



Edinburgh Artistic Swimming 2022 AGM
Sunday 6 November
Sir Peter Heatley Room - Royal Commonwealth Pool

Present	7 committee members (1 of whom is also a life member / 1 of whom is also a coach) 1 other adult	
1. President's remarks (Antonia Delaney)	The address is attached below.	
2. Apologies	Paul Bannon (Life Member) Catherine Bell Cath Fleming	Monica McGhee
3. Approval of minutes, and matters arising, from previous AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The minutes were approved at the AGM (proposed by Caroline McGrory and seconded by Margo Wimberley). 	
4. Secretary's report (Caroline McGrory)	The report is attached below.	
5. Treasurer's report (Neil Thrower and Scott McDowall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report and accounts are attached below. Changes to the monthly fees accepted (proposed by Caroline McGrory and seconded by Margo Wimberley). No changes to joining fees. 	
6. Head coach's report (Margo Wimberley)	The report is attached below.	
7. Club Captain's remarks (Baylee Harrison and Kiku Konishi-Gaffney)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The remarks are attached below. Lucy Foster was voted Club Captain by the swimmers. 	
8. Alterations to constitution or bye-laws	All proposals (attached below) were accepted	
8. Election of Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dagna Szcotka has been voted Camp Coordinator (proposed by Margo Wimberley and seconded by Jenny Goodacre) Baylee Harrison has been voted Web and Social Media Coordinator (proposed by Antonia Delaney and seconded by Neil Thrower). Caroline will continue to maintain the website. For confirmation (co-opted onto the committee during the year): President – Antonia Delaney For confirmation (co-opted onto the committee during the year): Treasurer – Scott McDowall For confirmation (co-opted onto the committee during the year): Secretary – Caroline McGrory For confirmation (co-opted onto the committee during the year): Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer – Jenny Goodacre For confirmation (as co-opted onto the committee during the year): Social Coordinator – Catherine Bell 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacant: see list below• Office Bearers for 2022-23 are attached below.
9. Other relevant business	None
10. Proposed date of committee meetings	<p><i>Proposed committee meeting dates 2022/23:</i> Sunday 20 November Sunday 22 January Sunday 23 April Sunday 18 June Sunday 3 September (budget meeting)</p> <p><i>Proposed 2023 AGM date:</i> Sunday 8 October</p>



1. President's remarks

Thank you all for coming to this our first live AGM since the lifting of COVID restrictions. In case any of you haven't met me before I'm Antonia, the current president of the club.

Unfortunately, due to COVID and girls heading to university we lost both swimmers and parent helpers and the role of president became vacant. Not wanting the club to be without representation or to stop running I stepped into this role. With a busy home life it's not always easy to juggle the demands of artistic swimming alongside work but without the help of our dedicated committee this would not be possible. So thank you to everyone for your continued help and support. A special mention needs to go to Caroline who has taken on multiple roles this year to ensure the girls get to competitions and grade days, can attend camps and that we continue to recruit new swimmers into our club. As you will see later on the committee has lots of vacancies so if your daughter is enjoying the world of artistic swimming as much as mine does it would be a great help if you could take on any of these roles on your own or jointly with another parent and help keep the club running smoothly and allow the girls to continue to progress and the club to go from strength to strength. If a role on the committee doesn't appeal to you then there are opportunities to become a poolside helper and see at first hand what your daughter is getting up to in the water which leads me on to our wonderful coaches. Without the dedication and commitment of these volunteers we wouldn't be the club we are today so a big thank you to all of them. I hope they have enjoyed the challenges of getting the girls ready for the return of competitions and grade days which have been missed over the last two years.

It has been lovely to see the girls back in the water and being able to work together in preparing routines both for competitions and for parents to enjoy at our annual displays.

This year we have introduced poolside stretching sessions to complement the zoom land training but are hoping to return to a proper studio based session in the coming year.

We also reached a milestone anniversary this year, 50 years of the club and had a party to celebrate with dancing, food and a cake. This was attended by past and present swimmers and coaches. It was lovely to see everyone celebrating together.

And on Friday we held our awards night where we were able to celebrate the achievements the girls have made over the last year.

I'd like to thank the parents for bringing your children along each week, there would be no club without them!

And finally, echoing the words of Claire, our past president I would like to say it has been a privilege to be a part of such a dedicated team of volunteers and I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Thank you.

