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| **HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN ASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** | | |
| **MINUTES OF MEETING - 18 NOVEMBER 2021 : ONLINE VIA ZOOM** | | |
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| **1** | | **APOLOGIES** | |
|  | | Members: Ashleigh Cairns, Leona Ferguson  Life Members: David Brownlee | |
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| **2** | | **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2020** | |
|  | | No comments were made on the previous year’s minutes. The minutes were approved by Alison Grant and seconded by Jill Walker. | |
| **3** | | **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION** There are no proposed amendments to the Constitution. | |
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| **4** | | **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**  It’s been a real honour to have been President of the club for the past three years. I’m really proud of all that the committee, coaching team and club has achieved over that time, and in particular, the way we have all come together to support the club through the pandemic.  As our focus has rightly been on a safe return to the pool, some of our wider work is still on hold. I’m hopeful that as we continue to adapt to a new normal, the committee will be able to start to look to the future and continue where we had to pause. I’m incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported me over the last three years, but in particular to Alison Grant, who has been a fantastically supportive and active Vice President, I wish her all the best as she takes over the President’s role. She will do a great job.  Huge thanks also to Mike Trotter, our Treasurer, Alison Lyall, who is stepping down from the membership secretary role after doing an excellent job over the past few years, Elinor Crofts, Lorna Funnell, and Robert Taylor, our pool and swim convenor who is also stepping down, having been a magnificent volunteer and supporter of the club for many years. And thanks and welcome to Leona Ferguson who has taken over the pool convenor role. I’m also very grateful to the other volunteers who give up their time to support the club, including our Wellbeing Protection Officers, Ashleigh Cairns and Jonny Elliott (along with Ainslie Pettie who stepped down earlier this year), Jennifer McGill, our Entries Secretary, Lesia Bauld, our kit co-ordinator, Susan Craigmile, our STO Coordinator and David Brownlee our assistant treasurer. It’s been another challenging year and I’m grateful to all of the committee for their continued support and advice.  I owe a great deal of thanks to our Head Coach Phil Potter, who has been exceptionally patient and supportive over the last three years. His knowledge, commitment and experience have been vital to the success of the club and in particular they made all the difference to our ability to respond quickly and effectively to changing guidance and restrictions throughout the pandemic. We are very lucky to have Michal Adamek, Andy Maguire, Andy Hutchison, and Ellie Starkey on the team, and I’m delighted that they have been joined by former Hearts swimmer, Finlay Saunders. He’s a great addition to our team. We also look forward to welcoming Elinor Crofts and Rowan Saunders to the coaching team, we are really excited to have you both on board! And I’d like to wish coaches (and former swimmers) Angus Johnstone and Amy Kerr all the very best as they move on to new ventures. Swim School is now back up and running, and my thanks go to Phil, Michal, Lesley Fair and Linzi Melville for their excellent work managing and developing the school.  Finally, I just want to say, thank you to all our swimmers and parents. I know it has been a hard year for everyone and things still seem a bit different, but I’m really impressed by the resilience the swimmers have shown and of what we have managed to achieve in the face of very challenging times. I wish the club and its swimmers all the very best for the future.  Helen Reilly  President  November 2021 | |
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| **5** | | **HEAD COACH REPORT**  2021 has been another extraordinary year for everyone – and it has certainly been a far from ordinary one in the life of Heart of Midlothian ASC.  Having returned to “normal” training in the last three months of 2020 we were once again locked out of the pool due to the COVID-19 pandemic and reverted to our extensive programme of online activities to keep the membership engaged and active up until the end of April when we were able to return to the pool.  Yet again, I am in awe of the commitment and resolve shown by our members over this period and thank all involved for their engagement, loyalty and fantastic team spirit.  