

Edinburgh Synchronised Swimming Club 2017 AGM

Sunday 7 Jan 2018
Royal Commonwealth Pool

Present	<p>1 Life Member 11 2017 committee members approximately 15 other adults swimmers from the club</p>	
1. President's remarks (Claire Tomnay)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The address is attached below. 	
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Snowdon MBE Karen Foster Laura Burt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Muxworthy Louise Fleming Sharon Cowell-Smith
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 2017. 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 Paul Bannon and seconded by Margo Wimberley). 	
4. Chief coach's report (Margo Wimberley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report is attached below. MW pulled out the main points into a short verbal report. She ended by saying that it isn't easy to increase the numbers in the club and the skill level of the swimmers at the same time, but with dedication from all the swimmers, coaches and volunteers, we have shown that it can be done. So thank you to everyone for all their hard work in 2017. No awards were presented as this will be done at the Awards Night on 19 January. 	
5. Treasurer's report (Paul Bannon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PB presented the accounts to Year End 31 August 2017, which are a record of receipts and payments and attached below. There is no information on monies owed or due. However, there is nothing major outstanding. There was a small surplus this year. This, on top of the large surplus last year means that the club's funds are in a healthy position. It is not just about the final numbers but about the stories behind the numbers – the things that the clubs have done, the increase in pool and land time and the increase in competitions and camps. The club is thriving. The accounts were accepted (proposed by Claire Tomnay and seconded by Christine Rigouleau) The accounts have been audited. Helen Murray reminded the committee that there was a recommendation that AGMs were held within two months of the end of the financial year. Vicky Peakman responded by saying that it was known but as the synchro calendar may be changing in 2019 it didn't seem a good idea to change the financial year at this point. 	
6. Alterations to constitution or bye-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None were proposed 	
7. Election of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-election: Child Protection, Deputy Child Protection, Team Manager, Grade Assessment Coordinator Vacant: Vice President, Kit Coordinator, Camp Coordinator. The Camp Coordinator position was filled. Potential Kit Coordinators were asked to speak to Claire or Vicky 	

<u>OFFICE BEARERS 2018</u>	
	<p>Honorary President: Jack Snowdon, MBE</p> <p>President: Claire Tomnay</p> <p>Vice President: Vacant</p> <p>Secretary: Vicky Peakman</p> <p>Treasurer: Paul Bannon</p> <p>Chief Coach: Margo Wimberley</p> <p>Child Protection: Sinead McGill</p> <p>Vice Child Protection: Vicky Peakman</p> <p>Team Manager: Eva Akhter</p> <p>Skills Assessment Coordinator: Karen Foster</p> <p>Fundraising Coordinator: Helen Coyle</p> <p>Kit Coordinator: Vacant</p> <p>Camp Coordinator: Hilary Snaith</p> <p>Development Coordinator: Makiko Konishi</p> <p>Social Coordinator: Christine Rigouleau and Antonia Delaney</p> <p>Poolside Volunteer Coordinator: Laura Burt</p> <p>Club Captain: To be announced at the Awards Night</p> <p>Honorary Auditor: Elizabeth Chalmers</p> <p>Life Members:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">May Laidlaw</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Helen Murray</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Cath Fleming</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">David Muxworthy</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Gwen Duncan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Susan MacFeeters</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Margo Wimberley</p> <p>East District Delegates:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Claire Tomnay</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Vicky Peakman</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Margo Wimberley</p>
8. Other relevant business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None proposed
10. Date of next committee meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next committee meeting is at 14:30 on 28 January. • The next AGM is provisionally on Sunday 6 January 2019.

President's Address

Welcome to everyone, and thank you very much for coming to the 2017 Edinburgh Synchronised Swimming Club Annual General Meeting. Welcome also to our Life members.

2017 was another very successful year for the club with the girls travelling to Buckie, Dundee, Drumchapel, Gateshead and Manchester to compete for the club but I will let our Head Coach Margo fill in the details of the performance wins. We had training camps in Tulliallan, Whithaugh Park and Lanzarote this year which contributed a great deal to these successes.

In March we held a very productive development meeting run by Makiko, which included a planning session hosted by Scottish Swimming. The results of this have been incorporated into our club structure and is on our website. Could I ask that everyone has a look at the website regularly? It has all the up to date info for the next year and is kept spick and span by our Club Secretary Vicky.