Antonia Delaney
President



4. Secretary Report

I started the role officially in January, just in time to do the Scottish Swimming memberships, it has been a steep learning curve from the get-go. I'm very relieved that we've made it to the end of what has been a very busy 50th anniversary year! With three successful national competitions, a club figure competition, a summer display, a training camp, grade days and several social events including a 50th anniversary party, we have certainly packed a lot in. We have also adopted a new logo – well done Lily - and have a new kit – thank you Monica. I'd also like to say a big thank you to the coaches who have had an extremely busy year and to all the volunteers and committee members too.

We started the synchro year with 30 swimmers in November 2021, our lowest number in a very long time. Unfortunately, since then we have lost a further 13 swimmers, but we have had 2 successful trial days plus 2 mini trial days. Since January this year we have recruited 16 swimmers, bringing our current number of swimmers to 33 (including 2 swimmers just coming to the end of their trial period and 1 just about to start their trial period). Assuming all the new starts stay on, the number of swimmers is expected to be 32 by the end of the year as another Junior swimmer will be leaving.

We have a very healthy waiting list for the next trial period; however, we are yet to decide when that will be. We need to balance the need for new swimmers with how many beginners we can reasonably coach, particularly with new grading and judging rules coming in soon.

During the year, we have been able to reduce our pool time due to more swimmers being allowed in the pool post covid rules. We dropped the hour in the small pool at Portobello on Wednesdays; all swimmers now train in the main pool. On Sundays at RCP, we reduced our pool time from 4 to 3 hours. As a result, our pool fees have reduced, therefore saving the club money. The anticipated maintenance work on Portobello pool has been postponed and we are yet to hear when this may start, but it is expected it will be next year. We are currently looking into an alternative venue while the works take place.

We have yet to start in person land training, stretching sessions have continued online, with our Junior coaches taking the sessions, thank you Junior coaches. However, uptake is low and soon we will have only one Junior coach left able to take it, so we may need to consider stopping these and look at an alternative. On Sundays we use the poolside for 30 minutes of stretching before getting in the water, this seems to be particularly useful for the beginners who are new to stretching techniques.

It has been great seeing swimmers enjoying in person events and competitions again and look forward to more of the same in the coming year. However, without more committee members to help, this won't be possible. To be blunt, I have really struggled with juggling the Secretary role, plus filling in for the Camp Co-ordinator, Team Manager Co-ordinator and Web and Social Media Co-ordinator roles on top of work and family life. We simply need more help, so this another plea for volunteers to please come forward, the club needs you!

Caroline McGrory
Secretary



5. Treasurer's report – 2021/2022 accounts

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22

RECEIPTS	31/08/2022	31/08/2021	31/08/2020	31/08/2019	31/08/2018
Affiliation/Licences	160	170		0	
Camps	3,910	-1,000	2,345	16,341	8,344
Competitions			885	2,372	
Development	1,275		880		
Equipment					
Fees	15,931	16,124	17,627	22,281	20,805
Fundraising	2,546	2,207	1,067	1,324	1,478
Grade assessments	705		573	975	
Interest/charges				2	20
Kit	182	205	929	2,603	1,131
Miscellaneous (incl Donations)				923	259
Social					
Training costs		384		1,094	593
	<u>24,709</u>	<u>18,090</u>	<u>24,306</u>	<u>47,915</u>	<u>32,630</u>
PAYMENTS					
Affiliation/Licences	2,322	1,459	2,542	3,094	2,335
Camps	2,299	-1,874	4,708	16,261	5,580
Competitions	321		2,321	8,529	4,600
Development	1,890		173	1,910	
Equipment				159	0
Fees			39	76	
Fundraising					224
Grade assessments	690		588	1,395	
Interest/charges	0		0	0	
Kit	323	361	1,580	1,694	871
Miscellaneous			-69	592	169
Social	417	92	729	1,145	
Training costs	17,552	11,868	9,995	18,267	17,054
	<u>25,814</u>	<u>11,906</u>	<u>22,606</u>	<u>53,122</u>	<u>30,833</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	<u>-1,105</u>	<u>6,184</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>-5,207</u>	<u>1,797</u>
Funds at Start of Year	<u>17,454</u>	<u>11,594</u>	<u>9,836</u>	<u>14,792</u>	<u>12,759</u>
Funds Available	<u>16,418</u>	<u>17,454</u>	<u>11,594</u>	<u>9,836</u>	<u>14,556</u>



Treasurer's Report - 2021/2022 accounts

It is my pleasure to present the 2021/22 accounts for Edinburgh Artistic Swimming Club. Paul Bannon (previous Treasurer and Life Member) has audited the accounts. The club made a £1,105 loss in 2021/21, which exceeded our budget for the year.

It should be noted that the club's accounts are prepared on a cash basis for the Edinburgh Artistic Swimming Financial Year, which ran from 1 September 2021 to 31st August 2022. 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.