Clearly, there were limited competitive opportunities throughout 2021 but we still did manage to have some highlights and significant results / selections:  • Holly McGill performed with distinction at the GB Olympic Trials in April and narrowly missed out on selection for the GB team for the European Junior Championships.  • Former members Keanna MacInnes and Emma Russell qualified for the European Senior Championships and came close to Team GB Olympic selection – delighted to see them continuing to flourish!  • Excellent results at the Summer Festival of Swimming in July which saw the first “mainstream” return to competition.  • Looking at Scottish Swimming’s revamped National Squad Programme, we had a pleasing number qualifying for the 2021/2022 squads - 1 swimmer on the National Junior Team, 7 swimmers on the Youth Academy and 7 swimmers on the Junior Academy  Well done to all involved and good luck to those who return to normality in terms of training and competition in the weeks and months ahead.  The strength of our coaching team is vital to the operations and success of the club on the swimming front and, despite losing the services of both Amy Kerr and Angus Johnstone in the Summer, we continue to be strong and fully committed to the club and the swimmers that we coach. Many thanks to all who have been part of the team over the last 12 months.  Being able to resume our Swim School operations at the end of April 2021 was another extremely important step that will help to ensure a generation of young swimmers won’t miss out any further on learning the invaluable life skill of swimming. Many thanks, in particular, to Lesley Fair, Linzi Melville and Michal Adamek for their hard work in making this possible.  Many thanks to all who have supported the club during this particularly difficult time in (our) history. It makes me exceptionally proud to think of how well we have come through this as a club, as a team, as a family and I can only hope that it has contributed to making us even stronger as we move forward.  Helen Reilly will finish her term as Club President at this AGM and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks for the support she has shown to myself and the coaching team during her tenure and congratulate her on a “job” very well done!  Many people don’t realise exactly what being Club President involves and how much time and energy is needed to perform the role successfully. Robin Whike took on the role on two separate occasions (once during my own time at the club), was awarded a much-deserved Life Membership of the club and maintained strong links with the club until his sad passing on 28th October 2021. RIP Robin – a true Hearts legend.  I hope that you have enjoyed reading this brief account of 2021 and that it provides a flavour of what is happening on the swimming front at Hearts. There is, of course, much more going on all the time and if you desire to know more simply check out the latest news at www.swimhearts.com or on Facebook / Twitter / Instagram / Team Unify Team Feed or get in touch with myself at any time.  Here’s to further success and easier times in the year ahead for Heart of Midlothian Amateur Swimming Club!  Phil Potter – Head Coach  headcoach@swimhearts.com | |
| **6** | | **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**  The following office bearers, convenors and committee members remain in post or were elected:  **Executive Committee**  President Alison Grant  Vice President Vacant  Secretary Elinor Crofts  Treasurer Vacant from January 2022  Swim Convenor Leona Ferguson  Membership Secretary Elinor Crofts  Wellbeing & Protection Officer Ashleigh Cairns    **Swim Committee**  Assistant Swim Convenor Vacant  Head Coach Phil Potter  Entries and Records Secretary Jennifer McGill  Social Convenor vacant  Fundraising co-ordinator Neil Craigmile  Volunteer co-ordinator Susan Craigmile  Lifeguard co-ordinator Vacant  **General Committee members**  Lorna Funnell | |
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| **7** | **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE AND MONTHLY FEES**  It is proposed that the annual membership fee will be £70 for all members. This fee will be collected through Team Unify.  We will continue to have the sibling discount of £5.00 where there is more than one swimmer in the same family monthly paying training fees through Team Unify, with subsequent siblings continuing to pay half of the normal monthly fee. | | |
| **8** | **AOCB** | | |
|  | Helen paid tribute to Robin Whike, former past president and life member who passed away in October 2021. The club made a donation to Kidney Care in his name.  Head coach, Phil Potter, recently celebrated 20 years of coaching with the club. The club wanted to recognise this by giving him life membership.  Alison Grant gave thanks to Helen Reilly for her time as club President and the work she put in during the time of the Covid pandemic. She kept the club going during these difficult times and has ensured we are in a healthy position to keep functioning. | | |
