

# **Luke Surplice Head Coach AGM Report 2021-22**

## **Last 12 months**

So year 2 of coming out of covid..... It was another challenging year to say the least. From pool hire complications and restrictions to the massive fundraising efforts of the club to keep going. Having a swimmer at British Champs in May to 2 Swimmers at English Nationals in August.

## **Achievements**

### **National Arena League –**

Last Season we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, narrowly missing out on promotion to division 1 with a massive effort by all the swimmers in all 3 rounds.

This Season we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at every round and only by a few points for the last 2 rounds. This should gain us promotion to division 1 next season. No small feat for a club as small as ours, we pack “punch”!

## **Racing**

We had 1 swimmer qualify for Winter Nationals in December 21.

Our swimmers absolutely smashed their swims at Hampshire Counties, yes, we had Dq or 2 but we had so many amazing swims from the swimmers and lots of swimmers making finals in a wide array of events. I think 6 Golds, 15 Silvers and 12 Bronze Medals was a fantastic effort by every one of the swimmers.

We had 13 swimmers qualify for the South East Regionals 2022 which is almost as hard to qualify for than Nationals! which was a fantastic achievement for the swimmers and great progress for the club.

To finish the season off we had Joe M Qualifying for British Championships in May, in the 50 Fly.

Following that in August we had Joe M and James Port Qualifying for English Nationals both in the 50 Fly. A fantastic achievement for them both and us as a club.

Full open meets are back up and running and proving tricky to get in to as they are super popular and were missed badly by the swimmers over the last 18 month.

So far the swimmers competing at the open meets are showing that the hard work and dedication they have put in is paying off. Seeing lots of Personal best times at almost every meet.

We will hopefully have as many swimmers qualify for Counties as we did last year in the age groups and the youth category's, with the swimmers training hard.

We are again hoping to enter a full complement of relay teams to counties, hoping to repeat the success of the relay teams at last year's Counties and maybe even 2 teams in some ages showing the growth and development of the swimmers and the club.

## **Coaches and Teachers**

We have a I think a full complement of coaches and teachers onboard.

Luke S – Head Coach

Robin N – Senior Coach

David M – Coach

Kira P – Academy Coordinator & Cover Coach

Tegan W – Junior Coach

Maddy R – Level 2 Swimming Teacher

Lynne H – Level 2 Swimming Teacher

Rosie E – Assistant / Trainee Coach

Rosie S – Assistant / Trainee Coach

Matt T – Performance Coach (cover coaching)

## **2021/22 Season**

With the swimmers performing so well at open meets, Counties, Regional and National meets and Arena League, the clubs profile in the area is growing and is and will attract more swimmers to the club.

Continuing to grow the club by encouraging monthly trials for the main club Squads and the Academy (space permitting), continually assessing swimmers across the club to begin bridging to the next squad correctly and retain our current swimmer base by maintaining high coaching standards and encouraging results throughout the season.

So far the updated process for trails is working well and running quite smoothly thanks to the efforts of everyone involved especially Francis our New Membership coordinator.

I need to give a Special thanks to James our meets coordinator for all the work that he has put in to making the club champs run and work so well. And for out latest new sprint meet.

Lastly I would also like to thank all of the club's committee especially Jenn and volunteers for their continued support for the previous season, and ongoing support for this season with all of the changes and challenges that are to come over the rest of the season and year.

I'm sure I have missed something out and most probably several people that I should have mentioned so ill just say a massive thank you to everyone myself and the coaching team could not do what we do without your support.