



# Tri20 Triathlon Club

## Annual General Meeting 2021

### MINUTES

**Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2020 at 20:00 via zoom**

Fifteen (15) members of the Club attended the AGM, including the following main and sub-committee members:

Sunil Fernandes (Communications Officer)	Mike Nash (Chairman)
Neil Harris (Club Captain)	Heather Phillips (Kit Secretary)
Zoe Hawkins (COVID-19 Officer)	Nicky Rumsey (Membership Secretary)
Georgia Jackson (Reading Tri Coordinator)	Tasha Skidmore (Social Secretary) - part
Susan Martin (Swim Officer)	Sean Stewart (Head Coach)
	Sally Waterman (Secretary)

The other attendees were Martin Cook, Christina Demetriou, Clare Fox, Jim Lemin.

Apologies were received from Stuart Jay (Treasurer), Pete Gough (Reading Tri Race Director), Edwina McDowall (Run Officer)

#### **1. Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes**

The minutes of the 2020 Triathlon Club Ltd AGM held on 25 November 2020 were approved.

#### **2. Chairman's Report to the membership on behalf of the Committee**

The Chairman presented the highlights of the Club's activities during 2021 (see AGM presentation). Some members left the Club during 2021 but there has recently been an increase in new members with 20 people joining since August, bringing the current membership to 168. The age and gender split and geographic location of members were provided in the AGM presentation. It was noted that the proportion of women (41%) was lower than in previous years and that a large proportion of members live in west Reading/west Berkshire.

Despite another challenging year due to coronavirus restrictions the Club was able to recommence coached swim sessions and its weekly Club runs from June. Due to remedial work at Leighton Park pool it has not been available so only three of the four swim sessions have been provided. The Club has recently been advised that Leighton Park pool will not be available to book even once repaired. Alternative pools with suitable slots are very difficult to find but if any become available the demand for a fourth session, and the financial viability of running another session, will be reviewed. It was noted that the total number of swimmers each week in 2021 was lower than in 2019 (pools were closed for much of 2020) but numbers were now increasing.

The Chairman thanked all the coaches for their contribution and hard work during the year and Club members for their continued support. He also specifically thanked Sean Stewart for his time and commitment to the Club over the last 4 years as Head Coach.

It was noted that Simon Barbour had stood down as Bike Officer and that a volunteer to take on this role was being actively sought. All other sub-committee members had agreed to continue in their roles, for which the Chairman thanked them.

Reading Triathlon took place on 12 September (it was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19). There were 285 participants across sprint and standard distance triathlons, including relay team participants, and, for the first time, aquathlon. Donations totalling £1300 were made for payment into the Club's chosen charity, Katie's Legacy, which is administered by the Triathlon Trust. It was noted that the chair of the Trust is a Club member.

Pete Gough will be standing down as Race Director in 2022 and the Chairman requested a volunteer to become Deputy Race Director to work alongside Pete and take over from him at the next event. Anyone interested in the role was asked to contact Mike via [chairman@tri2o.club](mailto:chairman@tri2o.club). A role description is available on request.

The Chairman thanked the Reading Triathlon Committee members for putting on another successful event and mentioned that in addition to a meal funded by the Club they would all also have free membership of the Club in 2022.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the Club's financial position for the financial year ended 31 July 2021 (FYE) by pre-recorded video.

The income for the FYE was £11,275. This is lower than in the previous 2 years as there was no Reading Triathlon held in 2020 and income from membership fees and swim sessions was lower. Expenditure was also lower as a consequence. Profit for the year was £1,148. The numbers highlight the importance of the income from Reading Triathlon.

The cash balance in the bank at the FYE was healthy at £24,007 however at this point very little costs relating to the 2021 triathlon had been incurred. The more important measure of retained earnings was highlighted on slide 12 which shows accumulated retained earnings at £6,447 at FYE.

As the Club is in a good financial position the main committee decided not to increase the annual membership fee, which will remain at £25. The administration fee that has been paid by new members when they join the Club has been abolished, as has the option of a free training session prior to joining the Club. A free swim will however be offered to each new member after they join.

The membership renewal date will be changed to the fixed date of 1 April, subject to approval of an amendment to the Constitution (see below). New members will be paid a pro rata fee based on the quarter of the year in which they join.

It was noted that as of 1st January the cost of a swim session will increase in line with inflation from £65.00 for 10 sessions to £67.50.



#### 4. Amendments to the Constitution

The following amendments to the Club's Constitution were presented for approval.

**Section 3:** Minimum age for joining the Club to be raised from 16 to 18 due to the increase in BTF requirements for safeguarding documents and training

**Section 4:** Additional text added to indicate members may be asked to volunteer to support the purposes of the Club

**Section 5:** Timing of payment of membership renewal fees to be 1st April rather than annual date of joining to fit with the ClubSpark membership platform. Free swim, bike or run sessions no longer to be offered to potential joiners but new joiners will be entitled to one free swim after joining

Amendments to Sections 3 and 5 the Constitution were each approved by the majority of those present. Amendment to Section 4 was approved after it was agreed to replace 'members acknowledge that by joining the Club they may be asked' with 'members are [hereby] informed that by joining the Club they may be asked..'

#### 5. Election of Main Committee members

All main committee members, except the Chairman, stood down at the meeting as required by the Constitution because they have reached the end of their designated term (2 years for the chairman and 1 year for other members).

All main committee members who had reached the end of their term, except the Head Coach and Social Secretary, stood for re-election. All were re-elected unopposed. There were no nominations for the role of Social Secretary. Tasha Skidmore had kindly agreed to continue in this role until someone willing to take it on came forward.

Georgia Jackson was nominated for the role of Head Coach by Mike Nash and seconded by Sean Stewart. She was unanimously elected to the role and the Chairman welcomed her to the committee.

#### 6. Dates to note

*Annual Awards:* The annual awards event will be a buffet held at ZeroDegrees in Reading on 22 January 2022

*Reading Triathlon:* It was noted that the date of the next Reading Triathlon is 11 September 2022.