Funds available at 31st Aug 2022 were £16,418. 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

The 2021/22 finances reflect a year of change and transition for the club following return to training after the Covid-19 restrictions, and big changes to our membership base. Receipts from fees fluctuated over the year. We had 35 swimmers at the start of year and finished the year with 31 but had to work hard to maintain that base. 18 swimmers stayed with club for the full year. There were 17 leavers and 13 new starts, and we now have a strong base of younger swimmers coming through.

We took steps to manage our cost base: reducing pool time from six- and three-quarter hours to four- and three-quarter hours. We reduced the Sunday RCP dive pool session from four to three hours in January 2022 and cancelled the one-hour small pool session at the Portobello in June 2022.

At the same time, we invested in the development of our swimmers: six swimmers completed the SASA Level 1 Coaching course in Synchronised / Artistic Swimming in November / December 2021 (Mikiko, Baylee, Natalia, Ellie, May, & Madeline), and this helped cope with the intake of beginners. The progression of swimmers was evidenced by 47 x grade and figure grade assessments over the year.

There were many successful applications for development support and fund-raising initiatives through the year, and our thanks go to all those who helped to raise moneys and to the governing bodies for their support. These included:

- Successful application for a National Lottery Community Fund Award of £1,612 for assistance with pool fees in December 2021.
- £300 Education Voucher from SASA and five £75 Sport Scotland subsidies in December 2021 for coaching training.
- £223 raised from the display in June 2022 at the RCP and costume sales.
- £600 refund from SASA for the coaching training courses in March 2022.
- £390 raised from our stall at the Portobello beach busk in August 2022.
- and £206 from Easy Fundraising and donations.

2022/23 forecasting

New monthly membership fee structure.

