



Director Profiles – 2023

Liz Anderson – Secretary

I have worked in sport for over 11 years - 2 years with Scottish Cycling before they relocated to the Emirates Arena and 9 years with Scottish Fencing.

I have experience in Board governance and have been with two governing bodies as they go through the process of updating their articles of association. In my current role I am responsible for HR and equality, as well as the day to day administration, I have seen Scottish Fencing develop its volunteer recruitment so we can attract staff who meet the strategic aims of the organisation. Following on from the Whyte review in Gymnastics and the report into racism in Cricket welfare is now a key area for sport to address in the coming years. Working in another sport enables me to bring good practice and ideas from other governing bodies to my role with WWS.

On the sporting side I have experience of supporting clubs – particularly following the pandemic when clubs are finding ways of rebuilding membership. Scottish Fencing is currently developing our coach education and our performance pathways recently underwent changes to focus on the development of the fencer.

In terms of my formal education I have a degree in accountancy but didn't choose to follow that as a career path. I am very fortunate at Scottish Fencing to work for an employer who actively champions personal development. With access to sportScotland courses I have covered topics from emotional intelligence to membership retention. In 2018 I attended the Women in Sports Leadership Academy which was a great opportunity not just for personal development but to build networks with women in working in sport from around the world. I have attended Women and Sport conferences, Equality conferences and been very fortunate to have listened to Allistair McCaw talk about leadership and team culture in sport.

In terms of a sporting background, I am a qualified fencing coach. I had just started up a small club to bring fencing to schools in Livingston. My fencing career started in secondary school and my highlight was fencing at the European Fencing Championships. I was Scottish Open Women's Epee Champion for several years, representing Scotland in the Commonwealth Fencing Championships and was third in the British Fencing Championships.

Chris Heron – Additional Director

My current role is Head Coach at the Town Loch National Training Site (NTS). I have obtained various qualifications to ensure that I can effectively and efficiently run our countries national training site, these allow me to coach beginners all the way up to elite athletes in all disciplines of our sport. I am also able to teach boat driving qualifications up to the highest level of SBD3 (Speed Boat Driver 3) whilst also being competently trained in Safeguarding, Anti-Doping, Autism Awareness and Disability Inclusion. Within the last year I have also become a qualified Judge and Competition Driver.

My previous role was as an experienced Senior Operations Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the e-commerce sector specialising in logistics and distribution covering both public, private, third and Government funded sectors.

Since the start of 2020, I have been a Director on the Board for Waterski and Wakeboard Scotland (WWS). I had also been fortunate enough to then become the Vice Chair of WWS and the Chair of our National Training Site up until May 2022. Working closely with the current Chair, Chief Operating Officer and **sportscotland** Partnership Manager we have ensured the smooth day to day running of the Sports Governing Body (SGB) and NTS.

During my time on the Board, I have been fortunate enough to attend various meetings and training with sportscotland and fully appreciate the time and commitment required to undertake this position and I am confident I can continue to carry out this role to a high standard.

Georgina Hutchison – Additional Director

I have been a member of the Town Loch National Training Site (NTS) for over 10 years. I am a qualified Level 2 UKCC waterski and wakeboard coach and SBD Level 3 boat driver. I am qualified in emergency first aid and have completed training courses in disability inclusion and child protection. I am currently a Level 4 judge, working towards achieving my Level 3, 3-event judges qualification.

I volunteer most of my spare time to coach and drive at both the Waterski Academy CIC in Whitworth, Rochdale, and the NTS. My responsibilities include coaching a wide range of people aged between 2 and 82, some of whom are registered disabled. I am also responsible for coaching and driving for world record holders, world, European and British champions, as well as people who are new to the sport and have never tried it before. I have been lucky to be a part of activity days hosted by both centres for local Brownie, Scout, Church and School groups as well as notable charities such as the Mayfield Trust and the Make a Wish Foundation.

I have also been involved in running Friends of Tournaments coaching clinics at both Lound Waterski Club and NTS.

In 2020 I was awarded Young Volunteer of the Year by British Water Ski and Wakeboard for my work at the Waterski Academy and the NTS. The experience I have gained coaching has allowed me to develop my confidence and interpersonal skills. As well as coaching and driving, I regularly compete at UK national level.