| **9** | **TREASURER’S REPORT** | | |
|  | The 2020/21 season shows a much better year than last and a recovery from the £20k loss in 2019/20 to a small surplus of **£667.63**. This is an extremely positive position given what we experienced at the start of this season.  The total income generated by the club this season has decreased by 10% to **£144,350.47** although Training fees have risen to roughly 90% of pre pandemic levels in 2018/19. This fall in income can be explained partly by there being no Camp and only a couple of Meets this year. Taking these elements out of the equation one would see an increase in Total Income of roughly £12k. Income from training fees rose by £20k from last year, to £107k, representing the increased swimming offer as we came out of lockdown.  The restarting of Swimschool has led to a welcome boost to the club’s funds, with it providing an estimated **£14.5k** income stream over the summer and autumn terms. This has been offset by Swimschool coaching fees of over £6k plus the associated lifeguarding and pool hire costs.  Total Expenditure has also seen a decrease from the previous year. Costs have fallen this year by 20% from £179,362.68 to **£143,682.84**. Again, this can be mostly explained by little or no expenditure on both Meets and Camp.  Pool Hire costs are our greatest outlay at **£64,673.68.** This equates to roughly 45% of our total expenditure with the remainder comprising mainly coaching costs and SASA Fees.  Unfortunately additional income from Hearts meet fees and fundraising has again not been available this year to help meet our expenditure outlay. The Lottery however continues to provide a net yearly income of **£1,000**.  The overall net impact this season is seen below as a £667.63 profit and a positive outlook moving forward from last season.    Once again I would like to give a huge thank you to the majority of members who have remained with us over the difficult period earlier in the year and allow us to continue and keep the club running.  On behalf of myself I would like to give a huge thank you to our outgoing Membership Secretary, Alison Lyall. Without her organisational skills and dedication I would find it difficult to operate as the Treasurer. I wish her all the best and will miss working with her.  Mike Trotter  Treasurer | | |
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| **10** | **SWIM CONVENOR’S REPORT**  All Invoices for the pools we use are emailed monthly in arrears for checking and are paid by Direct Debit. If there are errors, we advise Edinburgh Leisure and receive an amended invoice.  These invoices cover Ainslie Park, Drumbrae, and the Royal Commonwealth Pools (RCP) and Forrester High and Queensferry High for club training sessions, as well as Royal High School for our Swim School.  We were only using Pools from November onwards that Edinburgh Leisure allowed access, and once restrictions eased, our pool usage increased.  We restarted our Swim School when the school resumed after the summer break.  All pool bookings from 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022 were booked in May, based on what the pool time was given by Edinburgh Leisure and was done online.  In July, I passed over the role to Leona Ferguson, however the club can still contact me if they need any support. I’m grateful someone stepped in to do this and wish Leona all the best.  I’d like to thank all the committee at Hearts for the wonderful job they do in supporting the club and ensuring there is a solid base for the swimmers to come along and enjoy the sport. It has been a pleasure working with so many current and past members, whom Morag and I have got to know over the time we’ve spent at Hearts.  I am extremely grateful for everything Helen Reilly our out-going President has done to stablise the club especially during the Covid outbreak and hope she can enjoy some quality time with her family.  I’m also grateful to Phil Potter for the excellent relationship we had during the time I undertook the role and his excellent coaches at Hearts, who continue to develop the club and swimmers as usual.  It great that everyone has pulled together during Covid and this should enable the club to continue to be at the forefront of swimming in Scotland.  Robert Taylor  Outgoing Swim Convenor, Heart of Midlothian A.S.C. | | |
| **11** | **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**  Unfortunately due to the Covid pandemic both our social and fundraising activities in the club have been severely hampered again this year.  As we move towards the end of 2021 and into 2022, it is unlikely that we will be able to run any fundraising events in the short term so please consider taking part in the monthly lottery to help boost club funds.  Social Convenor | | |