

CITY OF LIVERPOOL SWIMMING CLUB - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012.

In this our Home Olympic year I have pleasure in providing you with my annual report. I have now completed two enjoyable but challenging years as the Clubs Chairman and for a second year we have had to face some difficult challenges in the running of the club during this recession hit time. It has yet again been a continual learning curve and whilst I am learning fast, together with the committee we have had to overcome some hurdles which have created problems along the way.

One of those problems has been Swim 21 and I have to report to you that in this last year we have lost our Swim 21 accreditation which is a shame as a lot of hard work has been done but we have not managed to meet the required standard, due to the amount of work which is needed. It would be very encouraging if we were able to appoint a swim 21 co-ordinator to help with this area of our club's progress.

Water Polo.

However there have been some fantastic achievements this year none more so than in our Water Polo Section, which I have no intention of stealing Gordon Dacre's thunder suffice to say please read and enjoy our Water Polo Annual Report which Gordon has prepared! With some outstanding achievements by our teams and some individual players! Well done please keep up the great work Gordon!

Swimming.

Once again we have had a very busy year in the swimming section as a club and with some outstanding success at the national swimming championships in Sheffield. Our Head Coach Mike Roberts has prepared a detailed Annual Report covering all this year's performances.

Committee .

I have to announce the standing down of our Club Secretary Frank Linford; Frank has been on the committee for just one year but unfortunately due to some personal reasons he has had to step down. I would like to place on record my thanks for all his work whilst struggling through his difficult times. As you can imagine recruiting new committee members is a very difficult job, but thankfully we are managing to succeed in encouraging people to join us in the running of the club. But, if there is anybody reading this who feels that they would like to join our committee please feel free to approach myself or any other committee members for information on the vacant positions.

This year we have had to change the way in which we organise our home galas. As you can imagine our galas do not just happen a lot of planning and hard work are involved and we have to run these galas at a profit not a loss which has happened recently.

So, we have formed an **Event Team** which consists of some committee members, coaches, some parents and helpers. Together they meet and plan our galas and once again I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to each and everyone for all their hard work, effort, commitment and dedication. Without them we would be scuppered!!

You will be aware that this year due to licensing rule changes we had to revamp the Tadpole League and change it to a two day Tadpole Gala. It involved a lot of hard work and organising and due to the efforts of the event team it was a great success and I would like to thank all the team for their work and support. We have some very good feed-back and if anyone would like to add anything we are always prepared to listen.

I must also thank Peter Barton for what was once again another successful Echo Cup and a very enjoyable final, which I am sure all the swimmers and spectators had a fantastic time and some great outfits including a Hippo, brilliant! Looking forward to next year's already. Nis annual report is available to read.

Swim Camp.

Yet again we have taken a selection of our swimmers away to Majorca for the autumn swim camp. Mike together with Peter Barton, Emma Neary and Jane Bone, have had the pleasure of their company for the week which so I can gather has been a great success. I have not heard any reports of our swimmers testing the chaperones patience I find that hard to believe though!! Can I place on record on behalf of the committee and myself our thanks to Julie Scott for all her hard work in the planning and organising of the camp. For all those people who are now aware Karen Obrien managed to obtain sponsorship from Fitwell who provided our swimmers with the hoodies and T shirts for the camp! So a big thank you to Karen as well.

Finances.

I have to report that the clubs finances are an area of a concern for me, our treasurer and the committee as a whole. Theresa Cooke has been telling the committee for several months now that we have to look more closely at our expenditure and where we can start to make savings in order to keep ourselves in a good position financially. Our auditors are now telling us the same. We have in the past been able to manage on the revenue we make from our galas but we must now target more fundraising events. With that in mind I do hope that all our swimmers and their families will help support our future fundraising events that we will have to start running in order to be able to maintain and improve our club and continue to move forward. If anybody wishes to get involved with organising fundraising events please step forward and join in!

Website.

Mathew is doing a great job running our website; however we do have some restrictions with its flexibility so we are exploring our options at the moment so if things do change in any way we will share that information with everyone. In the mean time, thanks Oli, for all your work for us.

I would like to say a big thank you to our out-going swimming captains, Craig Langley and Lydia Paris-Davies they have they have been a great example for everyone to follow and a credit to the club. I hope you have enjoyed the experience. Our new captains will be presented at the AGM.

That just leaves me to say, good luck and best of luck for the coming year to all our swimmers and water Polo teams.

Best Wishes

Bryan Langley.

