

Team Manager Report AGM 2016

Since May last year after accepting the Team manager role I have realised how much work is involved in running such a club. Haverfordwest Seals should feel lucky in the fact so many volunteers give up hours of their time each week, in so many aspects. If I listed each and every job that is done on a weekly basis I would leave someone out who deserves so much credit for their role.

The club is growing in strength and also in numbers, now with over 110 swimmers and the same amount of pool time we are busting with potential and so many characters. These swimmers would not get a chance to develop their skills & potential, if it was not for one group of people. Over an average week the combined hours coaches put into the club is around 30 hours poolside, not to mention the time they take to prepare sessions and chat to parents before and after. My thanks go out to them and their families for supporting them.

Whilst not every parent or individual will agree we are doing things right we must remember – We are a group of parents who volunteer our time to help your child, we are not paid professionals we ALL do our best 100% of the time.

Whilst this year we have seen some changes in coaches and lead coaches, we also have new parents coming forward to offer their help and advice in a range of different roles, I look forward to working with volunteers old and new going into 2016.

Looking Back on 2015. –

1. Club Numbers grew over 100.
2. New swimmers gaining a place in Performance and County Pathway Squads.
3. Great team spirit for fundraising events.
4. Newly elected Lead Coaches.
5. Great team effort from coaches working together covering sessions when required.
6. Plenty of PBs, Club Records, medals and awards.
7. New squad criteria (Awaiting to be published)
8. More publicity for Hwest Seals – Newspaper & Radio interviews.
9. Great fun events such as Colours Gala/Raob/Tudor Shield/Seal Dolphin Challenge. (Overall results in RAOB & Tudor Shield down to not having younger swimmers – however younger ones starting to come through the club)
10. Lots of Seals taking part in URDD finals in Cardiff.
11. More swimmers gaining top 10 British and Welsh Rankings.
12. Long Course Training becoming more regular – again thanks to coaches for giving up more time with this.
13. Haverfordwest well represented through PCPY at Easter/Summer & Winter Nationals.
14. Club well represented at County Champs & Sub Regionals plus great results all round in the relays at Sub Regionals.
15. More coaches going through L1 Coaching Courses.

Looking Ahead to 2016.-

1. More parents coming on board in various roles to offer their help.
2. Look for ways to make best use of pool time and look for more in order to bring younger swimmers forward whilst at the right age.
3. Continue with great efforts on the fundraising to support training such as Long Course.
4. Look to train more coaches to L1 standard and L2 if possible.
5. Target the No Time Gala for Water Dragon swimmers in April with a view to update times at County Champs if not before.