

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

## **Last 12 months**

We are back up and swimming after the most crazy year and then some. I'm not going to go on about Covid. Its been hard work for everyone and I am pleased we have you all still with us.

Onwards and upwards.

## **Achievements**

**National Arena League** – The Arena League is back and we are doing very well.

All the swimmer are swimming well and fast. PBs are coming thick and fast for lots of the swimmers and everyone stepping up for the Team.

Few little mentions –

Hannah W for tuning up to support the team even though she dislocated her knee a few days previous, sporting a lovely knee brace and crutches.

James port who was called in to swim and to swim up an age group, 45 min before the Gala started due to illness.

Round 1 we came 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wycombe C, a much bigger club.

Round 2 saw us come joint first on point with City of Southampton – coming 2<sup>nd</sup> on a wins countback. Again against a much bigger club.

Round 3 TBD - its sure to be a close call all night long with im sure some sore throats the next day.

We shall be looking forward to the Junior Arena League Later in the year.

**Camp Selections** – We have had 2 Swimmers Selected for the National Development Program Camps.

**Racing** – We had a good few swimmers qualify for the festival of swimming at the end of last season which was a fantastic achievement.

We had 5 swimmer qualify for the Winter Regionals this year with some great swims and even a bronze medal too. All of which was a fantastic achievement for the 5 swimmers and great progress for the club.

We have 1 swimmer qualify for Winter Nationals this year in December with a shot at making a final.

Full open meets are back up and running well. So far the swimmers competing at the open meets have swam fantastic with over 75 Pbs over one weekend alone and they haven't stopped there.

We will hopefully have a large number of swimmers qualify for Counties this year in the age group and the youth category's, with the swimmers training hard and well. With over 70 Pbs at the first open meet on the season!!

We are hoping to enter a full complement of relay teams to counties, maybe even 2 teams in some ages showing the growth and development of the swimmers and the club.

## **Coaches**

We have several staff changes this year.

New coaches and teachers.

Kira – Junior Coach

Tegan – Junior Coach

Maddy R – Swimming Teacher

Alex – Coach (Cover Helping out whilst we have recruited new teachers and coaches)

Joshua – Coach (Cover Helping out whilst we have recruited new teachers and coaches)

Matt – Performance Coach (cover coaching)

Sadly we have lost David to “day job work commitments” but he is available to cover and is hoping to return as soon as work commitments allow.

## **2021/22 Season**

With the swimmers performing well at open meets, Counties, Regional and National meets and Arena League, the clubs profile in the area will grow and attract more swimmers.

Looking forwards we will continue to grow the club by encouraging monthly for the main club Squads and the Academy trials 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.

Lastly I would also like to thank all of the club’s committee 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.

Im sure I have missed something out and most probably several people that I should have mentioned so ill just say thank you to everyone