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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

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### COMMITTEE ATTENDEES

Steve French  
Heather Clarke  
Paul Stanbrook

Graham Denny  
Paul Yeatman  
Ana Campbell

### COMMITTEE APOLOGIES

Debs Armitage  
Pete Jones  
Matt Harding

### DETAILS

#### 1. Apologies and chair's welcome (Steve French)

- SF opened the meeting at 7:32pm.
- SF welcomed all club members and thanked them for attending.
- Apologies from Sally Poll, Claire Sherman, Charlie Iles.
- 2013 AGM minutes are ratified as a true and accurate account Proposed AC and seconded HC  
**ALL information only**

#### 2. Chair's report (Steve French)

- Membership – Pleased to report that the membership has remained stable with approx 80 % renewing. Currently at 93 members and the club has remained active at several distances: new members have taken part in first races also seasoned members competing in Iron Man distances here and abroad. All are wearing the TTG colours.
- Club finances. Good year financially. Once again we have seen significant profit from membership renewals and the TTG triathlon and duathlon.
- Swimming once again did not run at a loss. As a result of this, we have been able to reduce the cost of the Sunday swim fees to members, whilst at the same time being able to absorb any increase in pool higher charges. The Sunday swim session is now full with a maximum of 24 members signed up. There is a waiting list for members wishing to attend this session.
- Thanks to Julie Martin for organising the club triathlon and thanks to all the members who volunteered to help marshal.
- We have continued to invest in the club: 4 members TH, RJ, PS and MD have done the Pool Rescue Test. We have also continued to subsidise the first piece of club kit for new members. New equipment for the club, bike boxes and wetsuits have also been purchased. Contacts are PS for bike boxes and HC for wetsuits.
- Club coaches and training sessions. All sessions have been well attended. SF feels this is because of the high standard of the coaching: Roy Jones for his contribution to swimming and cycling; TH for swimming running, cycling and TTGYT; Bill Hawkes for his work with cycling, the Rob Wood winter turbo sessions and cycle induction; Jane Wood functional core class. SF would like to thank all of the above for their continued support and commitment.
- SF would like to thank the TTG committee, who work tirelessly throughout the year to make the club work effectively. Thanks to the committee to their continued support and commitment.
- Also thanks to Grant Smith for his work on the club website.
- Looking ahead to 2014, TTG is sitting on a solid foundation and is in a sound financial position, which will enable the club to continue to develop and build in the future.
- BH proposed a vote of thanks for the committee for doing a good job.

#### 3. Treasurer's report (Paul Yeatman)

- Very good year financially. Currently got 93. Over the last year we peaked at 98 members.
- Triathlon produced a good profit of £5500?? (Can't find this in PY's report, is this right?)
- Sunday swim full at 24 members (with a waiting list) and is subsidising the Wednesday swim. New system for Wednesday swim: from 1<sup>st</sup> April, there will be a standing order option for the first 15 members. Cost of direct debit will be £15. Other members can pay as you go. Offer will be open to people who only swim on a Wednesday night first.
- Duathlon takes place this April 13<sup>th</sup>, few spaces left.

- Club triathlon takes place on May 25<sup>th</sup> with spaces left.
- Still looking for volunteers for marshalling at both events.
- Bought 2 Pro bike boxes at the cost of £559, currently available for hire at £25 a week.
- Purchased 4 new wetsuits. One large and one extra large for the men and one small and one medium for the ladies. Weekly hire charge £4 per week.
- We subsidised the trip to the velodrome.
- Club placed a small increase on the cost of membership: Seniors £30 to £35; Juniors £30 instead of £25; Youth £25 instead of £20; Unwaged £25 instead of £20. If people sign up early, they will pay 2013 prices.
- A further incentive to sign up early, will be a £20 voucher to spend on club kit. The order would have to be in by the end of May. BH has informed us that this might be complicated as we are currently undergoing a change of supplier, so we will therefore have to rethink the end date. BH will confer with the committee and let us know a suitable time frame.
- Moving forward into 2014, the club accounts are very healthy, our savings are up from £9867.60 to £15,762.14. Any suggestions for reinvesting money into the club should be e-mailed to PY.
- Grant Smith has suggested race wheels to hire.
- TH suggested reducing the cost for swimming to £4 on a Wednesday. SF explained he wants to run swimming at cost neutral. SF and PY agreed to take the suggestion away and look at the figures. Approach Aspire to see if there's another session available in order to increase numbers.
- Grant Smith asked if there could be an early morning swim.
- Pete Robinson suggested long course sessions at the Lido or Stroud. PR has offered to support. Also Andy Merrick suggested Open swim session. Problems might be encountered with life guarding and coaching. Maybe we could explore Cotswold Water Park.
- Grant Smith suggested paying a reduced subscription if you pay up both Sunday and Wednesday swim sessions by direct debit.
- PR pointed out that if we have another successful year we will have a lot of money in the bank (approx £22,000). How far do we go? What do we do with the money into the future. Maybe look at subsidising the club membership.
- Jo Carter suggested investing in a professional coach for a day's training.
- SF feels all these suggestions are doable, committee will go away and look at the suggestions. Cost model works, spread it out to Wednesday, and this will generate a profit. Need to encourage the investment back into the club.
- SF clarified that coaches get paid. They also get free membership.
- Lizzie Clegg asked are we happy with membership numbers. SF feels that yes, we have a good number as at the moment we can accommodate all the members who do attend the sessions. 90 is a good comfortable number. We may incur problems if we increased our numbers too much. Every year we have members who drop off and new people who join.
- Grant Smith asked if someone could stand in for someone who is not able to turn up for a sustained period of time (through injury or work commitments) on the swim sessions. i.e. the direct debit would stay in the same name, but could another member attend the session instead? Committee will consider.

