

## Chairman's Report

I would like to thank all our volunteers for their time, support and help running YCBC as without them we would be unable to operate.

There have been a number of good and not so good aspects of this year.

On the good side; the first full year as Service Provider of Dawn Martland, looking after Top Squad has been very good for the club and she has continued to assist in moving the club forward throughout the year. Through some fantastic coaching we have had National Qualifiers along with numerous NER and Yorkshire Qualifiers.

Our Swim 21 application has been further enhanced with a great effort from Paula Hodgson and has been approved by the Regional ASA. We are now awaiting the outcome from the National panel.

Also throughout the year we have had a great response from parents to become qualified in both Teaching Level 1 & 2 and Coaching Level 1. This increased level of skill, awareness and qualification (by supporting teachers and coaches); will enhance the quality of swimmers into the future.

We have been successful in gaining a Sport England grant, many thanks to Betsy Pownall for coordinating our application. This money is to be used on further developing our workforce and to fund a day developing our existing workforce and newly qualified workforce through a specifically designed stroke technique clinic to be delivered by Bill Furnace in the summer.

The not so good have been the cancellation of galas, which in turn has put pressure on our finances. There is also the continued vacancy for an A Squad coach, we have attempted to recruit a suitable candidate but there has been a lack of interest from qualified coaches.

Finally, we continue to liaise with St Peters regarding their potential new pool. This will enable us to have a continued partnership with them into the future.

I look forward to a successful year with the continued support from new and existing volunteers.

John Suddes