



Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday 10th November 2017

The meeting introduced and led by Jim Lafferty. There were 28 members present, and it was noted that for the meeting to be quorate 31 members should be present. It was agreed that we should continue, with no objections from those in the room that this was a sufficient amount for the meeting to operate.

Minutes of the last AGM: The minutes were agreed to be correct from 2016.	
Matters arising from the last AGM: There were no matters arising from the previous year's AGM.	

<p>Treasurer's report:</p> <p>JL introduced Andrew Kitchen to deliver the Treasurer's report. AK recapped that we had £9210 in the bank at the end of last year, and we wanted to try and get this down to £8000 by the end of this year. We have in fact reduced the account balance by £580.</p> <p>Hathersage Hilly brought in more money this year, due to increased entrants and lower costs. It is still the main source of income for the club and allows us to continue operating.</p> <p>All aspects of expenditure (e.g. training, socials, juniors) were around what was expected. Training was a little more due to increased coaches fees and venue costs.</p> <p>AK talked us through a breakdown of where the membership fee is spent. E.g. EA and affiliation fees, training sessions, admin (website) etc. It was noted that we commissioned a new website this year, and the associated costs involved with that.</p> <p>AK talked us through the different costs associated with each of the training sessions. It was noted that Graves brings in the most revenue and is the most attended club session.</p> <p>Junior costs were less this year, due to an increase in participant numbers at each of the training sessions. Approx £4000 in venue costs, £2100 in coaching costs and £3400 in income.</p> <p>AK talked us through the proposed budget for 2018, which is subject to approval from the new committee. Our opening cash at the start of the next year is £8630 and AK suggested that we aim to maintain this. There are a few costs he suggests we spend the money on: new gazebos and flags and a forum for the website.</p> <p>The accounts and the budget were approved by those present, with no questions.</p> <p>(AK's slides can be viewed for more detailed information)</p>	
<p>Kit:</p> <p>There have been some changes in the kit and the way we order it this year. Ady Dench has set up a new online ordering system, with a new design and a move to Bioracer. We have a leisure kit order coming up. Free buffs were given to members, which have proved very popular. The mudguard flaps have also been a welcome addition to our kit range, with more club group rides this year.</p>	

<p>Social Events:</p> <p>Several very successful events were organised this year:</p> <p>A Christmas curry evening</p> <p>The infamous Chip Butty Ride</p> <p>Two meet and greets aimed at encouraging and welcoming newer members</p> <p>The 3rd Hawes training and social weekend away</p> <p>A pint and chip butty evening after the final Fairholmes duathlon</p> <p>A summer club BBQ</p> <p>BBQs after each Rother Valley open water swim</p> <p>Our final Presentation Evening at Baldwins - 70 people attended</p>	
<p>Head Coach and Events Report:</p> <p>Coaching - 3 swim sessions per week: Graves, Ponds Forge and Rother Valley. It was a successful summer at Rother Valley with an average of 15 attending each session. Graves attracts around 20-25 per session with a lot of new members attending. We also continued with Graves through the summer this year, which was worthwhile. The Forge Valley bike skills sessions are poorly attended, which is a shame as they always receive good feedback. The run session at track has been well attended and received positive feedback. Jon Staniforth thanked all the coaches for their time and efforts.</p> <p>Events - JS thanked all those who volunteered at our events. We wouldn't be able to run them without those volunteers. At the Westfield Aquathlons it was noted that there are generally more juniors than adults taking part. The Fairholmes duathlons are consistently well attended, with an average of 20 per event. The Hathersage Aquathlons were well attended this year, despite some challenging weather! We opened up the last event to Hathersage Hilly competitors and 45 people attended.</p> <p>Hathersage Hilly - 365 entrants and 301 finishers this year. There were no major incidents. One accident was noted, but the brave competitor still finished! There were 70 marshals who were thanked for their time. There were no complaints from the Parish Council this year and we have been more proactive in communicating with them.</p>	

Juniors:

We currently have 60 junior members. The Westfield swim/run sessions receive good feedback and the Forge Valley bike sessions are well attended. There is an average of 25 members per swim session. It was noted that this is less on the Saturdays when the Forge Valley bike session is on, as it's a long way to travel across town to Westfield after.

Craig Haslingden has updated the policy documents for juniors and he is doing a level 2 coaching qualification.

The Holmfirth triathlon had a great turnout and some great performances.

CH put a call out for more female junior coaches.

CH has been in to schools to promote the club. He would like to increase membership to over 80 this year. He would like to create better links between the junior and adults sections, with a better route from junior to adult sessions for older juniors. Inter club competitions would also be a good idea.

