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2020 AGM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pride and some sadness that I deliver my final President Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Fulton Amateur Swim Team Incorporated. 2019/2020 has not been the usual excitement for our swimmers after going through these "unprecedented" times. Due to this, my report is relatively short.

However, we did have our juniors out competing at the NZ Junior Festival just before Lockdown. Our swimmers did amazingly well with some of them, this being their first time competing at such a meet. There were several top 10 placings including a bronze medal for Sophie Hunter.

This past season has seen FAST go through many changes, from what it was, to now looking forward to a new generation. Our Seniors have grown up and out of the pool and have either left to explore other sports or to shift to other clubs, mostly to be with more of their peers of the same age, capability or older. The last 2 remaining swimmers being Elizabeth (Libby) Murphy and Mikaela Hawley.

As sad as it is to leave FAST/Fulton, times change and change has to be looked upon as being a good thing. For the Murphy's, they were one of the original founding families of FAST. The Hawley's in the next intake, so to speak.

Also from the original FAST team was our coach Ria Langit. She is now standing down to oversee FAST and concentrate on her main role with Fulton Swim School. So she will still be around. As much as we can accept that change has to happen, it was always the most hardest for Ria as it was like her "babies" growing up and leaving the nest. Every single time. However, as she also looks forward, she can now look back on her successes as a leader and coach and happily handover to the very capable LC Langit. The outgoing Board is very happy with this decision and wishes LC all the best going forward.

Personally, I would like to thank the Board members who I have worked with over the past few years in this role. Thank you for your ongoing support to me and to the Group. It truly has been a fun experience as I was very hesitant at the beginning.

It is now time to say goodbye and good luck to the new incoming Board members, who will be supported by some very capable remaining Board members to lead you into a new direction.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you all Poolside......

Debra Hawley President





Presidents Report

I would like to welcome you all to the 2019/20 Howick Amateur Swimming and Lifesaving Club's Annual General Meeting.

As I write this and reflect on the past year, I, my fellow committee members and the coaching staff are aware that it has been a very difficult start to 2020 for many of all our members. The COVID-19 threat is affecting so many members right around our country and internationally. To all those who have been touched by these events we send our love and support.

Throughout the year 2019/20 the HPK Committee has seen several changes with the resignations of President Caria Oosthaizen, Secretary Lynn Hatton and Committee Members Sook Curlett, Monica Hubbard and Liz Waters. They were replaced on the committee by the co-opting of Tania Biddick and Nikki Chapman to bring us back up to our constitutional minimum.

I took up the reins as President of HPK in November 2019 following Caria's resignation and I would like to say it has been my pleasure to serve as President of the club over this period and working with a bunch of wonderful committee members has made it all the more enjoyable.

Now I would like to thank the parents of all the swimmers. I understand the sacrifices you all make to assist your child through their swimming journey. It is not easy with the early mornings, and late nights. The hours and hours sitting around a swimming pool waiting for your child's race to start, talking to other parents, laughing, cheering feeling absolute joy and sometimes not so much. Just remember we, as swimming parents, have all been there and it is what brings us together as the HPK Family.

I know as parents you do a lot, but I would like to take this opportunity to ask a little more of you. We always need volunteers to either help on the Committee or during race meets, whether we are hosting, or we are visiting. Being an official is an easy way to ensure that you have one of the best seats in the house. From Timekeepers to Inspector of Turns, Starters, Referees, and Runners, meets can't take place without these people so please if you are interested in learning more about the sport your children love please see one of the committee members, they will be more than happy to put you on the right path or look out for our next 'Officials Day'.

As I've previously mentioned the impart of Covid 19 has been life changing. The virus has affected every single person in the world in some shape or form. As a club we appreciate it has been a difficult time for everyone involved and it will take us all some time to get back into some sort of 'normality' and routine, but we will all strive to work and achieve this as quickly as possible.

I would like to thank all those involved, and specifically Coach Rachel, in the complex process of getting us back in the pool once the Level 2 restrictions came into effect.

The last year saw the Club make some changes to our Brand. We have signed a partnership agreement with Arena, and we hope this will be a great opportunity for our members to save money when buying Togs and equipment. To this effect Arena has offered all HPK

Members an opportunity to purchase gear at a discounted price, the website to use has been distributed by our coaches, if you have mislaid this email please contact your coach and they can send you the details.

HPK got a new logo and uniform! To coincide with our Arena partnership, we made the decision to reboot our Logo and Uniform. I would like to place on record our immense gratitude to Warren Doo, the assistance from his marketing experience and his ability to tap into some designers (free of charge) enabled us to decide, after much deliberation, on the design for our logo and the new Team Apparel line.

