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**City of Birmingham Swimming Club, Open Meet 2011.**

To all club members, parents, volunteers, helpers...

It is a privilege to convey to everybody involved in the planning and delivery of the 18<sup>th</sup> City of Birmingham Open; my sincere thanks and appreciation for the delivery of a highly successful event. My personal involvement confined me to the pool deck, and throughout the four days of the meet I was aware only of the complete lack of evidence that we had any problems at all. I'm sure there were a few issues that had to be dealt with, but everybody got on with their job to such good effect; none became significant issues. Specifically I pay tribute to:-

Our Open Meet Planning Committee which has worked tirelessly over the past 3-4 months to first recruit and then organise the army of volunteers needed 'on-the-day'. You will all be aware that because of the lateness of Easter this meet was irrelevant to the Youth age groups seeking Regional qualifying times. Despite this the entries received equalled the 2010 record level, testament to the reputation for excellence that our main event enjoys. Thanks to your efforts that legacy will continue into 2012.

Those who contributed, despite the fact they no longer have children in the Advanced Swimming Coaching Scheme, and/or have since relocated to lands in the west. They were there because like so many others up and down the country; they are good people dedicated to the furtherance of the sport and wellbeing of our children; and have the interests of our club and its heritage at heart.

To everybody involved with the club and the Advanced Swimming Coaching Scheme, for your unwavering commitment despite the uncertainty that unfortunately still continues to surround the commissioning process with Birmingham City Council. It is never easy to commit fully against an uncertain backdrop, the fact that we were so successful on the day is testament to your individual professionalism.

The club will hopefully be meeting with the City Council sometime next month, following which I will give you an update on the state of the poll. Meantime I thank you all for your patience, in particular our coaching staff who throughout have continued to deliver results without complaint.

Kind Regards

*D. F. Corbett*

Chairman