#### **4. Social Secretary report (Debs Armitage)**

- Notty is organising a black tie ball on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Croft Farm. PY met with Notty, Evesham, Cheltenham, GE, Tewkesbury, and us. £15 a head would cover hog roast, disco and dancing.
- Several meals organised at a variety of venues around Gloucester and Cheltenham: Sebz (a success), The tavern (quite expensive) and the Balti Hut.
- Christmas party – DA felt there was a lot of apathy and a poor response. Maybe a change of venue should be considered or perhaps it's not a good time of year - change event to November or January?

#### **5. Race report – Gloucester Triathlon (Julie Martin)**

- Another successful year which sold out before the official close date. The sun shone for us again and we had a great turn out of volunteers to Marshall. Thanks to Steve French for a sterling job in bring this together. The transition area was again a change on the previous year however worked well with a few lessons learnt for next year.

A personal thanks to Pete Jones who worked enthusiastically behind the scenes generating

sponsorship, donations of prizes, administration to hold the event, marshals, booking of equipment, medals and catering. A great support, thanks Pete.

So as race director I've stepped down however will look forward to finding out my marshalling position for this years event, which I'm sure will be another success organised by Paul Yeatman & Pete Jones. The money generated supports the club and keeps it going so I know there are many different events people are training for however please do keep May 25th 2014 free to help your club. It can't be run without you.

- Thank you to members to all members who supported the races with marshalling.

## 6. Young triathletes' report (Matt Harding)

- Moving in the right the direction. Approximately 40 members.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Triathlon will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Last year we had 143 participants and this year we are putting a limit on 160. So far we have 120+ confirmed entries and it looks like we'll be closing the doors early and creating a waiting list. It would great to have support as much support as possible from the senior club on the day. Ideally arriving first thing (after 9) and finishing early afternoon. Some skilled support for transition, and marshalling the course is what we're looking for. We'll do our best to support the senior race as well. Please let Mark/Matt or Tim have the details.
- A healthy Junior Club: Tim continues to keep the kids motivated with Thursday evening swims at Beaufort, and Sunday morning cycle / run training at Tesco car park or Plock Court. On a good day we've got 20+ for both sessions. I've just completed L1 coaching and will be looking to help Tim with as much as possible. Any offers of help to run training sessions are always welcomed.
- Storing kit for race days: all been agreed with Neal our Chairman in terms of sharing costs.
- Financially in a very good position

## 7. Election of officers (Ana Campbell)

Position	Member	Nominated	Seconded	Outcome
Chair	Steve French	John Longmuir	Pete Robinson	Carried
Vice Chair	Heather Clarke	Graham Denny	Ana Campbell	Carried
Club Captain	Graham Denny	Bill Hawkes	John Longmuir	Carried
Treasurer	Paul Yeatman	Tim Heaysman	Lizzie Clegg	Carried
Club Secretary	Ana Campbell	Heather Clarke	Graham Denny	Carried
Social secretary	Mel Nunn	Steve French	Bill Hawkes	Carried
Press secretary	Pete Jones	Ana Campbell	Steve French	Carried
Member rep	Paul Stanbrook	Bill Hawkes	Tim Heaysman	Carried

New committee successfully elected.

Big thanks to DA for all her hard work and commitment to the club over the year.

## 8. AOB (All)

- 4 Transition Times have been published. The spring one has been planned with a couple of close ups on athletes and a section on bike maintenance by RJ.
- Very little feedback and articles. Please email Pete with feedback - positive or constructive criticism - and any articles that you would like to contribute.
- Need articles, race reports, close ups (only got about 20 so far!). Very few people using the forum, less than 20 people have responded
- PJ and GS update Facebook regularly.
- PJ started submitting articles to the Citizen and they have been happy to publish these so far.
- Emailing previous competitors, and running clubs and tri clubs within a 100 mile radius to increase entrants to the triathlon (currently stands at about 100).
- Claire Sherman wants a team in the National Relay Champs – 15<sup>th</sup> August. GD to put out an email to see if there's any interest. Perhaps we could subsidise as a club.
- Disappointed that we didn't get enough members to participate at the club duathlon and bbq. SF wants feedback... Has it runs its course? Make it into a fun event? Maybe just bbq? Relay event? Maybe it's the way its communicated – should it be a big article in the newsletter? BH and GD to liaise re the club duathlon.

**9. Close (Steve French)**

- Steve thanked the outgoing committee members and welcomed the new members.
- Steve declared the meeting closed at 20:40 hrs.