As a committee we understand it may be a difficult time financially, so we do not expect everyone to change their uniforms straight away – unless you want to. We have agreed to a phased process with Arena and we have a year to transition over.

On the facilities front our fantastic relationship with Howick Intermediate School meant that our constant reminders to the quality of the changing rooms was heard, and the school, which we thoroughly appreciate, invested in a much-needed upgrade.

This allowed the club to make a large investment decision and along with a Grant, from the Lion Foundation, we purchased a new filtration system to be installed at the same time as the building works. Aligning these works was strategic as the filtration system sits in the middle of both changing rooms and the only way to gain access to the old system was with the roof off! All those who have been down there will see a remarkable transformation to the building and with the new filter fitted the changing rooms, toilets and showers have been refurbished. The building is looking great now with a new roof, window and doors.

We have had and continue to have, ongoing issues with the heaters at Pakuranga School. During 2019 there were several issues that, after continued pressure, the school agreed to invest in new parts, toe downside to this meant we had to wait about 3 to 4 months for them and the work to complete. The eventual completion was great as it coincided with the Howick Intermediate refurbishment.

I would like to welcome our new Strength and Conditioning Coach Steve Buckley to the club. He comes from an exceptional fitness background and we expect his knowledge to facilitate our swimmers in their fitness development. Steve commenced working for HPK just before we went on COVID-19 lock down and although he didn't meet our athletes face to face, I think we can all recognise the exceptional job he has already done at delivering a programme in the virtual space for all our Squads.

Over the summer the club was pleased to support four of our Senior Swimming Members run some Clinics. These were great opportunities for our younger swimmers to learn from a wealth of experienced swimmers or hear the same advice from a different voice to their usual Coach!

Our club, the coaching and the efforts our athletes maintain continue to be recognised internationally as we said or about to say farewell to Thomas Hughson and Pheobe Harris as they have earned scholarships to US Universities to continue swimming and their education. From your HPK Family we congratulate you, send you much love and wish you every success.

I'll conclude their and hope that we as a Club and Country come out of this period stronger and ready for more successes both in and out of the pool.

Thanks

Lai Reynolds.



Manurewa Presidents Report AGM 2019/20

An unexpected and unforeseen end to this swimming year, with a pandemic that nobody would ever think could happen in this modern era which affected not just us as a club, region or country but worldwide, halting sporting events and everyday life activities. It also has affected our forthcoming year along with pool maintenance and now Auckland's water shortage, the council decided to close its pool centres till further notice. Over this shortened season we welcomed Brian Sorenson as our head coach taking over from Jane Logan who stayed on coaching (but still does the morning sessions and the odd evenings) till we able to get a suitable replacement. Brian brought different ideas and methods to his trainings that our swimmers had never used or seen before. We started getting a few new swimmers coming into the club which was pleasing as it shows there is still an interest in swimming.

The competitions got started with Counties dolphin and winter leagues which went well for all teams we entered. We were also fortunate to run 2 club meets which was beneficial to the club and competitors with one being a last chance junior meet so those that needed to qualify for NZ Junior Harlequin Festival. We sent 9 swimmers to juniors and all done great pbs with our club also being first in the 1 -50 entries group with 84% for pb times, so terrific work to all the swimmers for your effort and work that got you those times. Thanks

to Brian, Kirsty and supporters that attended.

We had our customary Epic Open water swim again at Taupo which 22 swimmers took part. Conditions were much more treacherous than in the past with rough conditions throughout the week till race day when it settled down. Thanks to Tracey and Lara for organising the accommodation and activities, To Kirsty and the parents who helped with the training and transportation of swimmers and equipment.

Senior swimmers were working hard to qualify for their national events but as mentioned at my opening paragraph they were eventually all cancelled, we know how frustrated and disappointed everyone was.

I would like to thank those that were on the committee for their input and support over the year. All our coaches that put their time and commitment to teach our swimmers and to the parents that helped throughout the year and supported the club. Be safe and see you all back in the water soon.

Keith Melvin President





PRESIDENTS REPORT



PRESIDENT REPORT AGM 2019-2020

27 June 2020

I would like to thank you all as members of the Papatoetoe Amateur Swimming Club for your efforts in participating in all club activities over the past year which has not only seen significant changes within the club but also the unprecedented events over the past few months which has will no doubt have some follow on effects not only for the club but also you as individuals; in your normal day to day lives.

