



**Edinburgh Artistic Swimming 2024 AGM**  
**Sunday 3 November**  
**Sir Peter Heatley Room - Royal Commonwealth Pool**

Present	8 committee members (including 2 life members), 5 parents, 8 swimmers
1. President's remarks (Jenny Goodacre)	The address is attached below.
2. Apologies	Vicky Peakman (Life Member) Helen Murray (Life Member) David Muxworthy (Life Member) Sarah Wheatley
3. Approval of minutes, and matters arising, from previous AGM	The minutes from the last AGM were approved at the first committee meeting after the AGM. A copy was sent to all members and was available for anyone who had not seen it. Pool hours have now been reduced on a Sunday and Land Training was introduced on a trial basis. This has been successful and is set to continue.
4. Secretary's report (Caroline McGrory)	The report is attached below.
5. Treasurer's report (Scott McDowall)	The report and accounts are attached below.
6. Head coach's report (Margo Wimberley)	The report is attached below.
7. Club Captain's remarks (Rose McGrory)	The remarks are attached below.
8. Alterations to constitution or by-laws	N/A
9. Election of Office Bearers	No new Office Bearers Vacancies: see list below
10. Other relevant business	See below
11. Proposed date of committee meetings	<b><i>Proposed committee meeting dates 2024/25:</i></b> Sunday 24 November Sunday 19 January Sunday 27 April Sunday 13 June Sunday 7 September (budget meeting)  <b><i>Proposed 2025 AGM date:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday 7 November</li></ul>



## 1. President's remarks

Hello everyone,

I'd like to welcome you all and thank you for coming along to our AGM. I would like to give a special welcome to Margo and Cath, our life members.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Jenny the Club President, a role I have held for the last year. I have two daughters, Amelia and Elizabeth both of whom are in the club. I have volunteered for the club in various capacities over the years: as a poolside helper and Team Manager and for a year I was Welfare Protection Officer. I thoroughly enjoy being a volunteer for the club: getting to know the sport, the swimmers, the coaches and other volunteers.

On that note, I would like to give a big thank you to our volunteers. I'm very grateful to everyone who helps in whatever capacity they can. Thank you too to those of our new parents who have recently volunteered. Without volunteers, this club could not exist. We have quite a few vacancies including some vital roles which are about to become vacant. More information will follow in item 9. If you think you can help fill these vacancies on your own or jointly with another parent, please come and talk to me.

Huge thanks go to our wonderful coaches Margo, Cath, Viv, and Louise. Your dedication and commitment is very much appreciated. I am very aware of how challenging getting to grips with the new coach cards has been and hope that it gets easier with experience! I haven't forgotten about Baylee. She has recently returned to the Club as a coach after being a very successful swimmer for the Club – your help is also very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all our parents for the support you have given to your swimmers and the Club over the last year. We appreciate you bringing your swimmers to training each week, travelling to grade days and competitions and participating in social events and fundraisers.

Finally, I would like to thank Rose. Your hard work and commitment as Club Captain is very much appreciated. You have a kind and caring nature, and you are a great role model to the other swimmers. I'm delighted to announce that our new Club Captain is Paula.

The synchro year flies by and no wonder as it is always so busy! Trial days, gradings and competitions, the training and team building weekend at Whithaugh Camp and the Portobello Beach Busk fundraising event. We usually have an awards night in November, but this year it is to be combined with our Christmas Display, which will include a raffle, mince pies and (non-alcoholic) mulled wine. This All-Club event will take place here on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, the last day of training for 2024. I'll be sending out more details soon.

Thank you everyone for a great year. I look forward to all that the next year will bring.

**Jenny Goodacre**  
**President**



#### **4. Secretary Report**

This has been a busy year for the club! We've had some very successful figure and routine grading days and a weekend camp at Whithaugh Park. Not to mention the competitions! The new judging rules have come into force, and it has been a steep learning curve to say the least. Despite the national figure competition being postponed, we managed to have all 3 major Scottish artistic swimming competitions this year, and the swimmers swam brilliantly at every single one of them. And while all this was going on, the Club achieved Scottish Swimming quality club accreditation scheme Aquamark Level 1.

We were delighted to win top Scottish Clubs at SNAGs last weekend. Many congratulations to all the swimmers and coaches who worked so hard and took on the challenge of the mind-boggling coaches cards. We will now be working towards the figure grade day in a couple of weeks in Dundee and our annual Christmas display on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. In the new year we have the Artistic Swimming for All competition to look forward to in Fife in March (those in the Beginners and G1s should keep March 2<sup>nd</sup> free!). We started the synchro year with 26 swimmers in November 2023, and we currently have 30. This number is still lower than we would like, but we will be having another trial day in the new year.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the coaches who have had another very busy year and to all the volunteers and committee members too.

