy Robertson</b>                      This is awarded to someone who is either a beginner in the club or passed Skill One in the last year.                      “This year it is being awarded to a swimmer who joined us from our 2015 spring taster day. She has worked consistently at developing her synchro skills. She narrowly missed out on her Skill One in March last year and this seemed to galvanise her. She passed her Skill One in September with ease and came up with a beautiful solo routine for the Novice event. Because of her focus and determination we are awarding the Beginner's Cup to Amy Robertson”.</p> <p><b>Senior Achievement Shield – Caitlin Thompson</b>                      This is awarded to a swimmer with skill two or above.                      “This year it is being awarded to someone who joined the club just over a year ago but has taken to synchro like a duck to water. She has such a determination to get things right that she is often seen trying to perfect a figure when the other swimmers are taking a break. Two months after she joined us she won gold in the beginner figures at the Novice event. She then passed Skill One in March and Skill Two in September. She is proof that it is possible to begin synchro at the age of 14 and still be able to reach the skill level required to compete in the National Age Group Championships. She doesn't want to stop there, though, and despite having exams, she is working hard to develop her skills further to meet the Junior age group criteria for this year. Because of her work ethic we are awarding the Senior Achievement Shield to Caitlin Thompson.”</p> </li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Samantha Richie Achievement Shield – Lucy Foster</b></p> <p>This can be awarded to any swimmer in the club. It is awarded to swimmers who achieve something special in the year.</p> <p>“This year it is being awarded to a swimmer whose dedication to the sport is incredible. She comes to every training session with a massive smile on her face and works incredibly hard. She too passed Skill One in March and Skill Two in September. To help her training she went on a synchro training camp with some other swimmers, even though she was only nine years old at the time. She competed in the 12&amp;under age group last year and still has two more years in that age group. She has done all this in addition to her diving, where she won gold and silver medals in her age group in Scotland this year. Because of her dedication to her sports we are awarding the Samantha Richie Achievement Shield to Lucy Foster.”</p> <p><b>The Champion of the Year Cup – Niamh Peakman</b></p> <p>This is awarded to the swimmer who has received the best results in the year.</p> <p>“It may come as no surprise that we are awarding this trophy to Niamh Peakman for the second year running. Niamh topped her performance of last year by winning Gold in the Scottish National figures competition in her first year of being in the 13, 14, 15 age group. She came an impressive 14th overall in the open category for figures and came second in the National solo routine competition. During the year she also passed skill levels four and five, making her the youngest person in Scotland with the highest synchro skill level. In December Scottish Synchro took the five swimmers in her age group with skill four or above down to Gloucester to compete in the ASA National Age Group Championships. Niamh was the only person from Edinburgh Synchro in that group. She performed well against the English swimmers and won the 'visitor' gold medal. Congratulations to Niamh.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The East District presents an award each year for Synchro Person of the Year. It was announced at the East District AGM that it was to be awarded to Niamh Peakman for the second year in a row and it was presented to her at the AGM by CF.</li> <li>• The swimmers vote each year for the recipient of the Coach of the Year Quaich and MW announced that for 2016 it was awarded to Viv Fleming. The Quaich was presented by CF.</li> <li>• The swimmers vote each year for the Club Captain and MW announced that for 2017 it is Jennifer Bannon.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Treasurer's report (Paul Bannon)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PB presented the accounts to Year End 31 August 2016, which are a record of receipts and payments. There is no information on monies owed or due.</li> <li>• There was a surplus for the first time in a couple of years. This was due to an increase in fees and the best fundraising year ever.</li> <li>• From September there is a significant increase in pool and studio time so this will reduce the surplus in 2017. There are also two camps in 2017, Whithaugh Park and Club La Santa.</li> <li>• PB recommended an increase in fees by £1 per month from 1 March.</li> <li>• The accounts and fee increase were accepted (proposed by Tracy</li> </ul>

