

Present	<p>1 Honorary President 1 life member 9 2015 committee members approximately 30 other adults swimmers from the club</p>
1. President's remarks (Graham Turner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GT was not present at the AGM so Cath Fleming, Vice President, read out his address. It is attached.
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Turner • May Laidlaw • Sharon Muirhead • Sinead McGill • Karen Foster
3. Approval of minutes from previous AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the last AGM were approved at the first committee meeting of 2015. A copy was sent to all members and available for anyone who had not seen it. The minutes were approved by the AGM.
4. Chief coach's report (Margo Wimberley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW gave a review of the past year. The presentation is provided alongside these minutes. • The club was re-accredited with synchroMark and Eilidh McCall-Lawrie presented the club with their synchroMark certificate. • A recent rediscovery of some old club trophies meant that the club was able to present four awards for 2015. • The Beginner's Cup was presented to Baylee Harrison. She joined the club in 2014 and always tries to attend even though she often arrives following a dance competition. She always smiles, fits in with everybody and is a delight to teach. She sat her Skill 1 this year and passed. • The Senior Achievement Award was presented to Megan Wimberley. She has shown commitment and adaptability through training sessions. She can turn her hand to anything and this year not only competed at the Nationals and attended Club la Santa, but also achieved her UKCC Level 1 Coaching Synchro qualification and became a Basic Judge. She willingly gives up her training time to help coach the younger swimmers and has a knack of saying the right thing at the right time to help the swimmer. She was also recently voted Team Captain. • The Champion of the Year Cup was presented to Niamh Peakman. She joined the club from Switzerland at the end of 2013 and has since passed her Skill 1, 2 and 3. Still in the youngest age group in 2015, she succeeded in being 3rd in the Scottish Nationals in figures and 2nd in solo. She enhances her synchro skills by training with Portobello Swimming Club and has attended diving courses. She is one of the few who attends all synchro sessions, including the early morning session on Tuesday, attended Cobham Synchro Camp in the summer and attended Club la Santa in October where she mixed with everyone despite being the youngest by a few years. She also enhanced these training regimes with a weekend a month training with City of Leeds, which is a purely

	<p>competitive club coached by professionals. She is a delight to watch and has helped the newer swimmers put together routines for today's performance. She has a real passion and commitment for synchro. The award was presented by Helen Murray, who is the daughter of Mae Cochrane who originally presented the cup to the club. Helen is a life member of the club, was a synchro coach in the 1980s and was instrumental in some of our Edinburgh swimmers representing Scotland in the 1994 Commonwealth Games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Samantha Ritchie Shield is awarded to someone who has achieved significant success during the year. It was awarded to Esther Strachan who passed both Skill 1 and 2 during 2015, which is an incredibly difficult thing to do. She has shown great commitment to the sport and her hard work has paid off. • 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 and it was presented to her today. • Megan Wimberley, Club Captain, thanked all seven coaches for their hard work and presented each with a box of chocolates. The swimmers vote each year for the recipient of the Coach of the Year Quaich and for 2015 it was presented to Louise Fleming. Louise works tirelessly with the more senior swimmers, and takes the Tuesday morning training sessions. At the beginning of 2015 she gained her Level 2 Aquatics Coaching qualification. 																
<p>5. Treasurer's report (Paul Bannon)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB presented the accounts, which are a record of receipts and payments. There is no information on monies owed or due. • Significant payments are for pool hire. • Significant receipts are club fees. • There is a record number of members in the club and there has been a significant fundraising effort, which mean that the club's accounts are healthy and it is now possible to buy the much needed audio equipment. • The accounts have been audited. 																
<p>6. Alterations to constitution or bye-laws</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None were proposed 																
<p>7. Election of Office Bearers</p>	<p>Re-election: Secretary Vacant: President, CPO, Deputy CPO, Skills Assessment Coordinator. All positions were filled.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OFFICE BEARERS 2016</u></p> <table data-bbox="507 1713 1133 2033"> <tr> <td>Honorary President:</td> <td>Jack Snowdon, MBE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President:</td> <td>Tracy Harrison</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Cath Fleming</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary:</td> <td>Vicky Peakman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer:</td> <td>Paul Bannon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chief Coach:</td> <td>Margo Wimberley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Child Protection:</td> <td>Sinead McGill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Child Protection:</td> <td>Vicky Peakman</td> </tr> </table>	Honorary President:	Jack Snowdon, MBE	President:	Tracy Harrison	Vice President	Cath Fleming	Secretary:	Vicky Peakman	Treasurer:	Paul Bannon	Chief Coach:	Margo Wimberley	Child Protection:	Sinead McGill	Vice Child Protection:	Vicky Peakman
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	<p>Team Manager: Eva Akhter</p> <p>Skills Assessment Coordinator: Karen Foster</p> <p>Fundraising Coordinator: Helen Coyle</p> <p>Kit Coordinator: Alison Holligan</p> <p>Club Captain: Megan Wimberley</p> <p>Honorary Auditor: Elizabeth Chalmers</p> <p>Life Members:</p> <p>May Laidlaw</p> <p>Helen Murray</p> <p>Cath Fleming</p> <p>David Muxworthy</p> <p>Gwen Duncan</p> <p>Susan MacFeeters</p> <p>Margo Wimberley</p> <p>East District Delegates:</p> <p>Vicky Peakman</p> <p>Margo Wimberley</p> <p>Cath Fleming</p>
8. Other relevant business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None proposed
9. Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tombola, bake sale and generous donations raised £305. Thanks to all who made this a success.
10. Date of next committee meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next committee meeting is at 19.30 on 11 February. • 2016 AGM meeting is provisionally on Sunday 22 January 2017.