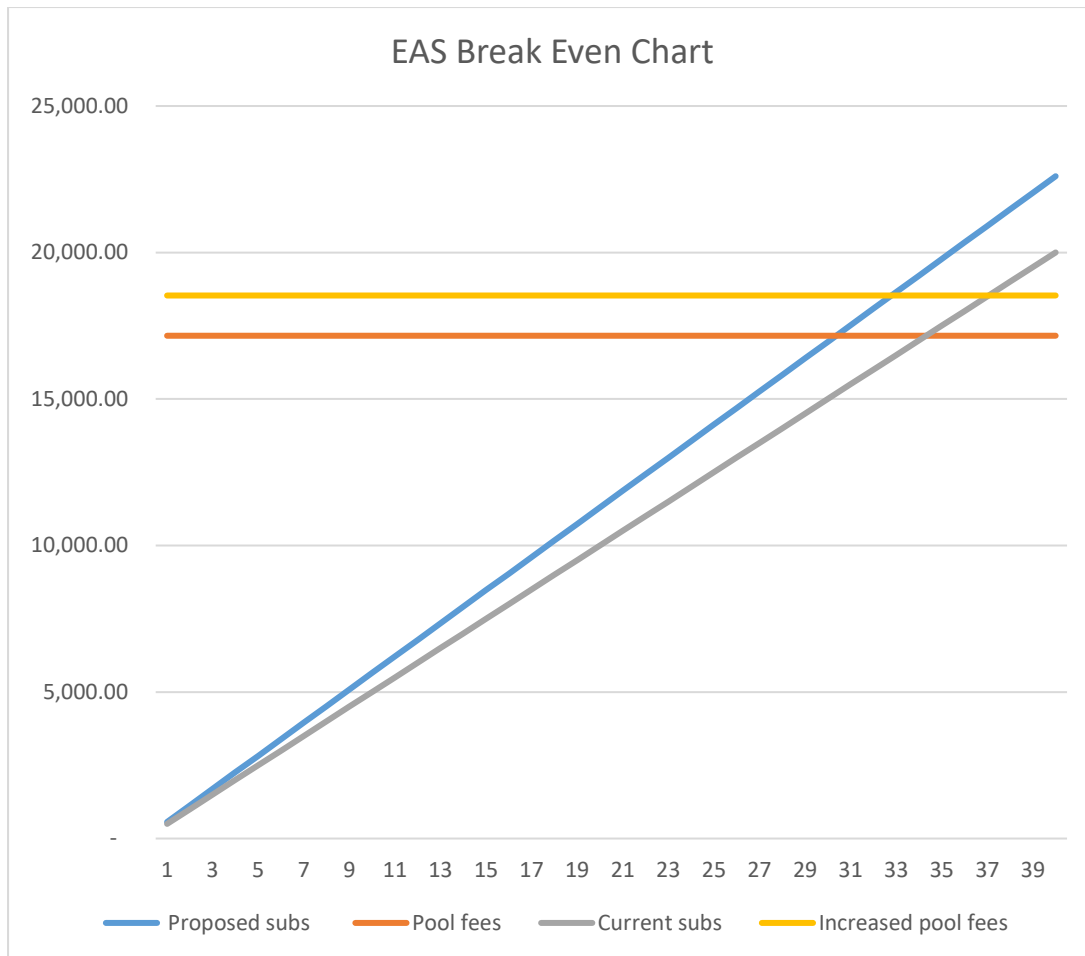


The club has not increased membership fees ('fees') for several years, however, 2021/22 was the first year that fees were lower than training costs. For the club to remain a going concern, then it is imperative that it can cover the training costs and therefore should look to increase fees.

Using the most recent training costs and based on current swimmers (31) the club would have to charge, on average, £46.13 per month per swimmer to cover costs. Current average charge is £41.67. The proposed fee restructure allows the club to operate as a going concern at 31 swimmers under current training costs.

In the likely event that Edinburgh Leisure were to increase their costs by inflation (c8%) then the club would require around 34 swimmers to break even. If we remained at the current fee structure, the club would be looking at 38 swimmers. Given the challenges that the club has faced attracting and retaining swimmers then it could prove difficult to recruit and retain the required number of swimmers at current fees and so an increase is a sensible solution.

	Beginners	Grade 1	12& Under/Grade 2	13-15	Junior	Swimmers to cover current costs	Swimmers to cover future costs
Current fee	£40	£40	£40	£45	£45	34	38
Proposed fee	£45	£46	£47	£50	£50	31	34



As well as looking at future fee restructure, there are other non-financial impactors that could have a financial impact to the club going forward. I have raised these with the Committee to be discussed at our forth coming meeting on 20th November 2022.

Both Neil and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have on our Treasurer report. If we are unable to answer them now, we will take them away and include in them in the AGM minutes.

Neil Thrower and Scott McDowall
Treasurers



6. Head Coach Report

Welcome to my first coaches report under the title of Edinburgh Artistic Swimming. We have changed the name of the club to fall in line with the changes at FINA. This also coincides with the 50th anniversary of our club and so we now have a new logo which was designed by one of our swimmers, Lily Murray.

We have had another busy year in the club and I will just give you an overview of what has been going on.

In December 2021 6 of our swimmers passed their Level 1 Artistic Swimming coaches course and have since been helping out within the club.

In January we welcomed 7 new swimmers to the club after a successful trial day.

At the beginning of March we held our own figure competition in the club at which we had nearly every swimmer take part, even some beginners who had only been in the club for a matter of weeks. This was a good warm-up for the Scottish figure competition which took place two weeks later at the RCP. We had 11 of our age group swimmers taking part and we managed to win bronze in the 12 & unders, gold in the 13-15 age group and silver in the juniors. The junior technical team won gold for their Moulin Rouge team. Photos and results for the various competitions can be found on our website and also on Scottish Swimming website.

Due to the usual pool for SNAGS being closed for refurbishment they were cancelled in June which meant we had the opportunity to put on a display at club showing off the routines we had been working on for the competition. This also gave some of our junior swimmers who were leaving us in the summer to have one final swim of the routines.

Training continued throughout the summer holidays however when the schools resumed our time at club became very busy. We had a training camp arranged at Whithaugh Park the first weekend in September. Twenty-six swimmers and 9 coaches and poolside helpers went to the camp to work on routines for the upcoming competitions. A great time was had by all and all the girls worked really hard on their routines. The following week we had our celebration night for our 50th anniversary. It was great to see some of our past swimmers and committee members attend the event along with a lot of our current members. A lot of reminiscing went on over the evening and thanks to Cath for arranging a photo slideshow.

On the 1st October 16 swimmers travelled to Aberdeen to compete in the Scottish Club Championships. This was the first one to have been held since 2019 and it was great to be back. Well done to all the swimmers who took part especially to those for which it was their first competition.

Last weekend 13 swimmers, a number of coaches, helpers and technical officials travelled through to East Kilbride to compete and help out at the Scottish National Age Groups which had been postponed from June. All girls taking part performed well and the weekend culminated in Edinburgh retaining the Top Club Award along with each girl coming away with at least one medal each. A great effort from all who took part and who helped out for the weekend.