Questions from the attendees:

- John Clarke brought up the subject of older and more talented junior members and how we should support them. They are too fast for junior sessions, perhaps they could have a separate coach and sessions. This was then discussed with several points arising:
 - CH suggested that these members could be advised, mentored and supported by STC and could perhaps train with individual sport specific clubs.
 - They could be invited to train with the STC adult members, though it was noted that some of these juniors are faster than many of the adults! Nancy Skinner noted that some of the juniors have been invited to ride with adult STC members.
 - JC suggested that a coach could write a plan alongside the regional development manager.
 - JL noted that this has been an item for discussion at several committee meetings
 - Kay Guccione questioned how we could reach out to those from lower income families, not just juniors but adults too. CH commented that there are some things in place to help this e.g. road bike hire at Forge Valley.

<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>We have a new website this year, which has been kept up to date with STC news, events and information. It is possible to download the calendar to your phone to keep informed.</p> <p>The Get Your Kit On events have been a great success. JL requested for feedback on these as to whether we should continue - it was agreed that we should. They're a great way to encourage new members.</p> <p>Some fantastic success within the membership this year, namely Elliot Smales turning pro and Hannah Peel qualifying and competing at the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii.</p> <p>The Hathersage Hilly was a huge success this year.</p> <p>JL thanked committee members for their time and efforts and it was noted that the majority of the committee are stepping down this year.</p> <p>We are trying to drive traffic to the website by linking to it in emails etc. Facebook is not an efficient tool for communication and a new forum will be developed in 2018.</p>	
<p>Elections of Officers:</p> <p>Secretary - Jim Lafferty</p> <p>Treasurer - Paul Winwood</p> <p>Internal Communications and Website - Addam Darnell</p> <p>Head Coach - Bob Pringle</p> <p>All the above members were proposed and seconded.</p> <p>Matt Reed's intention to stand at Kit Officer was noted, JL commented that someone else has expressed interest in the role and he will talk to MR after the meeting.</p>	

AOB:

JL commented that we are still in need of members to stand for committee positions. Most notably, the chair position is still unfilled. JL put a call out to members for them to consider putting themselves forward.

JL will ask AD and JS if they are happy to continue with organising the Hathersage Hilly.

The draw was made for the free 2018 STC membership for those who had volunteered at one of our events. Vanessa Round was drawn.

We are still waiting to hear whether we will be granted a London Marathon position, but in the event that we do, the draw was made. Paul Shipley was the lucky winner.

JL requested ideas for 2018 from those present:

- Club Championships. Agreed these should continue. Ed Guccione suggested perhaps we could target a "festival of triathlon" style of race with lots of different distances.
- Get Your Kit On. Great for new members. KG suggested we could maybe distribute flyers at these events to promote the club.
- Inter club championships e.g. invite TNT/Chesterfield/Wakefield/Manvers to one of the Fairholmes events.
- JC suggested we could organise our own Hill Climb and TT. There was a discussion on what we would need to do to be insured for this.
- AK suggested we could organise more after the Rother Valley swims. Paul Winwood suggested swim races. MR suggested the aquathlon swim races, which have been very popular in the past and great for newer members.
- JL questioned whether we would want more transition training. Interest was shown.
- Carl Egdell suggested a duathlon at Forge Valley
- JL - we have looked at cycling qualifications. Ben Anderson has been organising monthly club rides, which have had very positive feedback.
- Runs - the Saturday morning runs were very popular. The new forum should provide a good platform for organising informal run sessions.
- Facebook - there are a huge number of non-members. Do we need a policy of how to respond to certain questions?
- Better ways to encourage new members. Addam Darnell suggested a FAQ section on the website with lots of info for new members. Simon Bennet - maybe we could allow more "try out" sessions before becoming a member? Bing Jones - could we have a taster session for new members e.g. before Graves? The issue of insurance was raised - the positions of coaches, club and participants needs to be checked. Hannah Peel suggested a "buddy system" where new members could arrange to meet a current member at a

session. We could create a training plan for those doing the Hathersage Hilly, including our training sessions to attract

<p>AOB contiuned:</p> <p>new members? We could make better used of the HH database, perhaps offer 10% off membership for a limited time? Give out a flyer at HH registration with a free session? Or people who sign up for the HH could be sent a free session voucher when they sign up?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bing Jones suggested brining back the GoPro swim analysis.- Social events: The curry evenings, presentation evening and chip butty are all very popular. Suggestions for another barge quiz night, lunch after a Get Your Kit On event. CH suggested a charitable fundraising event. Doing something with The Runners Against Rubbish organisation could get us some publicity.- Training: It was suggested that sessions could be made available in advance so that members can plan their training week. On the new forum or on the website we could have a section on what races members are doing next year. Training groups could then be made for people doing the same or similar events. Could we have a members only area on the website with training sessions? Could we create STC groups with Zwift?	
<p>JL closed the meeting by putting a call out to members to consider fulfilling the vacant committee positions. Ideas for the club are welcomed at shefftriclub@gmail.com</p>	