This year we've increased the number of volunteers both on the committee and poolside and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents for the support you give to your daughters and the club over the year. The club simply would not exist without you. I particularly want to thank our committee members, coaches and poolside helpers, for their time and commitment. If anyone would like to get involved with the committee, or be a poolside helper, please let myself or Vicky know! A special thanks goes to Vicky, who I know spends a great deal of time making sure everyone has the right information presented in a clear and easy to understand fashion, either by email, or increasingly on the website.

As a result of all this in 2017 the club achieved the Level of SynchroMarkPlus for excellent governance. We are the only club in Scotland to have this. So congratulations everyone! As well as this, one of our swimmers, Niamh was awarded Synchronised Swimmer of the Year by Scottish Swimming. Congratulations to Niamh

We currently have 48 swimmers, and we will hold our first trial day for more than a year on 21st January to hopefully recruit 15 swimmers to our new beginner and fast track groups.

We have had the best year yet of fundraising, organised by Helen and the funds have been put to good use like team buses to competitions and social events organised by Christine and Antonia. This included a treasure hunt in Vogrie park and beach barbecue at Portobello.

And lastly I wanted to mention another highlight, which was the parent come and try session. It was a lot of fun, and for those who missed this one, (including me) we are planning another in the summer. So get practicing holding your breath in the bath!

Head Coach Report – 2017

Edinburgh Synchro has had another great year and at this point we are the holders of three of four Scottish club trophies. Our numbers have remained constant, with great commitment from the swimmers – so much so that we have been too full to have a trial day and our waiting list has been increasing. We are so proud of our wonderful swimmers and all that they have achieved this year.

Grades:

In March we had seven swimmers pass Skill Two and four Skill Three

In May we had six achieve Grade One Bronze, three Grade Two Bronze, seven Grade Three Bronze and one Grade Four Silver.

In September we had four achieve Grade One Bronze, two Grade Two Bronze, five Grade Three Bronze and a whopping nine getting their Grade Four Bronze.

We had an amazing 12 swimmers pass two grades this year:

Jessie passed Grades One and Two

Amy, Erin, Freya, Miryam, Natalia and Torri passed Grades Two and Three

Baylee, Caitlin, Cale, Kiku and Sara passed grades Three and Four

Competitions:

Swimmers from Edinburgh competed in nine competitions this year.

Inter Districts:

In March the East District sent a team to the Inter District competition at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, all of whom came from Edinburgh. Sara won the Skill 1/2 figure competition and Niamh the Skill 3. There was a bit of drama when it was revealed that the East Skill 1/2 team scored exactly the same as the West team. However, following the rules of the competition, the East team were awarded the win as they had the higher technical merit mark. Overall the East Skill 1/2 team were awarded the Shell Oil trophy and the 13/14/15 team were awarded the Elizabeth Hamilton trophy. They would have been on display at our awards night in a fortnight but unfortunately we have had to return them so that they can be refurbished for this year's competitions.

Gateshead Open:

Nine swimmers from Edinburgh went down to Gateshead in April for the first Gateshead Open competition. It was an age group competition and Edinburgh entered solos and duets in the 12&under and 13-15 category and a combination routine in the 13-15 category. Cale and Niamh came a close second in the 13-15 duet and the 13-15 team won their category.

Novice Event:

Edinburgh took a large team to Bo'ness for the Novice Event in May. Anya and Jessie won the Level 1 Duet and Niamh the Level 1 solo event. Jessie and Anya came second and third respectively in the Level 1 figures competition. Our mini-synchro swimmers did really well in the Beginner category, with Rose M coming second in the figures, her and her partner Paula winning the duet, and our youngest swimmers Brook and Lois coming third.

Figure Competition:

Eleven swimmers travelled from Edinburgh to Buckie to compete in the first Scottish Swimming figure competition in June. They each performed five figures. All the girls swam well. Lucy won Bronze in the 12&under category and Niamh won Silver in the 13-15 category.

Beacon Games:

In 2017 Synchro Caledonia officially became a squad and seven swimmers from Edinburgh were involved. Kiku, Niamh and Sara from the 13-15 group travelled to Reading to compete in the Beacon Games, which is a figure competition. Niamh came fourth in the Open category.

