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I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR SCUNTHORPE ANCHOR AND AS HEAD COACH OF THE CLUB IT MAKES ME FEEL EXTREMELY PROUD OF WHAT OUR SWIMMERS HAVE ACHIEVED IN THIS PAST YEAR. WE ARE DEVELOPING DEDICATED SWIMMERS EAGER TO LISTEN, LEARN AND TRAIN HARD. THIS IS BACKED UP BY SUPPORTIVE DEDICATED PARENTS AND HELPERS. THIS SIMPLE FORMULA HAS CREATED THE BASE RECIPE FOR OUR SUCCESS AND LONG MAY IT CONTINUE.

2006 SAW THE CLUB COMPETE IN 4 SWIMMING LEAGUES NAMELY LINCOLNSHIRE SENIOR AND JUNIOR LEAGUES, BARNSLEY MINORS AND THE NATIONAL SPEEDO LEAGUE WHICH STILL HAS ONE ROUND TO GO. ROUND 2 OF THE LEAGUE WAS ONE OF THE BEST GALAS I HAVE EVER ATTENDED. THE LEVEL OF TEAM SPIRIT SHOWN BY THE SWIMMERS WAS FANTASTIC AND THE PARENTAL SUPPORT ENTHUSIASTIC AND LOUD. ANCHOR HAVE COMPETED ASTONISHINGLY WELL AGAINST THE VERY BEST CLUBS IN THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES, DESPITE OUR SMALL MEMBERSHIP AND LACK OF POOL TIME. MANY OF OUR RIVAL CLUBS ARE INDEED BASED IN LARGE TOWNS WITH A MUCH BIGGER MEMBERSHIP TO PICK FROM WHICH MAKES OUR ACHIEVEMENTS EVEN MORE ASTOUNDING.

MY FUTURE AIMS ARE TO INTRODUCE MORE SWIMMERS FROM SQUADS B & C INTO SQUAD A. AT TIME OF WRITING MOST SESSIONS ARE WELL USED BUT I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING SESSIONS AFTER GALAS ETC. FROM LOOKING AT THE CLUB CHAMPS RESULTS WE HAVE PRODUCED A HUGE AMOUNT OF PB'S AND WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED AT THE 2007 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT LEEDS AND SHEFFIELD. I AIM TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES AT THE ROTHERHAM METRO MEET IN JANUARY.

THE NEW 6 WEEK CYCLE INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER FOR SQUADS B & C IS WORKING VERY WELL GIVING THE SWIMMERS A GOOD MIX OF TECHNIQUE AND ENDURANCE TRAINING. THE SESSIONS ARE ALWAYS FULL AND HAVE PRODUCED A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE CLUB WHICH WAS ALSO APPARENT AT THE RECENT CLUB CHAMPS.

WHEN I CAME TO THE CLUB, ONE OF MY MID TERM GOALS WAS TO FINISH TOP 6 IN THE COUNTY. THIS WAS ACHIEVED AT THE FIRST ATTEMPT BY OUR 12'S AND UNDER WHO MADE THE LINCS JUNIOR LEAGUE A FINAL IN SEPTEMBER. WE CAME 9TH IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE AND ARE LOOKING TO FINISH MID TABLE IN THE SPEEDO LEAGUE.

NOT ONLY ARE WE BLESSED WITH DEDICATED SWIMMERS BUT ALSO WE HAVE A 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. MY SPECIAL

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THANKS MUST GO TO ANDY AND STUART FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN ME THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR. WE WOULD ALSO GET NOWHERE WITHOUT THE DEDICATION OF ALL OUR POOLSIDE STAFF WHO GIVE SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME FOR THE CLUB SO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL.

IT IS WITH ENTHUSIASM THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO 2007 AND KNOW THAT SCUNTHORPE ANCHOR WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND DO WELL. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE GAPS IN SEVERAL AGE GROUPS, WE NOW HAVE A STRONG UNDER 12 STRUCTURE. I AM CONFIDENT OF FURTHER SUCCESS IN THE COMING YEAR AND I AM SO PROUD AND LUCKY TO BE HEAD COACH OF SCUNTHORPE ANCHOR SWIMMING CLUB. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

DAVE LEEMAN – HEAD COACH – DEC 2006