I'd like to acknowledge the Club Committee, for their hard work, wisdom and unity, which allowed us to reach decisions and execute action points more effectively. To our Administrator and Treasurer Terii, I'd like to acknowledge her tireless work in keeping the Club afloat with monitoring our swimmers movements, both new swimmers and those exiting, as well as accounting for our financial records over this period. I want to also mention our Secretary Joey Wong See for taking on this role over the past season. It was always a pleasure to have someone with your sense of humour to counter some of us in the committee who didn't really have your same sense of humour, whom I won't name.

Throughout the year we had around 84 swimmers recorded in our books that have moved in and out of the club, with 19 Intermediates, 28 Seniors, 5 Social and 32 Juniors. We have seen a significant growth in our Juniors and Intermediates. Many of our Senior swimmers have moved on in their life after swimming and I hope for them to do well in their future, especially in their careers, taking with them all the life lessons that competitive swimming has given them. I'd like to pay special mention to Danny Weng who has been one of our longer serving Senior swimmers who has achieved many milestones, with the pinnacle being his achievements at Division 1 level and also recognition at the Counties Manukau Sports awards Ceremony as finalist at this Regions Sportsman of the year award.

I want to particularly mention our coaching staff, Senior Coach Michael Mills and assistant Hasley, Intermediate Coach Courtney Funaki and Junior Coach Hannah Iosefa for their tireless efforts not only coaching at poolside morning and evening trainings, but also at our regional competitions. It was a deliberate move for the Club, with the departure of long standing Head Coach Brian Sorensen and Junior Coach Vinsend Arudas, to inject new and young coaches for the longevity of the Club. In such a short space of time we have seen our coaches develop into a great team, both passionate and committed, with a lot of dancing at poolside and laughter, to balance with their more disciplined approach and instruction at poolside. It is therefore with great pleasure to note that at the 2020 New Zealand Junior Swimming championships, attended by 12 of our club swimmers, the Papatoetoe Swimming Club was placed first nationally in the "PB" personal best category for entries between 51-100. This is a significant achievement for the club and no doubt a result of not only the efforts of our swimmers, but also our coaching staff and in particular our Intermediate coach Courtney Funaki, who coached the majority of our NZ Junior swimmers. I'd also like to mention Jordan Iosefa for her 2nd and two 3rd placed results at this national competition. Despite the Covid-19 resulting in the cancellation of our Division I and II NZ Championships, I also acknowledge those who achieved this level of competition despite not being able to compete this year.

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At a Technical level, we welcomed Derek Mills to the club and not only did we inject him into the Committee for his wealth of knowledge and wisdom, but also as the club's technical director. This has allowed the club to begin recruiting and training new officials and also for the likes of Rowena Seko and myself to move on from being qualified IOTs to other official duties.

Other highlights for 2019-2020 has been our ongoing association with the Mangere Swimming Club and in particular Paul Nimmo, with our Junior and Intermediate coaching clinics. We hope to continue that association in the future.

As mentioned, the virus pandemic has given us all a jolt, not only in our Club operations and how we do things, but also in our thinking. I am hoping from today we will have new and old Office Holders and Committee members who will be committed in a rebuilding phase for the club. Presently, the Council has made budget cuts within their own ranks, which has reduced our capacity to cater for all our swimming squads. The reduction in pool staff has affected the availability of our lane bookings and in particular our evening time slots where the pools are currently closed at 6pm. Therefore, we will need to brainstorm our way through this situation, which will hopefully not be a permanent one, so that we can cater for all our swimmers. With some resilience and fortitude in our thinking, I'm sure we will achieve our goals. It is certainly a challenge, but that's what makes it more exciting. So the aim will be a short term focus initially and then to think strategically for longer term, to a point where we can operate back to full capacity. However, this will not only be driven from the Committee and coaching staff, but will also require the collective assistance from parents and caregivers to share the load of commitment to the club, so that your child, our children can continue in the sport of swimming and enable them to achieve success in their goals.

We will await for further guidance from Swimming New Zealand on the future of swimming and how it affects our club in terms of competition. However, the only sanctioned national competitions that remain for the new swimming year is the NZ Secondary Schools held in Hamilton on the week of 20 August 2020 and the NZ Short Course championships on 6 August 2020, for our 13 years and over swimmers. We hope to partner with our neighbouring clubs Mangere and Manurewa to look at holding our own club night competitions to get back into competition mode. We will liaise with the Counties Manukan Swimming Board to determine when and where we can schedule new meets on the new swimming calendar, as well as any other instructions on how we can operate as a club through this period.

