

## Welcome



Andrea Herron  
Chairperson



This is the third annual report in which I have been involved and, as I look back over the past 12 months, I'd like to summarise some of the progress we made during the 2017-2018 season.

One of the highlights of the year for me was the achievement of our young Aquasprint team who swam in the 'A' final of Division 3 and our PTL team being promoted to Division 2. Who can forget that gala when the PTL team scored 576-568. I was thrilled we had 3 swimmers qualify for Division 1 in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin and 6 swimmers for IAG DIV 2 in Limerick – what a huge attainment! It's not all about the swimming at PASC and every year I am reminded of that when I see the friendships of our swimmers and parents develop outside the pool.

Another highlight for me was the recognition by two external bodies who in August 2017 awarded PASC with CASC status when we registered the Club as a Charity and then in November when Swim Ireland proudly announced at their annual awards accreditation of Clubmark to PASC – this is a recognition of the hard work by all volunteers to ensure the club has good governance in place, demonstrating a safe and fun environment for all.

My sincere thanks to the dedicated PASC coaching team, committee members, parent volunteers and our swimmers. Your continued support is invaluable to help PASC continue to provide opportunities for all our swimmers to perform their potential and we will be updating our development plan to achieve this goal for next season.

I look forward to seeing you all poolside in the 2018-19 season!

## Swimming opportunities for all



Conor McKeown  
Head Coach



Thanks again everyone – your involvement last season is a great measure of your support for PASC. I concur with Andrea's highlights & in addition:

The Club's *Learn to Swim Programme* which continues to provide the club with an opportunity to teach our swimmers the relevant techniques to be ready for the big pool, their first relay gala and the *Arthur McDonald Gala*.

Swim Ulster introduced '*Skills Meets*' last season - 10 PASC swimmers achieved bronze, silver and gold certificates, with the gold achievers now eligible to progress to the *Development Galas*. Last season, 38 PASC swimmers took part in the SU Development Galas and in regional galas, we had 19 swimmers who achieved gold, 19 silver and 25 bronze. Well done to all these swimmers and the 9 who qualified to SI IAG events were rewarded by the hours they had spent training in the pool all season!

Thanks to all PASC coaches who have been working hard developing their skills with 3 completing level 1 and 4 level 2 teaching awards and 8 completed level 1 coaching award. This is in addition to the CPD dives and turns course, safeguarding, defibrillator training and Swim Ireland Conference. I think this investment is evident in club's achievements.

Thank you for supporting our *social and fundraising events* which included: 1) Pantomime 2) Roller Skating Disco 3) Swim-a-mile fundraising for 'Angel Wishes NI' and 4) Mini Triathlon. Without the personal time you volunteer at PASC, the club wouldn't exist. I look forward to working with you next season, especially when PASC host the Armagh Champs in February at Cascades for the last time before the new pool opens at South Lakes in 2020!

## Financial Overview



James Fox  
Treasurer



Thank you to Kieran McGeough from Flynn & Co Accountants for preparing the Club financial report. A financial breakdown is summarised as follows:

Income reduced by 3.6 % in the year mainly because a number of existing swimmers did not to last season but income was also impacted and as expected by the switch to the club shop resulting in fewer purchases. Our fundraising efforts generated £1631. Fee income for the year was £29,925 representing a decrease of £1,131 from the on previous year

Expenditure increased by 20% in the year mainly due to additional: 1) 16% higher in lane hire due to increased costs and number of lanes hired and 2) 12% increase in Swim Ulster and Swim Ireland Affiliation Fees and 3) Coach CPD and Accreditation.

Committee have decided to increase the current fee structure in place due to associated costs with affiliation fees. For next season, the Head Coach has confirmed pool hire will not increase. Membership fees will be collected via direct debit in our efforts to move the club from a manual approach to an online one.

Full details of the financial results are contained in the Report and can be found on the club website: [www.portadownasc.com](http://www.portadownasc.com) or for any fee enquiries you can email at [PASCTreasurer1@gmail.com](mailto:PASCTreasurer1@gmail.com)

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to the 2017/2018 season.

## Looking ahead 2018 - 2020

We made good progress with the first year of the Club Development Plan last season:

- Increasing the number of PASC Swimmers at SU Development Programmes, Development Galas and Division 1 & 2 Events;
- 3 Swimmers qualifying for the Ulster Schools London Camp and 1 for the Tenerife Camp;
- PTL Team promotion to Division 2 and the Aquasprint Team reaching the 'A' Finals;
- Coaches completing Mini Waterpolo Training and implementing a small pool criteria;
- Raising money for Charity and holding;
- Moving to an online approach with the shop and social media; and
- Being awarded CASC status and gaining Clubmark Accreditation.

Our aim and objectives remain the same, to develop a strong community and competitive club, creating an enjoyable environment and allowing opportunities for all our swimmers to fulfil their potential whatever their age, level of ability or background:

- 1) Club Governance and administration
- 2) Club Links
- 3) Facilities & Equipment
- 4) Workforce Development
- 5) Communication & Social
- 6) Increase Participation & Maintain Membership at the Club
- 7) Aquatic Planning
- 8) Funding and finance.

To achieve this, we will continue to collaborate with Swim Ulster, Swim Ireland, Cascades, the Council, Parents and most importantly Swimmers.

**Thank you - Andrea, Conor and James.**