On Friday night we had our annual awards evening where certificates were given out to all the girls who had passed figure and routine grades this year. A total of twenty-one girls received certificates for obtaining at least one grade. What a great achievement for the club. Star awards were given to an individual from each group who their coach felt deserved recognition for their effort throughout the year and also a number of trophies were awarded. Baylee received the Club champion cup, Lucy was awarded the Senior achievement shield, Lily was given the Beginners cup and Elizabeth received the Samantha Ritchie trophy. Well done to all the winners. The coach of the year was also awarded which is voted for by the swimmers and this year one of



our new coaches received it, Mae Paterson. Well done to her and I'm glad to see she is having a positive effect on the swimmers.

I would just like to conclude by saying a huge thank you to all the coaching staff of the club, Viv, Mae, Cath, Louise and Sarah and also to the junior coaches who have helped with the stretching sessions online and the beginners, Baylee, Ellie, Maddie and Natalia. Also a huge thank you to all the poolside helpers who are there at all the training sessions helping out with coaching and especially the music and a special thank you to Caroline for her tireless efforts in keeping us all in check and ensuring we know what is happening and when. This club would not be the success it is without all these people volunteering and giving their time up week in week out and it is greatly appreciated by all of us. And lastly to the committee who work tirelessly behind the scenes keeping our club running smoothly.

Next year there is going to be a lot of changes in the sport as the new FINA rules come into effect. This is going to affect the figures the girls will be performing and also the way that routines are judged. It is hoped that we will be able to update everyone at the start of the year after a number of us from the Scottish committee attend a conference in England at the beginning of December to find out all the details. Watch this space as they say. Exciting times are ahead.

Thank you.

Margo Wimberley
Head Coach

7. Club Captain's remarks

Kiku unfortunately can't be here today. This year Kiku and I had the pleasure of being your Club Captains. We enjoyed getting to know everyone a lot better, and seeing how willing everyone is to support each other. It was also great to be able to finally get back to normal competitions where we could cheer for our whole club and see the many achievements we accomplished this year.

We were impressed with how everyone coped with the very jam packed year of grades, competitions and the camp, especially after being unable to have the full synchro experience these past few years. Everyone took it in their stride and managed to create some amazing routines. We would like to say well done for a very successful year.

So all that's left to say from us is a huge thank you for the opportunity we were given. We now also have the pleasure of revealing this year's new club captain who has been voted for by the swimmers.

Baylee Harrison and Kiku Konishi-Gaffney
Club Captain



8. Alterations to constitution or bye-laws

Proposal 1:

To change the name of the club so that the initials are not the same as Elgin Amateur Swimming Club
Proposer – Caroline McGrory
Secunder – Neil Thrower

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Proposal 2:

As per a change to the constitution in 2022, swimmers will now pay competition entry fees and not the club.

Proposer – Neil Thrower
Secunder – Scott McDowall

Proposal 3:

BL2.1.6 The Chair shall not speak to, oppose or move any motion from the Chair. In order to do so, they shall vacate the Chair until that business is concluded. The meeting shall be presided over by a substitute Chair elected from among those present. To be removed and replaced with

A meeting must keep a record, in writing, of every decision taken by the meeting. The general rule is that any decision made by the meeting must be either a unanimous decision or a majority decision.

BL2.1.7 Not used

BL2.1.8 A person is able to exercise the right to speak and vote at a meeting when:

- a) that person is able to communicate and vote, during the meeting, on the business of the meeting; and
- b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such motions are passed at the same time as the votes of all other persons attending the meeting.

BL2.1.9 A meeting need not be held in any particular place and the meeting may be held without any number of those participating in the meeting being together at the same place. In determining attendance at a meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more persons attending it are in the same place as each other.

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Proposer – Scott McDowall
Secunder – Margo Wimberley



9. Office Bearers 2022/23

Position	Holder
President	Antonia Delaney
Vice President	Cath Fleming
Secretary	Caroline McGrory
Treasurer	Scott McDowall
Head Coach	Margo Wimberley
Wellbeing & Protection Officer	Jenny Goodacre
Vice Wellbeing & Protection Officer	Vacant
Team Manager Coordinator	Vacant
Fundraising Coordinator	Vacant
Kit Coordinator	Vacant
Camp Coordinator	Dagna Szcotka
Social Coordinator	Catherine Bell
Development Coordinator	Vacant
Volunteer Coordinator	Vacant
Web and Social Media Coordinator	Caroline McGrory (website) and Baylee Harrison (Social Media)
Club Captain	Lucy Foster
Life Members	Helen Murray Cath Fleming David Muxworthy Susan McFeeters Margo Wimberley Paul Bannon Vicky Peakman
East District Delegates	Jenny Goodacre Margo Wimberley Cath Fleming