I would like to also welcome Geoff and Jeannie Sibun, along with Nehu Loza back to the Papatoetoe Swimming Club, as stalwarts of the club. They bring with them a lot of swimming experience and knowledge, which I hope we can utilise, especially over this uncertain period. Finally, to all our swimmers, I thank you for all your hard work in the pool and your efforts at every swimming event that you have competed in, this last year. Please be patient with us as we wade through the current situation, so that we can hopefully provide you with the environment that will help achieve your goals.

A final word, be good and kind to each other and wash your hands.

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Papakura Club Presidents Report – 02 June 2020

Re AGM:

- Since the AGM, we have been able to confirm that Zhang Lin has accepted the position on the general committee.
- Cherie May has also put her hand up for the committee which I have seconded after the AGM (I will require this to be agreed by all at the next committee).
- At the AGM we were not able to pull anyone into the secretary role. At the first
 meeting this role will need to be filled as I need to advise Counties who our delegates
 are.
- We will also have to appoint an SCM delegate, this does not have to be someone on the committee.

Covid - 19:

On the 25th March New Zealand was put into a level 4 lockdown by the government. Pools closed and no one was allowed to do anything other than essential work or shopping, we were advised to stay at home. During this time, we were not able to utilise the grant that we had been given by grassroots and therefore have had to pay the unused portion back to grassroots. We were also not able to apply for any grants at this time for the future. On April the 28th the country moved from level 4 to level 3 lock down however pools were still not opened at this time. Alert Level 2 came into force on the 13th May 2020. At this stage pools were able to reopen with restrictions on numbers allowed in a facility, lane space was also limited as there was enforced limitations on numbers per lanes due to needing to keep the required social distances. Papakura Swimming Club was able to provide training times for the 3 of the 5 swimming squads, leaving the juniors still unable to train. On Wednesday 27th May whilst still in level 2, numbers were increased and groups of up to 100 people are now allow to congregate.

Auckland Water Shortage

After level 3 was announced and we were able to commence 3 of the 5 squads training we were advised that Auckland was limiting water as they are currently in the middle of a drought. Auckland Council operated pools were not to reopen other than Belgravia, YMCA and CLM operated pools (3 pools in total). Other clubs were wanting to obtain lane space at CLM who prioritised PPK Swimming club so we have been lucky enough to continue training even though it has been in a limited capacity.

On the 20th May, Nicola from Rosehill College came to the pool and spoke to Shaun Foley to advise that they had a letter from the Auckland City Council saying that they needed to close the school pool. Papakura Swimming Club were trying to offer solutions to keep this pool open such as obtaining water from a bore so that it did not affect the Auckland reservoir, however before we could obtain a name to contact the council the pool was closed just 2 days later, which was another blow to PPK's training program. Thankfully to date Massey Park has been able to stay open, however we were told that Massey Park could also close if Auckland did not get any rain in the near future. It has since been on the news that other Auckland pools are to reopen on the 3rd June, I can only assume this is because we have had some rain. We will need to contact Rosehill pool at some stage in the near future to see if this means that schools are also opening again.

CLM - Heather Parsons

On the 28th May I had a meeting with Heather Parsons the manager of the Massey Park facility. I wanted to get a better understanding of how CLM operated. We spoke of lane space as we were still needing to get our junior swimmers back in the water and our senior swimmers back up to the hours that they were swimming prior to the pandemic hitting NZ. I asked what we do and do not pay for, if \$ would make a difference to acquiring lane space (the answer was no). Historic relations between the club and CLM and also if Swim Magic was prioritised for lane space and why. Swim Magic do currently get priority which is simply because they are bringing in more income to CLM, I plan for this to change. I asked how the club can better support CLM and it was pointed out that we have not been doing very well at communicating with each other, this is also going to change. I asked Heather if we sent a monthly email with current/active members and their levels if this would be of any help and she felt it would be. I have asked Heather to come to a committee meeting (not the first) so that we can all put a face to a name, she agreed that she would (Tuesday nights are good). I have asked Heather to investigate if it is possible that if we wanted to pay the coaches for anything to do with the club (such as paying for our coaches to attend a meet which is currently volunteered time) so that they avoid secondary tax if this can be done as a bonus through CLM (they would invoice us), she is going to get back to me. We spoke about needing coaches to support Shaun that we both felt Shaun was basically doing too much and that he needs a lot more support from both the club and CLM. From CLM we need coaches as back up so that he is able to take the annual leave he is owed. From the committee we need to ensure that his only focused on coaching, that we take all other duties off his hands, Shaun has emailed Alistair from Swimming NZ to get a job description so that we can all view what this looks like.

