

From: JoeT
Sent: 20 July 2009 08:47
To: 'colin.brown@swimming.org'
Subject: RE:

Sir,

I salute you.

I salute your courage, your strength, your indefatigability.

You have shown me the error of my ways through the force of your determination, through the power of your character, but most importantly through your omniscience.

You could have chosen to answer my requests (listed again below), you could have chosen to explain yourself, you could have retracted your original statements or you could have apologised. I now see that such actions are only for the weak and the cowardly. Instead your silence showed me the meaning of true greatness.

I now understand that details such as evidence need not concern you because you have the courage of your convictions to drive you forward. You do not need to prove something, you just know it. And it is that courage and powerful ruthlessness that I so admire in you.

Some people say that those involved with rowing for long periods can behave like cox (or is it coxes?), but you have shown yourself to be very much the stroke of this boat. Instead of barking out orders, you just take the lead and set the pace for others to follow.

Thanks to you I now realise the error of my ways. It was me who was being quick to judge, deliberately obtuse, blind to the wider world around me and needlessly officious. I can only apologise.

Those that doubt you and your decisions, and there may be many, do not understand that true greatness (such as yours) demands that you just know what is right, you just know what is wrong and you just know that you do not need to explain yourself.

Such is my admiration for you that I have decided to launch a new website in your honour. I have abandoned the trivial distraction of satirical swimming news and instead decided to devote my not inconsiderable efforts to my new website:

www.ColinBrownKnows.com – The Internet's Leading Colin Brown Fan Site.

I am sure you will find the site to your liking. For example, it could not possibly be construed as being either prejudiced or adult in any way. In fact it is certainly suitable for all ages. From gestating foetus to discomposing corpse, everyone will be able to enjoy it. Most importantly, however, it is resolutely unfunny and is entirely lacking in a sense of humour.

Thank you Colin Brown. You are great.

Your faithful servant,

Joe

From: JoeT
Sent: 26 June 2009 14:47
To: 'Colin Brown'
Subject:

Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for clarifying the situation regarding the Swim 21 accreditation for Barnet Copthall Swimming Club.

However, as I think we both know, our communications have not simply concerned the aforementioned accreditation.

You have made statements against UptheBeavers that I regard as false at best, and personally insulting at worst.

So far, in the majority of cases, you have not provided any evidence to support your statements. In the few instances when you have provided evidence, it has been extremely tenuous.

Therefore, for the final time, I am asking you to provide evidence to justify the statements you have made.

Specifically, once again, I would like you to provide the following:

1. On 28th April 2009, you accused UptheBeavers content, in writing, of 'bordering on prejudice'. On 3rd June 2009 you provided the specific example of the article entitled 'Chinese Begin Comprehensive Sex Testing for Olympics' (<http://www.eyepi.co.uk/oldmasters/archive.htm#24>). If you still regard your statement as true, **please inform me of exactly who you believe this specific article is 'bordering on prejudice' against.**
2. On 3rd June 2009, you described, in writing, some of the content of UptheBeavers as being 'very adult'. I am not aware of an objective test for 'very adult' content. Therefore, if you still regard your statement as true, **please inform me of any articles or pieces of UptheBeavers content you believe breach the British Board of Film Classification's own guidelines for a 12a certificate: http://www.bbfc.co.uk/classification/c_12.php.** Alternatively, please provide your own evidence to substantiate your statement.
3. On 3rd June 2009 you said, in writing, that the London Swim21 panel 'as a whole' were 'unimpressed and not even vaguely amused by the content' of UptheBeavers. If you still regard your statement as true, **please provide minutes for the meeting when this matter was discussed, detailing this conclusion.** Please note that I am only interested in those items from the minutes pertaining directly to UptheBeavers. All other items can either be removed or redacted from any document you send me. Alternatively, please provide your own evidence to substantiate your statement.

Clearly you are under no obligation to answer these requests, or indeed to respond at all. However, I will naturally treat either silence, or your continued refusal to provide full and direct answers to all three points, as confirmation that you no longer believe the statements you made to be true.

Kind regards,

Joe