



Chair Persons Report 2018 - 2019

It has been another eventful year for Bobcats, with many things to report on. Firstly the swimming club has continued to grow, with more members and increased pool time. The team won the Micro League Swim off, to gain promotion, in their first season. Following an intensive recruitment process, Ian Spencer has been newly appointed as Bobcats' Head Coach. Furthermore, we have again had many swimmers competing at the National Championships.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Noel Horton, who resigned as Head Coach at the end of a successful season of training and competing to become Head Coach of Maxwell Swimming Club. Bobcats wish him well in this role and his future endeavours. Noel worked hard in the Burnley Aquatics and Bobcats merge, creating one club for swimmers of all abilities. At the time of writing, Bobcats are preparing to host their third Qualifying meet – an idea put forward by Noel. Special thanks to all the volunteers and coaches who are getting involved to help run this event.

Once again, it has been great to see more people becoming involved with the running of Bobcats, alongside those who have been volunteering for many years; without these people the club would not be able to run successfully. If anyone is keen to find out more about getting involved in volunteering or joining Bobcats Committee, please contact a committee member, or alternatively email burnleybobcats@gmail.com

I would also like to announce this has been my last year as Chair Person of Bobcats Committee. Having been heavily involved with the club for almost 25 years, as a swimmer, coach, committee member and most recently, Chair Person. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Head Coaches who I have worked alongside. Each Head Coach helped Bobcats advance into the club it is today. Special thanks must be given to Andrew Croxall, who initially encouraged me to become involved with Bobcats on a coaching level. I am confident that with Ian Spencer at the helm the swimmers will continue to progress for many years to come.

Finally I must thank the Bobcats committee for all their support over the last 18 months. This last year has been difficult for me on a personal level; with a career change and being needed more at home. Bobcats has been kept running through the efforts of the committee during this time. I am particularly grateful for the support from Vice Chair Person – Marie Geoghegan, who does an excellent job of organising and overseeing the smooth running of events.

I would like to wish the Bobcats every success for the future.

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