I also asked Heather about advertising, she has advised me of a couple of different areas inside and outside that she is happy for us to get boards to advertise the club in the facility. I have asked that she notifies me if there are any events (such as school swimming) that are to be held at the pool and got permission from her to hand out brochures at these events and also hold sausage sizzles to better advertise the club and increase revenue if we have anyone available to do this. Even on days were there is a lot of public. I also asked if we could have raffles sold at the front desk throughout the year and she also agreed to this. I have advised that I want to hold more club nights this year. That I have an idea that we hold an unofficial meet held for younger swimmers or anyone that is not Swimming NZ registered. This is just an idea at this stage and I would need committee approval and advise before this would go ahead. Basically, I am wanting to advertise/market the club better and get more community involvement to which Heather had no objections.

Jude Shuker PRESIDENT



Pukekohe Swimming Club Annual General Meeting 21 May 2020 Presidents Report

The 2019/2020 season has seen some challenges for all clubs, as we have found ourselves in uncharted waters for the past 3 months. After 7 weeks out of the water due to lockdown and facility closures, Covid-19 restrictions still in place have delayed the return to training for many of our swimmers. Senior swimmers are back, however due to Government and Auckland Council restrictions, this was the only squad who could be accommodated at Franklin Pool and Leisure. We have been very fortunate to secure pool space thanks to Daniel Fulton at Patumahoe School, which has allowed an additional squad to return to training and we continue to work hard to find solutions in an attempt to have all squads back as soon as possible.

Over the past 12 months, the combined efforts of our Coaching Team, Committee, PSC Families and most importantly our swimmers have seen us achieve milestones never seen before.

An exciting start to the season had Zac and Coach Mitch head off to Europe to World University Games (Italy), with Zac continuing on with the NZ Team to Junior World Champs (Hungary). Although Mitch had an opportunity to continue on with Zac, he put the team first and returned to NZ to ensure PSC was prepped and ready for NZSC.

NZ Short Course - Mitch took his team of 25 swimmers to NZ Short Course in October 2019, where PSC finished 2nd overall (in age group points), behind the much larger team from North Shore Swimming Club. This was the largest team PSC has ever taken to NZ Short Course and the highest ranking achieved.

NZ Open Water -21 swimmers took to Lake Taupo in January with some fantastic results across the board. This was the first time for some swimmers competing in an open water event and took many out of their comfort zone. After finishing 2^{nd} overall in 2019, there was no stopping our swimmers, who with a gutsy group effort, saw PSC claim the number one spot in 2020. Credit must be given to all our swimmers, most of whom competed in both the 2.5km and 5km events, backing these up with at least one, if not 2 legs of the 4 x 1km relay.

NZ Junior Festival - PSC sent a team of 9 swimmers to the Harlequins meet in March. All PSC swimmers came away with PB's, some great top 10 finishes and 11 podium placings. Thank you to Jim for a very successful meet and huge congratulations to our young swimmers, who are of course the future of our club.

Sadly due to the current global pandemic, our national meets for the 2019/2020 season were unexpectedly and abruptly cut short. NZ Opens was the first event to see cancellation and our Olympic hopefuls now wait an additional 12 months for trials, a huge disappointment after months of preparation and hard work. We also saw the cancellation of both NAGS and Div 2 and we now wait patiently to see what will happen in the next few months and if any future meets are affected.

Our Technical Committee continues to lead the way within the Counties Region. Thank you to Deb, Dave, Sandra and Jo, for sharing your wealth of knowledge not only with our own members, but also to other Counties Clubs. Giving up your time to provide such a high standard of training with workshops and practical guidance pool

deck enables our number of qualified officials to continue to grow, with several more coming through, in various stages of training. Credit must be given to the number of PSC families stepping up to make this happen, this is certainly greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our fundraising sub-committee who have worked hard all year to meet targets, allowing PSC to fund our swimmers over the past season. Athough your hard work and efforts may go unnoticed by many, they are certainly greatly appreciated by those who see the time and effort you put in to ensure our swimmers do not have added expenses, to an already expensive sport.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our PSC Members who have stepped up and taken on additional roles and responsibilities with Swimming Counties Manukau. The changes we have seen in such a short period of time, has been nothing but positive and for that we are extremely grateful.

Our club cannot function without a team of enthusiastic supporters and a committee that is the backbone of our club. We are all volunteers and I would like each and everyone of you for all for the hard work you have put in over the past 12 months.

As PSC continues to grow in strength, experience and talent, our vision is to ensure our swimmers continue to be, without a doubt, the priority of the club. I am very proud to be part of such an amazing club and I look forward to seeing what the future has installed in 2020/2021 season.

Vanessa Burns PSC President