

Tuesday 27th February 2025 AGM - ECCC at 7.30pm

In attendance: Sonja Senguler, Wullie Robertson, Sandra Gow, Siony Mackintosh, Shona Begg, Alan Taylor, Gordie Begg, Antony Statham, Lynsay Forbes, Russell Angus, Tanya Angus, Claire Lunn.

Apologies: Lisa Donaldson, Nadine Stewart, Craig Cormack, Yvonne Richards, Ruth Sutherland, Cheryl Carter, Maureen Forbes, Nicola Innes, Lynsay Rosie

Minutes from 2024 – proposed by Siony McIntosh, 2nd Sandra Gow

Presidents/ Chairperson Annual Report

The club has had another good year with lots of new swimmers coming through and poolside helpers now having completed their Judge 1 course. Back Stroke ledges and new blocks have now been procured and installed with the funding from the Caithness Regeneration Fund. Still having issues with rusting on the new blocks, Wullie Robertson to look into this and Gordon Begg to check to see if the washers are 316 stainless steel. New equipment still to be procured from the Tesco Funding of £1500 – Sandra Gow to provide date when funding needs to be used by. – suggestions of swimmers intercoms / pacers, new white boards etc.

Wullie Robertson advised that he will be standing down as Chair and Sandra Gow advised that she will be standing down as Treasurer and Vice Chair.

Action – Wullie Robertson – to look at issue with rusting on new blocks and the modifications of the turnboards to suit the new blocks.

Gordon Begg - to check to see if the washers are 316 stainless steel. Sandra Gow - to provide date when funding needs to be used by.

Financial Report

Sandra Gow submitted the annual accounts and ran through the financials, still a very healthy balance of £31, 112.96k at 31/10/24. £953.78 is team unify costs this year which is slightly down on last year, these costs are covered by the increase to the monthly fees. Back Stroke ledges and new blocks have now been procured with the funding from the Caithness Regeneration Fund. Committee members have raised a fantastic amount for the club this year through raffles and a quiz night.

Changes to Constitution

No changes, however new template to be addressed and amended as required and submitted to Scottish Swimming for approval. Committee to hold a separate meeting to discuss this.

Changes to By Laws

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Life Membership

No one put forward.

Membership

Total swimmers are down from this time last year by 3 swimmers.

Registered on Scottish Swimming - 51 Athletes registered and 40 Non Athletes. Thirteeen swimmers and 3 Non Athletes to be removed from Scottish Swimming.

Club Captains

Club Captains to stay the same as last year, Nebi Senguler and Eva Robertson

If was discussed that not a lot of swimmers were not aware of who the club captains were. Antony has offered to do an introduction to the new swimmers and explain who the club captains are and their role in the club.

2025 Fees

Fees have been agreed as follows:

Gold Squad - £30 p/m Silver Squad - £25 p/m Bronze Squad - £20 p/m Pre-squad - £15 p/m

Fees to currently stay the same, however incentivisation's to be discussed to encourage more parents to get involved in the club.

AOB

The Wick Triathalon Club approached WASC to support them in the procurement of a new pool clock as the existing one hasn't been working for some time. It was agreed by the committee that we would support this – potential cost £80.

New equipment still to be procured from the Tesco Funding of £1500 – Sandra Gow to provide date when funding needs to be used by. – suggestions of equipment - swimmers intercoms / pacers, new white boards etc.

Poolside Helpers course – it was agreed that another poolside helpers course should be organised for the parents of new swimmers who are not already involved.

Prior to the club gala which is to be held on the 10 June an open night should be arranged to provide parents with more information on the club structure and to discuss the information held in the welcome pack. It was also discussed that it might be a good idea to put up photos of the committee on the WASC notice board and a night to meet the club captains. Welcome pack and introductory night still require to be finalised.

It was agreed that the Meet Secretary and the Secretary can purchase a Microsoft licence for the lap top.

Siony to speak to Laura re additional CPO cover.

Wullie Robertson advised that the Club has now achieved the Scottish Swimming Aquamark 1 status. Colleen Blair is looking to present the Aquamark certificate at the Forres Meet on the 22/23 March.

Soren Hudson Young has been approved by the WASC committee to swim with our club, however this needs to be checked with Lisa at HST. Agreed proposed fee of £5 per month. Sonja to check this out with Lisa at HST and get back to us.

Club Gala has been proposed for the 10 June 2025, Wullie Robertson to book pool, time to be extended until 9.00pm. Craig to organise the STO's.

Stop watches need to be replaced, Sonja to review new watches and procure.

Pool Block Covers to be renewed – Antony to speak with Philip Mould.

New WASC Flag for meets – Claire to advise on new flag and associated costs.

Action – Sonja Senguler - Check with Lisa at HST re Soren Hudson Young becoming a member with WASC

Wullie Robertson - Book pool for Gala.

Craig Cormack - to organise the STO's for Gala

Sonja Senguler - to review new watches and procure.

Antony Statham – Speak to Philip Mould re new pool block covers and associated costs.

Claire Lunn - to advise on new flag and associated costs

Next meeting 26th March 6.30 to 7.30pm.

Management committee for 2025

Post	Appointed	Proposed By	2 nd By
Chairperson	Alan Taylor	Sandra Gow	Claire Lunn
Vice Chairperson	Gordie Begg	Sandra Gow	Wullie Robertson
Treasurer	Tanya Angus	Alan Taylor	Sonja Senguler
Secretary	Yvonne Richard	Claire Lunn	Gordon Begg
Meet Secretary	Sonja Senguler/ Russell Angus	Gordon Begg	Sandra Gow
Membership Secretary	Russell Angus	Wullie Robertson	Claire Lunn
Child Protection Officer	Neil Macintosh	Siony MacIntosh	Wullie Robertson
Asst CPO			
Club Representative for HST	Siony Macintosh / Sonja Senguler	Sandra Gow	Wullie Robertson
North District Representative	Siony Macintosh / Sonja Senguler	Sandra Gow	Alan Taylor
Lead Coaches	Antony Statham/ Craig Cormack		
Gold/Silver/Bronze/Pre – Coaches	Maureen, Sonja, Russell, Shona, Claire, Siony		
Poolside Helpers	Yvonne, Lena, Lisa, Nicola, Mary-Jane, Nadine, Donna, Gordie, Lindsay, Joanne and Cheryl Carter		
STO	Craig Cormack	Wullie Robertson	Sandra Gow

Additional Committee members to be added to committee -

Lisa Donaldson, Shona Begg, Nadine Stewart, Lindsay Forbes, Sandra Gow, Wullie Robertson, Nicola Innes and Ruth Sutherland