

DEAR MEMBERS

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT YEAR IN MANY WAYS - BUT REWARDING WITH THE TURNAROUND IN THE CLUB'S FINANCES.

THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SHOWED WHY THE TRI-ANNUAL VOTING WAS A GOOD THING FOR THE CLUB WITH MOST OF THE BOARD RETIRING AFTER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. THE NEW BOARD HAD TO SETTLE IN QUICKLY AND TRY TO CHANGE THE CLUB'S TRADING AROUND.

WE ALSO HAD PAT SIMMONS RETIRING FROM OUR OFFICE AND TRAINING DIANE WHITTAKER TO TAKE OVER. DIANE HAS DONE THAT VERY WELL AND MANAGED TO UPDATE SOME PARTS OF OUR PROCEDURES.

I DID HAVE HELP IN THE EARLY STAGES FROM OUR PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN - JOHN HUGHES WITH ADVICE ABOUT HOW THINGS WERE DONE.

OF COURSE, THE MAIN FOCUS WAS ON THE CLUBS FINANCES, THAT MAINLY FELL ON OUR TREASURER ROB HOWELL, WITHOUT HIS ACCOUNTANCY KNOWLEDGE AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME HE TOOK AWAY FROM HIS OWN BUSINESS, WE WOULD HAVE HAD A REAL STRUGGLE.

WE HAD TO MAKE SOME CHANGES AND THEY DIDN'T PLEASE EVERYONE BUT WE COULDN'T KEEP DOING THE SAME THING AND EXPECT TO GET A DIFFERENT RESULT.

THE REST OF THE BOARD HAVE ALL DONE THEIR PART IN MANAGING THE CLUB OVER THE LAST YEAR AND ACHIEVING THE RESULT WE HAVE AND WE APPRECIATE THE HELP OF THE STAFF FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

WE ALSO HAD THE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF OUR MENS AND LADIES PRESIDENTS - JOHN AND KAREN WHO SAT IN ON OUR BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE LAST 7 MONTHS. THEY MAY NOT HAVE HAD A VOTE BUT THEY DID HAVE OPINIONS AND WERE A GREAT HELP.

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THIS IS A SHORT REPORT, AS YOU DID RECEIVE AN UPDATE AT OUR MEETING IN JUNE. THE FUTURE LOOKS MUCH BETTER AND IT IS EXCITING WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

IN THE NEXT WEEK WE DO HAVE A MEETING BETWEEN OURSELVES, CAPITAL BLUESTONE AND THE COUNCIL - SO BY THE ANNUAL MEETING WE COULD HAVE MORE NEWS ON HOW OUR PLANS ARE GOING.