

2016 AGM – Chairman’s Report

It has been a challenging year for the club for a number of reasons. This time last year, I was the Club President, but took over as Chairman in January 2016, and so have now been in the role for 6 months. It has been a busy period where the Committee have been spending time ensuring structures are put in place to ensure the club is on a stable footing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole committee for all their efforts – they give up a huge amount of their time to ensure that the club continues to move forward and give opportunities to all the swimmers who remain the main focus of everyone.

In addition, the coaching and teaching team are invaluable to the club and thanks must also go to all them for the time they spend on poolside.

As you will see from the short presentation after the formal part of the AGM, the committee and coaches have spent the last couple of months reviewing the club structure, training times and fees. These changes are being made for the benefit of all the swimmers, and everything will be in place for the new season.

The committee are continuing their search for an Assistant Head Coach and hope to have this resolved for the start of the new season. In addition, we are continuing to support our current teachers and coaches in gaining further qualifications and already have 6 booked on courses over the summer holiday period.

As with the vast majority of clubs, they are hugely reliable on volunteers. The club is looking for more help, and so if you are interested in helping in any way, please speak to a Committee member. There are various areas you could possibly – these include –

- Teacher / Coach
- Committee Member
- Official
- Administration
- Help with Club events, including Open Meet, and Club Championships

The most important element of the club remains the swimmers, who once again have shown their passion and dedication over the last 12 months. The club is determined to ensure that they all have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Finally, the club has been a huge part of the local community for over 40 years now, and I am sure this will continue for many years to come – I have been a member for 36 years, and hope I can help the continue to thrive over the next 12 months.