

## **Northwich Amateur Swimming Club – Chairman’s Report 2011 AGM**

The last year has been one of steady progress across the whole range of activities after several years involving considerable changes.

We have maintained our Teaching Level accreditation for Swim 21 but are yet to finalise our application for accreditation at Skill Development Level. Now that Mick has successfully completed his Level 3 Coach qualification and has put in place the additional facilities & training opportunities for the Performance Squad we need to complete and submit the detailed application for the additional accreditation at the higher level.

Young swimmers continue to help out with teaching our Learners and with coaching developing swimmers. Jenny Metcalfe achieved her Level 2 Teacher qualification and currently Lucy Roberts and Dominic Cerro-Hughes are awaiting a Level 1 Aquatics course after their GCSEs. We are well supplied with qualified Teachers & Coaches to cover all our sessions but always looking for more parents who might be interested in helping out at poolside to see if they would like to go on and become qualified as Helper, Assistant Teacher, etc. We do our best to keep up-to date with developments in the Teaching/Coaching field but CPD seminars & courses are not often accessible & the system for locating them & booking places is extremely user unfriendly.

The first Swim Camp for many years went ahead at Rossall School near Fleetwood in October 2010, attended by 23 swimmers, 4 coaches and 3 parents. This was hard work and very enjoyable and successful, thanks largely to the thorough preparation over a long period by the organisers. There were 30 exhausted people who returned home on the Friday afternoon.

Many swimming clubs appear to be experiencing difficulties in maintaining numbers and remaining solvent in the current economic climate. NASC continues to thrive with our problem being how to accommodate all those who wish to join the club. We have recently tightened up our procedures to ensure that new members do properly complete the application process and existing members do renew their memberships so that they are properly registered & insured by the ASA and club funds protected.

While not wishing to sound complacent I am pleased to report that the club is performing well over the whole range of its activities ranging from teaching non-swimmers to achieving competition success for our best swimmers & life-savers. This is a tribute to the cooperative effort of the large number of officials, teachers & coaches and many other helpers. The only names I wish to mention are those who are now relinquishing the duties they have carried out for many years. Thank you very much Janet Patterson and Sue Foster – Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer. Welcome also to your successors – you have hard acts to follow.

Geoff Lewis  
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