



Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 14th November 2014

Apologies for absence from the committee: Phil

<p>Matters arising from the last AGM:</p> <p>None raised</p>	
<p>Chair's report:</p> <p>SY mentioned that we had a good turn out of members and that the AGM was quorate on the basis of FULL members (ie not including summer swim only and junior members).</p> <p><u>Coaching</u></p> <p>Big thanks to Jon Staniforth for all he does with training/coaching. We now have a range of sessions including: track, turbo, Ponds Forge, Graves, Rother Valley, Nuffield, cycle coaching at Forge Valley. We also have video swim analysis and rollers for loan. We're currently looking to purchase some more turbos.</p> <p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>The use of myclubhouse has allowed PS to keep on top of membership. We have 290 members including summer swim. It's about 50% adult members, 21% juniors and 25% summer swim members. We have a number of members who are affiliated to EA. We have a system that allows you to introduce a friend. They can come along and try a session for free.</p> <p><u>Kit</u></p> <p>We've moved to Bioracer and had good feedback about the change. AD has done 3 orders this year and the leisurewear is now sourced locally.</p> <p><u>Races</u></p> <p>These are all now well established: Fairholmes, Westfield, Hathersage. The 2014 Hathersage Hilly was a sell out, very successful and we received some excellent feedback.</p> <p><u>Social</u></p> <p>Awards dinner was a success. First Friday has taken a back seat.</p>	

Juniors

We have 70 junior members and 4 are in the regional development squad. We had lots of juniors at XC and Westfield. They have had their own cycle training at Forge Valley and a turbo session. The Brownlee brothers attended their awards evening.

Communications

We use a forum, facebook and emails to communicate. The website has been developed this year and there have been 3 newsletters this year. A big thanks to all who send pictures and race reports.

Changes to constitution

The following changes proposed:

Not to have half a year membership. After 1st October there's no charge for new members up to 1st January, but they can't vote until the following year's AGM. Comments were requested and none were received on these changes. Bob Pringle (BP) pointed out that the welfare officer was missing from the constitution. SY thanked BP for pointing this out and said all proposed changes would now be made.

Plans for 2015

The membership structure has been talked about a lot at committee meetings. We want to be attractive to new members and beneficial to existing members. We re going to look at increasing coaching and introducing new sessions. We are looking at coaching development with British Cycling, Swim Smooth. We are exploring the idea of a morning run session. We need new coaches for the juniors and will explore a youth squad for teens. We are now being more thorough with safeguarding and are exploring the idea of possibly developing a sub-committee for juniors with a separate budget and AGM. We want to look at how to do things better. We are trying to establish some night rides and Sunday rides. The committee give up their free time and are enthusiastic.

Questions from the floor:

There was a membership point raised by BP: Juniors are up to 70 and adult membership seems to have lowered.

In response it was said that numbers could be falling due to more clubs in the area. SA said that the juniors have increased through word of mouth. It was also noted that using the old system, the membership numbers weren't always accurately monitored and some were overcounted.

BP expressed concerns that the club isn't functioning well. He suggested that there weren't enough members present to make the meeting quorate if you include ALL members. SY said that that would be the case if we accepted all members in the calculation, but she stressed that the committee's calculation done at the beginning of the meeting had been on FULL membership (ie not including summer swim only or juniors). She therefore asked if

<p>everyone was happy to continue the meeting. No objections were raised. BP objected to this way of dealing with his point. He doesn't agree with the constitutional changes. He said we needed more people here for it to be an AGM. The meeting continued.</p>	
<p>Finance:</p> <p>AK told us that the bank balance has grown by £5k this year. Some of this is from races and it's the first year we have not lost money on kit as we're not keeping stock. Membership and HH are the main sources of income for the club. Without the Hilly we broke even. Hilly money gets invested in other things. Money covers: equipment (gopro, rollers), affiliation, social, new equipment, admin, training sessions. Most income comes from Rother Valley and we lose most on Ponds Forge. Turbo breaks even. The ideas with the Hilly is to make it the best race for the people around.</p> <p>Q – we have competition from other venues (like Harthill) – is it too expensive? Harthill is an 800m loop. Masters swim squad go to Harthill. Could you provide coaches for RV? RV clashes with other things like parkrun. A new member said – if it's profitable, could you lower the price? Harthill session was only introduced this year.</p> <p>AK said we need a few thousand in the bank to cover any contingencies but to remember STC is a non-profit organisation. Lots of ideas were suggested for ways to spend the money, including: a payment holiday, getting wetsuits to try at RV, lower cost of sessions, base for the club (rent), people selling old wetsuits to the club, training camps, training coaches.</p> <p>It was suggested that committee members come up with a sensible amount to keep in the bank as a buffer.</p> <p>At the end of the report, AK was thanked for his service to the club.</p> <p>BP expressed concern that the club isn't putting on talks about tri, enough training sessions, particularly bike rides. Could this be invested in?</p>	
<p>Election of officers:</p> <p>Andy Rowland said he's happy to remain the welfare officer for the club. There was an omission of this from the constitution as a role, but not as a committee member. The constitution will be corrected.</p> <p>There was a proposal from an adult member with junior children that parents should be able to come to the AGM. SA said she would welcome some more support and help from others as she can't keep up with workload. The parent wishes for juniors to be more involved.</p> <p>SY explained that there should have been communication with parents about their opinions leading up to the AGM and apologised that this had not happened.. It was suggested that there should be an EGM in April to discuss the junior section of the club.</p>	

AOB:

none