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Dear All

I Hope that you and your swimmers enjoyed the gala and had an un eventful journey home.

I enclose herewith a copy of your gala Result sheet. And i appologise for the delay. My work shift pattern has taken up a lot of my time plus i am extremely slow on the typing side when copying and rechecking large galas.

A record seven junior teams and eight senior teams (with late entries) took part this year which although was great in itself, did cause many unique problems on the recording table and poolside.

I was the only one on the recording table this year trying to cope with at least three peoples jobs, mistakes from myself and others did occur under extreme pressure to start, keep the gala moving and finish the the long gala quickly this year for which i (as the buck stops at me) must humbly appologise to you all.

Races with errors Junior gala , boys 4 lengths final, junior relay
Senior gala , mens 4 lengths final.

(And not bringing down a junior gala total)

Unfortunately like most other galas, what was announced at the gala with cups and medals given out cannot be reversed and must stand for another year.

A fuller detailed breakdown autopsy of the gala will be laid before the next executive committee meeting, to help us understand and rectify the problems. The main ongoing problem being a lack helpers and experienced eyes on the table and poolside, also recomendations from me to help streamline and shorten the gala. Whether or not (in hindsight of the gala) they will listen and give me my head to try something new or rigidly enforce the rules again is down to them.

My best wishes go to you, your swimmers and your families to have a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and I do hope to see you all again at next years Gala.

Regards

John Bentley

Chief Recorder and
Gala Organiser