



# Ellesmere Port Amateur Swimming Club

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### Annual General Meeting

The Club AGM was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, when Officials and Committee members were elected.

Denise Hart steps down after two years in the chair and is succeeded by Colin Bradford, with Nikki Hope as Vice chairman. Other Officers remain as before: Matthew Gibbs as Secretary, Elaine Ludgate as Treasurer, while Gill Waterworth was welcomed to the Executive committee.

It was disappointing that more members did not attend; this is the occasion when every Club member, senior or master swimmer or senior non-swimming member will receive a report on the year's activities, they can vote for the committee for the next 12 months, or can express their own opinion on the way things are being run.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The club celebrates its half-century in July 2018. It is hoped to mark this special occasion with both social and swim events. We really would welcome suggestions from all our swimmers and parents. You could speak to the officials on desk duty at a club session, or e-mail Matthew Gibbs on: [secretary@epasc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@epasc.co.uk).

### Facebook Page

We now have a dedicated Facebook page for EPASC. This can be found by going into Facebook and searching for Ellesmere Port Amateur Swimming Club. This has been set up so that all followers can be kept up-to-date on all upcoming events, gala results, club training times etc.

With the growing popularity of social media we would like to reach as wide an audience as possible with this page and we would like a many people as possible to follow the page to keep up to speed with what is happening at the club. The page will be monitored and anything which is believed to be offensive or inappropriate will be instantly removed, and any abusive behaviour will be reported. The page has been set up for information and enjoyment by members and is open to both swimmers and parents. Any suggestions as to what people would like to see included should be sent direct to Warren Read.

The Facebook page will also be useful for asking for assistance from parents and older swimmers when the need arises for us to provide some officials and helpers for galas and special events, both at EPSV or at other venues at which we take part in events.

Anyone interested in helping the club in any way can either message Warren directly or register their interest at the desk on a club night.

We can never have too many volunteers!

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## **Ellesmere Port ASC Club Kit**

Just a reminder ... we have;

Club Swim Caps - £3.50

T-Bag t shirts - £12.00

Polo shirts - £12.00

Pool Goggles - £8.00

EPASC Towels £9.00

All of the above are in stock.

Also available to order are  
EPASC Hoodies £15.50  
in white or blue

## **The BLDSA One Hour Swim**

We ran this popular event in EPSV on February 26<sup>th</sup>, when 18 swimmers took part. The longest distances achieved were recorded by Alfie Danson with 4505 metres and Sarah Hickson with 4050 metres.

This event attracts entries from thousands of swimmers from Europe, Australia, and Canada, so our results last year were outstanding, we achieved no less than six medals from the individual and team events. This year we have again made both individual and team entries and hope to receive the results from the BLDSA by August.

## **Well done Connor!**

In the Wrexham Open Meet, Connor Waterworth took silver medals in all his events, the 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 50m freestyle and the 100m individual medley.

## **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to everyone for your support this raffle we raised £95.00. Prize winners list at the club desk.

## **Easy Fundraising**

We have an Easyfundraising page, which means that if you shop online at any of the online sites within the Easyfundraising page, the club will receive a donation. You simply need to search for Easyfundraising, then once you are in the Home page there will be an option for you to search for Ellesmere Port Amateur Swimming Club, this is who you are collecting for. There are over 3,000 retailers selling through Easyfundraising, including M&S, Apple, AVIVA, Sainsburys, eBay and many more. Instead of going direct to the retailer's website, do it through Easyfundraising instead. Once you are at the site you want you continue your shopping as normal, you will not pay anything extra. It just means that Easyfundraising will make a donation to our swimming club because you have gone through their site to purchase something you were going to purchase anyway!

## **The Club Annual Mile Swim**

For 45 years we have run this annual event in November, but we have now been forced to change the date since the Amateur Swimming Association had deemed long distance swims shall be held in the Spring, with sprint events in the late Autumn. We have therefore reluctantly decided to hold the 2017 Mile Swim on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up lists will be available soon and as in previous years swimmers wishing to take part for the first time must first complete an 800 metre qualifying swim within 20 minutes. This swim can be completed in any club session by arrangement with Mr Ray McKay. There is no entry fee for this event, you just pay your usual sessional swim fee.

## **Inter-club Galas**

We have seen mixed success so far in the Peninsular galas. In the League competition Ellesmere Port were winners against Hoylake B and we won again in the three-team gala versus Woodchurch and Wallasey.

In the Development League we lost against Wallasey at Guinea Gap, their home pool. Then in the gala v Bebington swum at EPSV, the Coaches made use of every lane available to us, giving many of our youngest swimmers their first taste of competition. It was great for both swimmers and spectators, to see every lane occupied in many of the events. The result in this gala was very close, resulting in a win for Bebington by just eight points, showing a big improvement for our young swimmers.

## **Raffle Prizes**

We're constantly fundraising for the club, if you would like to donate any suitable prizes for our raffles, they would be gratefully received! Please see Gill, Nikki, Bev or Elaine at the club entrance desk.

*Don't forget to check out the club website:*

*[www.epasc.co.uk](http://www.epasc.co.uk)*