

COACH REPORT – AGM 2007

THIS IS MY 2ND FULL YEAR AS HEAD COACH OF SCUNTHORPE ANCHOR AND I AM SAFE IN SAYING THIS HAS BEEN AN EVEN BETTER YEAR THAN LAST YEAR. CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE AT SESSIONS IS AT A 3 YEAR HIGH. WE ARE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP DEDICATED SWIMMERS EAGER TO LISTEN, LEARN AND TRAIN HARD. THIS IS BACKED UP BY MANY SUPPORTIVE AND DEDICATED PARENTS. CLUB RECORDS THAT HAVE STOOD FOR MANY YEARS ARE BEING BROKEN AND REPEATEDLY BROKEN. TESTIMONY TO THE HARD WORK BEING PUT IN BY THE SWIMMERS.

ONCE AGAIN WE COMPETED IN THE Lincs SENIOR LEAGUE WHERE WE FINISHED IN 6TH PLACE, UP FROM 9TH LAST YEAR. WE ALSO SWAM IN THE BARNSELY MINOR LEAGUE WHERE WE PUT IN A CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE.

UNLIKE LAST YEAR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE AND SPEEDO LEAGUE WAS SWUM UNDER THE CASA BANNER. WE ACHIEVED RUNNER UP IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE AND LOOK LIKE WINNING THE SPEEDO LEAGUE WITH THE A TEAM AND TOP 10 WITH THE B TEAM.

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN EXCITING WITH THE FORMATION OF CLEETHORPES AND SCUNTHORPE AQUATICS. WE COMPETED AT THE COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS WHERE OUR JUNIOR RELAYS CAME AWAY WITH 2 BRONZE MEDALS . ALSO SEVERAL OF OUR SWIMMERS MADE COUNTY AND DISTRICT FINALS. BRITISH SWIMMING ARE NOW TAKING AN INTEREST IN CASA WITH A MEETING PLANNED IN THE NEW YEAR WITH DAVE LEGGE, THE REGIONS TALENT AND PERFORMANCE COACH, TO SEE HOW WE CAN DEVELOP FURTHER. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 6 SWIMMERS ACCESSING EXTRA TRAINING WITH CADS WITH A FURTHER 6 OR SO JUNIORS STARTING IN THE NEW YEAR. WITH THIS LEVEL OF TRAINING, I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL SEE ANCHOR SWIMMERS MAKING MORE DISTRICT FINALS AND ACHIEVING NATIONAL TIMES IN THE NEAR FUTURE

ALSO IN THE NEW YEAR AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH LYNN, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL ARE FORMING

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THE 2012 CLUB WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING SWIMMERS AGED 8 / UNDER WHO HAVE COMPLETED ALL THEIR SWIMMING LEVELS INTO AN INTRODUCTORY PRE-COMPETITIVE SESSION ONCE A WEEK. FROM THERE THEY CAN BE ASSESSED AND BROUGHT INTO ANCHOR. THIS SHOULD ENSURE A CONTINUOUS FEED OF YOUNGER SWIMMERS INTO THE JUNIOR END OF THE CLUB OF A SUITABLE STANDARD.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN, ANDY AND STUART, FOR THEIR HARDWORK, DEDICATION AND SUPPORT. WITHOUT THEM THE CLUB WOULD NOT BE WHERE IT IS TODAY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO WORKS WITH ME ON POOL SIDE AND FINALLY TO THE COMMITTEE WHERE EVERYONE WORKS EXTREMELY HARD TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE CLUB. THE COMMITTEE DO A LOT OF UNRECOGNISED WORK BEHIND THE SCENES FOR WHICH I THANK YOU ALL.

FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE BY SAYING I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO 2008 AND FEEL WE CAN ONLY GET STRONGER.

DAVE LEEMAN – HEAD COACH – DEC 2007