I would like to let everyone know that I plan to stand down as club secretary at the end of the next synchro year. I've been volunteering with the club since 2018 and club secretary for the last 3 years. It has been very rewarding watching swimmers progress and seeing how much they get out of this amazing and tough sport. It would be great if I could do a gradual hand over to my successor(s). If you're interested, please just get in touch.

**Caroline McGrory**  
**Secretary**



## EDINBURGH ARTISTIC SWIMMING

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

RECEIPTS	31/08/2024	31/08/2023	31/08/2022	31/08/2021	31/08/2020
Affiliation/Licences	1,762	100	160	170	
Camps	1,840	0	3,910	-1,000	2,345
Competitions	2,075	825			885
Development		0	1,275		880
Equipment					
Fees	14,992	15,771	15,931	16,124	17,627
Fundraising	631	722	2,546	2,207	1,067
Grade assessments	150	930	705		573
Interest/charges					
Kit	217	1,329	182	205	929
Misc (incl Donations)		100			
Social	128				
Training costs				384	
	<u>21,795</u>	<u>19,777</u>	<u>24,709</u>	<u>18,090</u>	<u>24,306</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Affiliation/Licences	2,219	2,235	2,322	1,459	2,542
Camps		583	2,299	-1,874	4,708
Competitions	2,613	1,469	321		2,321
Development		0	1,890		173
Equipment					
Fees					39
Fundraising		692			
Grade assessments	15	1,035	690		588
Interest/charges		0	0		0
Kit	177	1,530	323	361	1,580
Miscellaneous		522			-69
Social	128		417	92	729
Training costs	15,012	14,396	17,552	11,868	9,995
	<u>20,164</u>	<u>22,462</u>	<u>25,814</u>	<u>11,906</u>	<u>22,606</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>1,631</u>	<u>(2,685)</u>	<u>(1,105)</u>	<u>6,184</u>	<u>1,700</u>
Funds at Start of Year	<u>12,672</u>	<u>16,418</u>	<u>17,454</u>	<u>11,594</u>	<u>9,836</u>
Funds Available	<u>12,898</u>	<u>12,672</u>	<u>16,418</u>	<u>17,454</u>	<u>11,594</u>



## 5. Treasurer's report – 2023/2024 accounts

It is my pleasure to present the 2023/24 accounts for Edinburgh Artistic Swimming Club (the 'Club'). Paul Bannon (previous Treasurer and Life Member) has audited the accounts. The Club's accounts are prepared on a cash basis for its financial year, which runs from 1 September to 31st August. That is, they are a record of receipts and payments to a given point in time, and do not show anything outstanding (owed or due) out with the year.

The club made a £1,631 surplus in 2023/24 up from a loss of £2,685 in the previous year, an encouraging result.

Funds available as at 31st August 2024 were £12,898. The Club is committed to reserve a fund of 50% of a year's pool hire fees (circa £8,900), which means that, in practice, a lot of the 'funds available' amount is not available to be spent.

### Review of the last financial year

2023/24 was an improved year for the Club, returning to surplus after three years. It is encouraging to see the success of the measures taken by the Committee last year returning the Club to a stable financial footing.

### **Membership fees/Training costs**

The current fee structure is suitable to cover the Club's training costs and does not require to be amended.

### **Camps**

The Club camp to Whithaugh returned this year and thank you to our Camp coordinator for arranging this. With its improved financial position, the Club was able to cover some of the costs of the trip and hope to continue to do so in future.

### **Fund raising**

The Club made £631 a profit in fund raising. A further £342.50 was made from the Beach Busk which was banked in September and so will be recorded in next years' financial accounts. A fantastic effort and a huge thank you to those willing volunteers who run and help at the events and for those who came along to support. As mentioned last year, another source of fund raising is signing up to websites, like [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com), that donate a percentage of your online purchase to a charity of your choice. This is a really good and easy source of additional funding for the Club and the Committee would like to encourage parents to consider this option.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have on the Treasurer report. If unable to answer them now, I am more than happy to take them away and include in them in the AGM minutes.

**Scott McDowall**  
**Treasurer**



## 6. Head Coach Report

2024 has been another challenging year in Artistic swimming. We started the year with a conference in Perth which introduced the new coaches cards and rule changes to the clubs in Scotland. This showed us how challenging it would be for the swimmers and coaches when entering competition this year.

The first competition was the Scottish Figure competition which was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> March. This was unfortunately cancelled due to the pool at Bo'ness being out of order. It was re-scheduled for September in Nairn. The pool at Bo'ness was subsequently closed and torn down which was very unfortunate for Artistic swimming as it was a regular venue for our Scottish Grade days. We however managed to hold our last grade day at Bo'ness in February. We had 10 passes in the various grades and two of the girls sitting their grade 5 gained the silver level which is a great achievement. Well done to all the girls.