	<p>Harrison and seconded by Cath Fleming)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The accounts have been audited. Elizabeth Chalmers was proposed as auditor for 2017 by Joanne Watt and seconded by Margo Wimberley</li> </ul>
6. Alterations to constitution or bye-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None were proposed</li> </ul>
7. Election of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-election: Vice President, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator</li> <li>Vacant: President, Kit Coordinator, Development Coordinator, Camp, Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Poolside Volunteer Coordinator. All positions except Camp Coordinator were filled.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OFFICE BEARERS 2017</u></p> <p>Honorary President: Jack Snowdon, MBE  President: Claire Tomnay  Vice President: Cath Fleming  Secretary: Vicky Peakman  Treasurer: Paul Bannon  Chief Coach: Margo Wimberley  Child Protection: Sinead McGill  Vice Child Protection: Vicky Peakman  Team Manager: Eva Akhter  Skills Assessment Coordinator: Karen Foster  Fundraising Coordinator: Helen Coyle  Kit Coordinator: Anne Tumilty  Development Coordinator: Makiko Konishi  Social Coordinator: Christine Rigouleau and Antonia Delaney  Poolside Volunteer Coordinator: Laura Burt  Club Captain: Jennifer Banon  Honorary Auditor: Elizabeth Chalmers</p> <p>Life Members:  May Laidlaw  Helen Murray  Cath Fleming  David Muxworthy  Gwen Duncan  Susan MacFeeters  Margo Wimberley</p> <p>East District Delegates:  Claire Tomnay  Vicky Peakman  Margo Wimberley</p>
8. Other relevant business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None proposed</li> </ul>
9. Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tombola, bake sale raised £248.69. The club also received generous donations totalling £110. Thank you to everyone who made this a success.</li> </ul>
10. Date of next committee meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next committee meeting is at 15:00 on 29 January.</li> <li>The next AGM is provisionally on Sunday 7 January 2018.</li> </ul>

## President's Address

Welcome to our AGM and to the beginning of our training year.

I'd like to start by congratulating one of our Life Members who received an MBE at this year's New Year's Honours list. Unfortunately Helen Murray has sent her apologies so I can't say that we are in the presence of 2 x MBEs (*I ask my father, Jack Snowdon, Honorary President, if he'd like to take the chair. He says NO so I carry on..*)

2016 was another successful year for Edinburgh Synchro. We have just over 60 swimmers and they are all working so hard. For the first time in a long time we will not be having a taster session in the spring as we can't fit in any more swimmers! We have also increased our number of coaches and volunteers over the year so that we can better support the swimmers and had our most successful year of fundraising. All this has meant that we have been able to increase our pool time and hire two studios for land training. These changes, plus our link with Grove swimming club, means that we can provide our swimmers with the means to do well in this sport.

We wouldn't be able to do all this without the amazing commitment of all our coaches and poolside helpers, who are all volunteers. The passion and creativity that they bring to the club is what makes the swimmers enjoy their sessions with us. I would like to thank everyone who has given time to the club this year. Without them, the club could not exist.

We also have many volunteers who are not on the poolside but give a lot of time to the club in their roles as committee members. I would like to thank them for all their time and effort keeping the club going week by week. I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank Vicky Peakman for the amount of work which she does to support and send out information from us all, to all the parents. A special thanks go to our outgoing committee members, Tracy Harrison and Alison, Katriona's Mum. Thank you especially to Tracy for organising our social on Friday 3 March in the Bowling Club behind us.

As the club has grown larger the committee's roles have also expanded. We have therefore added a couple of new roles this year. This is both to ensure that all activities are covered and so that the committee represents all the needs, ages and abilities in the club. I wish all the newcomers to the committee the best of luck and thank them for volunteering. The whole committee is here to help you with your new roles.

Success comes in many forms. We have had performance success this year, with many swimmers coming away with medals at all competitions from the Novice Event through to the Scottish Nationals Age Groups. But success to us also means swimmers with a smile on their face at the end of a session. If any of you have been to a Sunday session recently and seen the pool full of happy swimmers in pink caps, you will know that this is exactly what we do have. It could be the mix of abilities and ages that brings out the best in the swimmers, or it could just be that only the best people do synchronised swimming! I know what one I think it is! Whatever it is, it is an absolute joy to work with them.

I would therefore like to thank all the swimmers for their dedication and energy. I really hope that you are seeing the difference in your abilities week by week. We, the coaches, certainly are.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to thank all you parents for the time you give to bring your children to training each week, and for the encouragement you give them in their endeavours. Many parents are also coaches and volunteers for this and other clubs. Without parents giving up their own time for their children's interests, clubs like ours would just disappear. So thank you.

This year there are some changes to the way individual swimmers are assessed. We are moving from skill levels to grades. As these changes come from ASA we are only finding out the details ourselves. We will keep you up to date with these changes when we know them but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask the coaches. There has also been a change in the calendar of assessments and competition dates. I know that Vicky wrote about these changes in her January update but please also keep an eye on the training calendar on the website. We have also set up whatsapp groups for most of the training groups. Please join them if you can as they are a very good way to keep up to date with what is happening. And, of course, if in doubt, ask one of us.

We have some AGM business now which will expand on some of the points I have raised, and then will have a display of routines at 4.30pm today, from the last two competitions. We hope you can join us for that.