

Chairman's Report – AGM June 2014

I am proud to write to you as Chairperson, to update and reflect on the past year of our wonderful club.

The club progresses from strength to strength and we have high numbers in all of our current squads. We continue to look for additional training and match opportunities for all players. This can be difficult as the majority are in age boundaries and we do have to balance a desire to enter a competition with the safeguarding considerations of any younger players. We are looking to increase our friendly matches with friendly clubs and work with the County and East Region to provide players and opportunities as best we can.

We have launched our new club kit and there is no way you can miss us on poolside at a match!!! We are looking for costume options to follow soon. Our website remains our main communications tool and we are now reviewing many of our club setup and constitutional aspects.

We have had a successful grants and sponsorship year, especially at Felixstowe where we have been able to purchase new league standard goals for the club. These are kindly stored on poolside for us and Felixstowe will become our main competition base with these goals. We must give thanks to Councillors John Goodwin and the Mayor Jan Garfield for their help and support. Mayor Jan was also extremely pleased to present us with our Swim21 clubmark award at Easter. The clubmark award, recognises the strength of the club and the commitment of providing a safe training environment, qualified coaches and a professional committee structure for the club. A big thank to all those involved in the submission and successful award, which will need regular updating and renewal each year.

We have a number of the older players gaining waterpolo and swimming qualifications and we will look to these to help become support coaches in the future. We also ran an Aquatics Helper course for the under 16 players and the support was again a credit to the club.

The annual Christmas Pizza night was again enjoyed by all and the players excellent behaviour has already led to them accepting our booking for this year, so save the date Friday 13th Dec 2014.

I would just like to thank everyone involved with the club and to give thanks to those committee members who are moving on and allowing opportunities for new members. Our club is only as successful as our players, parents and coaches and they all work together to provide a family friendly club, long may it continue and see you all at our family day at Felixstowe on Sunday 20th July.

Kind Regards

Sue White

Chairperson

