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NEWS UPDATE – CHIEF COACH

At a recent meeting of the Atlantis Committee it was noted that a small number of parents or guardians of the swimmers have made enquires into the situation regarding the appointment of a new Chief Coach. It was agreed that to keep you informed to the best of our ability is a priority hence this News Update.

It is now some 3 weeks since Jack Griffin tendered his resignation and ceased to attend the training sessions. The process of selecting a replacement Chief Coach worthy of the challenge of taking Atlantis on to greater development and competition success has commenced.

Unfortunately due to the primary publication for swimming teachers and coaches being a monthly publication, the lead in time necessary for placement in the publication and given the timing of Jack's resignation, the main advertisement for the post will only shortly hit the streets. Whilst we would have preferred a quicker process our hands are largely tied as the availability of suitable advertising mediums is very limited. In the meantime word has been spread throughout the Amateur Swimming Association that the post is vacant and an advertisement has been placed on the internet site for the British Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (WWW.BSCTA.COM). At the time of writing the number of applicants is only two but we are confident that good quality coaches are out there and once the primary advertisement is published we are expecting the number of applicants to increase.

In the meantime training continues as normal with increased commitment from the existing coaches and the addition of Chris Tait, Senior Men's Captain and Assistant Teacher qualified and John Stebbings Masters group swimmer and Assistant Club Coach qualified. Some of the more experienced parents [who are CRB cleared to work with children] are also now assisting with team management at the galas and open meets.

Feedback from the swimmers has to date been very positive with many saying how much they are enjoying the training programmes with the new coaches.

As said already we are confident that the right person is out there and that once the recruitment process is completed we will be very much better placed to move forward. If you do have any concerns or queries please talk to one of the committee. Further news updates will be issued as and when developments unfold.

ATLANTIS OPEN MEET HELPERS MEETING – 15 MAY

You will have seen in the last two editions of the newsletter a plea for helpers to assist in the running of the Atlantis Open Meet on 15 May. A meeting of all potential helpers will be held on Monday 25th April at 8.15pm at The Pavilions. PLEASE PLEASE come along. This open meet will be an all day event any help you can give will be greatly appreciated, it needn't be for the whole day whatever time you have available, as I say will be greatly appreciated.