



Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 13th November 2015

Apologies for absence from the committee: none

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| <p>Minutes of the last AGM:</p> <p>Minutes were proposed to be a true and accurate record by A Dench, seconded by S Smith.</p> | |
| <p>Matters arising from the last AGM:</p> <p>SY informed people that any actions and matters arising would be covered through the presentation.</p> | |

Chair's report:

SY thanked everyone for their attendance and 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).

Coaching/training

We currently have 10 coaches. There are 5 formal sessions per week. We have had one training weekend, which will be repeated in Spring 2016. SY urged people to come to training sessions because the overall attendance figures at training sessions has dropped. This year saw us join up with City of Sheffield at Pond's Forge for the Wed night swim sessions. This is working well and runs smoothly. SY informed members that we have been unsuccessful in our search for a new turbo venue, but that we're still on the hunt. Track training at Woodburn Rd is getting underway. We have the strength and conditioning session followed by a swim session at Nuffield. There are informal night rides on Tuesdays and the informal Saturday morning runs will be back in December.

The BBQ was a very welcome addition to Saturday mornings at Rother Valley. We have had 3 Talkin' Tri workshops this year and have more planned for 2016.

Events

We have continued our club races at Fairhomes and Westfield. The Hathersage Hilly was one of our best and we had 60+ volunteers coming to help out. We had a good turn out for the Club Champs races. It was mentioned that we didn't have any females at the sprint race. We have had 2 training weekends this year and more planned for next year.

Juniors

We have had 2 successful meetings with junior parents where there has been great feedback. A big thank you to Simon Wood for taking on the role of junior coordinator and to David Corker for organising the junior email account and his work on communications. We have 4 committed junior coaches and the parents are appreciative to the hard work which goes into the junior section. The juniors have had great success at races. They make up 21% of membership.

Communication

A big thanks to Charlotte for 3 fantastic club newsletters. Facebook is our main tool of communication with members. Jim Lafferty has joined the committee to share the role of communications officer. He will be overhauling the website and helping to make it more user friendly. We designed made and distributed posters and flyers advertising the club. We were present at the first Sheffield Cycle Show.

Plans for 2016

We are still looking into having a graduated membership system and still aspiring for this to happen. We are looking to have some external coaches to cover sessions. The chair for Yorkshire and Humberside juniors would like us to host junior race and will be attending our December meeting in order to discuss this

Membership:

Phil informed us that we now have 315 members. The summer swim members have gone down, which could be due to Harthill. We have 166 full adult members. Over time lots of people have been coming to join.

We have kept the membership cost the same. Myclubhouse works for Phil to look at data, though we're aware it's not always user friendly for all. Phil mentioned that members can change their first claim club for EA, but you do have to fill in a form.

Phil mentioned that we have a London marathon place, which people were emailed about. Craig Hadfield won the place. Next year the format has been changed and people will need to show their rejection email/letter in order to be in with a chance of winning the club place. We will trial this for one year and see if it works. Our membership season runs from Jan to Dec, but EA runs from April to March.

Q - do we do anything different for uni students? There are over 200 students involved in triathlon in the city and lots who want to come to RV to swim. Could we go to a fresher's fair?

Point raised - one female member didn't know about the club champs races. We suggested that this could be publicised more. We said that we could decide Feb/March time and publicise it.

Finance:

Andrew showed us a 5 year overview of club funds. The objective last year was to bring the overall money down in the account. We have spent money on kit. We have reduced the club funds by £3K by investing in the club.

Andrew explained that the fees cover: affiliation, promotion, training sessions, training weekends, presentation night, Talkin' Tri sessions, BBQ, kit, admin, AGM venue. We restructured the session costs based on the discussions/suggestions last year. We have put money into the junior section of the club.

The training session cost of PF is cheaper because we now don't pay for the venue. Turbo breaks even. We reduced the cost of Rother Valley. We have subsidised coaching and reduced fees.

Junior tri - the cost of the venues is up and income from session is lower.

We had 350 HH entries and it made £3-3.5K. We invested money into fencing, cones etc to make the race look and feel more professional.

We decided to stick to session costs for another 12 months.

We will finish 2015 with £10k in the bank.

Q - do we need qualified first aiders at sessions? Could there be money for it?

Q - have we reduced the club sessions by too much? Could we make it higher and put more money into juniors by investing in coaches. The point was raised that some of the best coaches are already supporting the juniors. It was mentioned that the investment in our juniors is discussed a lot at committee meetings. There is a fine balance to be struck between running a strong adult club but also fostering a junior section, accepting that many juniors leave the sport or follow one of its single disciples as they get older.

Q - should junior parents be invited? The point was made that at swimming clubs junior parents are charged so they get to vote at the AGM.

Election of officers:

We have an 11 strong committee who are all willing to stand again. Nobody came forward with an intention of joining the committee. Each committee member was proposed and seconded by members of the club and all will remain in post for another year.

SY thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

AOB:

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