President's Address

Friends and honoured guests,

Thank you to Cath, as Vice-President, for representing me this afternoon: unfortunately I have to be elsewhere. And thank you all for attending this AGM. I know it's not perhaps the single most exciting event you'll be taking part in during 2016. None of us probably became involved with a synchronized swimming club in order to sit in a stuffy room on a January afternoon, when you could be performing Barracuda Airborne Splits and Albatross half twists. (Well, some of you could perform those. I can honestly say that I've never knowingly twisted an albatross in all my born days.)

So, on behalf of the club, I wanted to start by thanking everyone in the room for the commitment you're showing just by being here now. Synchronized swimming at all levels only manages to survive in the UK through the dedication of those involved in keeping clubs like this alive and well. So thanks for sharing this duty and pleasure with us.

In fact, I suggest that everyone present – coaches, committee members, swimmers, families and friends – gives their neighbour a jolly good pat on the back to show their appreciation!

Once again, it's been a busy year for the club, and if we clocked up all the miles travelled in the pool by the girls – at training each week, in competitions, and at special events in exotic places like, oooh, Whithaugh Park! – they'd probably have circumnavigated the globe several times over by now. (And got very wrinkly toes.)

This continues to be a successful club, by many measures – membership numbers, participation, enthusiasm, commitment – and achieving that is very much a team effort, with a lot of hard work done behind the scenes to allow the girls to just swim, learn, and enjoy their sport. Just about the least glamorous aspect of all that is probably the administrative, financial and fundraising work, and we're extremely lucky to have such a conscientious group of people taking care of that for us. It is very greatly appreciated.

We also spoke this time last year about Scottish Swimming encouraging clubs to prepare development plans. This process also creates an opportunity for Edinburgh Synchro to look further ahead, and to ensure that it has a clear idea about where it wants to be in future, and how it's going to get there. That means things like nurturing the next generation of coaches, and working out what can be done to support greater numbers of swimmers in achieving higher level skills and making 'an even bigger splash' in national competitions.

I'm stepping down as President this year, but I would strongly encourage everyone involved with the club to participate in that development process – mulling over what needs to be done, how you'd like to contribute, and what it would take to ensure that the club delivers everything we all want.

Thank you everyone for another great year in 2015 – and here's to many more great years yet to come.