Our next grade day was in May at Belshill. This was a routine grade day where 14 girls passed their relevant grades. In amongst this there were 4 silver awards. Well done to these girls.

In June we had the Scottish Club Championships which were held in Carnegie pool in Dunfermline. Olivia and Rose won a gold in the duet, our junior free team won gold and our youth team won a bronze. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall to Nairn in the club event. A great event for all and it was the first event where we had to provide a coaches card with some of the details. This turned out to be a learning curve for us all. This was the last event before the holidays.

When everyone returned after the summer holidays it was very busy. At the start of September we had another figure grade day. This time it was held in Dundee. We had 5 girls pass their relevant grades and one girl who passed two grades on the same day. Well done to all.

Two weeks later we had the rescheduled Scottish figure competition in Nairn. We took a bus up to Nairn with 8 girls competing. Paula was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior elements. Eve was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the youth figures and Olivia and Rose were 1<sup>st</sup> in the technical duet. This was the first time a full coaches card had been used and it was very useful as a learning experience.

We then had the entries for SNAGs to deal with two weeks after this which meant a full coaches card for all the routines we were entering. This was a very intense time for all the swimmers and coaches and also Caroline to get all the details correct. We had to pull in other helpers in order to get them all done in time for the entries. A great big thank you to all those involved in helping with this.

The beginners, grade 1s, grade 2s, grade 3s and youths attended a training camp at Whithaugh Park the last weekend in September. All girls enjoyed a weekend of training and some other activities. It culminated with a display at the RCP on the Sunday afternoon when they returned from Whithaugh.

Last weekend was the Scottish National Age Groups at East Kilbride. We had entries in the Youth, Junior and Senior events. Well done to Paula who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Junior and Senior Technical solo event. Also to Olivia and Rose who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Junior and Senior Technical Duet and to Niamh and Paula who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same events. Olivia and Rose also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National free duet events. Both the junior and youth teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the open free team events. The weekend finished with Edinburgh being awarded the top Scottish club. Well done to all the girls who took part in the weekend and to all the officials and volunteers who helped out at the weekend.

We now have another figure grade day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November in Dundee and we are finishing off the year with an award ceremony and Christmas display on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December followed by mince pies and soft drinks for all.



I would like to finish off my report by thanking all of my fellow coaches for all the hard work they put in week after week creating a fun and happy environment for all our swimmers. I would also like to thank all the poolside helpers who are there every session to help it run smoothly. To all our committee members who work away in the background to keep the club running smoothly and a huge thank you to Caroline, our secretary and jack of all trades who keeps us all on our toes and makes sure we know exactly what is going on.

One last thing to say before I finish. I have decided it is time for me to hang up my head coach title. At the end of next year at the AGM I will standing down as head coach. I have been involved in Synchro/Artistic swimming for most of my life and I am finding it more and more difficult to give 100%. I have a lot going on in my personal life and I have to give more of myself to that. I hope that I can still be involved I some way with the club however I will not be able to attend as much as I am no doing. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the Synchro has allowed me to do over the years, but there comes a time when you have to slow down and the time for me is now. Thank you.

**Margo Wimberley**  
**Head Coach**



### **Club Captain's remarks**

I have really enjoyed being club captain this year. It has been great watching other swimmers succeed at grade days and competitions, supporting each other and having fun in the sport. I wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity of being your club captain and I'm happy to be passing the role onto our new club captain, Paula.

**Rose McGrory**  
**Club Captain**





## 7. Alterations to constitution or by-laws

N/A

## 8. Office Bearers 2024/25

Position	Holder
President	Jenny Goodacre
Vice President	Cath Fleming
Secretary	Outgoing: Caroline McGrory
Treasurer	Outgoing: Scott McDowall
Head Coach	Outgoing: Margo Wimberley
Wellbeing & Protection Officer	Glenys Norquay
Vice Wellbeing & Protection Officer	Vacant
Team Manager Coordinator	Vacant
Fundraising Coordinator	Neil Thrower
Kit Coordinator	Vacant
Camp Coordinator	Dagna Szcotka
Social Coordinator	Vacant
Development Coordinator	Vacant
Volunteer Coordinator	Vacant
Web and Social Media Coordinator	Sarah Wheatley
Club Captain	
Life Members	Helen Murray Cath Fleming David Muxworthy Margo Wimberley Paul Bannon Vicky Peakman
East District Delegates	Margo Wimberley Cath Fleming

## 9. Other relevant business

- Scott McDowall announced that he will step down as Treasurer as of next November (2025). He will hand over to his replacement over the next year.
- We are sorry to hear of the passing of our Life Member Susan McFeeters, and send our thoughts to her family.

## 10. Proposed dates of committee meetings 2024/25

### TBC when synchro year is finalised

Sunday 24 November

Sunday 19 January

Sunday 20 April

Sunday 13 June

Sunday 7 September (budget meeting)

Sunday 7 November (AGM)