Combo Cup:

The Edinburgh 13-15 team travelled down to Manchester to take part in the inaugural Combo Cup in September. They took part in the Division 2 13-15 age group competition, swam brilliantly and won the silver medal.

Scottish National & Age Group Open:

In October Drumchapel again held the main event in the Scottish calendar. Edinburgh took a team of 19 swimmers, all in the competitive section.

In the 12&under age group, Mae won the National bronze medal in the figures competition. Edinburgh Synchro was again the only Scottish club able to enter a team in this age group and they were awarded the National gold medal.

In the 13-15 age group, Cale and Niamh came second in the duet. This year three Scottish clubs entered a team in this age group and Edinburgh won the silver medal.

In the Junior age group, Edinburgh Synchro was the only Scottish club able to enter a team in this age group and they were awarded the National gold medal.

The club also fielded a Competitive Combination routine for the first time and won National bronze.

The event was topped off by the awarding of the trophy for the Top Scottish Club, which is calculated by adding together club scores from the whole event. Edinburgh won by just over a hundred points. We were all delighted. This trophy will be on display at the awards night.

Swim England National Age Group Championships:

All seven swimmers of our Synchro Caledonia swimmers competed in the main English competition. Amy, Lucy, Mae and Torri were in the 12&under age group and their team came ninth overall. Torri was our top scorer and came 47th out of 129 swimmers. Kiku, Niamh and Sara were in the 13-15 category and Niamh came 34th out of 175 swimmers.

Scottish Clubs Championships:

Edinburgh took a massive team of 40 swimmers to Dundee in December to compete in the Scottish Clubs Championships. We featured in the medals for each event –

Niamh won bronze in the solo.

Cale and Niamh won bronze in the duet. Their overall score was the same as the silver medallists from Clydebank, but they were just beaten on technical merit scores.

Our 13/14/15 team won silver in the age group team competition.

Our A combination team won bronze in the combination routine section.

What a year! We are hoping for a similarly exciting and rewarding year in 2018.

In addition to the competitions, Edinburgh Synchro were invited to take part in some other events. In May Cale, Cara T and Niamh were involved in an art installation and in June, we were asked to

send some swimmers to the New Cumnock outdoor pool to help Prince Charles open it after a period of refurbishment. Our 13-15 team had a wonderful day and wowed the spectators with their solos, duets and team routines.

Niamh Peakman was awarded Scottish Synchro Swimmer of the Year at the Scottish Swimming Awards Night in September. Her trophy will also be on display at the awards night when we will be announcing the winners of our club trophies. We hope you can all join us.

This year Edinburgh Synchro became the first synchro club in Scotland to achieve the SynchroMarkPlus accreditation. The club couldn't run without the dedication and commitment of the coaches, helpers and officials, who all give their time voluntarily to the sport. This report therefore rightly ends with a big thank you to all those who give their time and energy to the club.

Accounts – 2016/2017

EDINBURGH SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING CLUB						
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17						
			31/08/2017	31/08/2016	31/08/2015	
RECEIPTS						
Clothing			1506	1454	1509	
Donations			90		110	
Fees			25604	18655	13905	
Fundraising			1682	2117	600	
Interest			7	4	3	
Licence						
Miscellaneous			425	48	450	
Outing (La Santa)			6914	446	7806	
Outing (Whithaugh)			1000	2530		
Pool Hire						
Training			2212			
			<u>39440</u>	<u>25253</u>	<u>24383</u>	
PAYMENTS						
Clothing			2123	2627	1288	
Donations						
Equipment			43	1831		
Fees			3544	3206	2834	
Fundraising			582		319	
Competition			2085	518	610	
Licence			178	253	270	
Miscellaneous			255	100	1204	
Outing (La Santa)			13272	369	9977	
Outing (Whithaugh)			1487	2744		
Pool Hire			12416	8586	8335	
Training			2421	50		
			<u>38406</u>	<u>20285</u>	<u>24837</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year			<u>1,034</u>	<u>4,968</u>	<u>(454)</u>	
Funds at start of year			<u>11725</u>	<u>6757</u>	<u>7211</u>	
Funds Available			<u>12,759</u>	<u>11,725</u>	<u>6,757</u>	