



SLH Tri Club

AGM – 7th November 09

Committee Members present: Nigel Costiff (NC), Christine Costiff (CC), Matthew Robins (MR), Matthew Chapman (MC), Lorraine Hewett (LH), Andy Collins (AC).

Minutes: Lorraine Hewett

1. Minutes from the 08 AGM were not available
2. Apologies from Jane Papa received
3. **Officer reports:**

Chairman's Report:

The chairman (Matt Robins) opened the meeting with a welcoming speech. He shared the evening's agenda to all present. He reported that it had been a good year and that the club was moving forward.

Matt declared that he is now standing down as Chairperson.

Treasurer's Report:

Christine Costiff reported that we do not make a lot of money; the money that we do make comes from swimming fees. We have paid the bill for the swimming pool and our current balance is £ 2224. We have £ 860 of club kit. She reminded the attendees that we do not have financial support from the running club; we also made a loss for the dinner dance at the Rayon D'or due to a lack of response from members.

We have now bought most of our trophies hence there will be very little expense occurred for the future.

Membership Secretary:

Andy Collins: Reported that this has been the best year for recruiting triathletes he went on to say that the points trophy has looked good all year and the club appears to be pushing in the direction that members want it to go.

There are 59 members and 47 of these have taken part in triathlon and are active members

He also reported that the sale of trisuits has been good this year.

Andy made an announcement that he is now standing down from the committee this year.

Captain's Report:

Matt Chapman began his speech by saying our main aim this year was the London League there has been good rivalry between clubs and we have been up against some serious competitors, such as Ful on Tri and Optima. Overall Thames Turbo won the League followed by Ful on Tri and then Serpentine. Matt commented that Serpentine has 2,500 members. SLH Tri club completed the season a very respectable 5th in the league. Matt went onto say that these efforts should be built upon and used as a positive platform for the new season.

Matt will be posting our events calendar very soon and the aim is for members' to "get in quick" as events fill very quickly.

Matt reported that we did reach are target for this year, we focused on three events and we managed to get a full scoring team to each one. These events were Thames Turbo, Crystal Palace, and Hillingdon.

The season started with Thames Turbo in April followed by Ful on Tri duathlon at Chertsey. Unfortunately the Dragon Slayer was the following day. Next year if it is planned that this happens again, we need to focus our efforts on one event.

Matt went onto say that there was good support at Morden 6x6 and at Crystal Palace and Hillingdon. Hillingdon is our only open water event in the London League.

The aim of the club is to promote and encourage as many members to take part in these events, Matt is confident that we could win the title.

Sports Development Officer's Report:

Nigel Costiff opened his speech by saying that it has been a "funny Year" we have reached saturation point at swimming. As a committee we have been working on ideas to resolve the situation. We would welcome opinions from members. Nigel reported that it is very clear he cannot coach more than 18 people at one time in the pool. If there is more than that number he may as well swim himself. (Discussion of plan of action discussed in AOB)

Good News: Brian Hennessey is coaching on Friday's he is already a ASA coach and will be completing a further ASA certificate in 2010. Lorraine and Ulrich will be attending BTF level 1 coaching in January 2010.

Swim sessions held at Southwater during the summer was very well attended.

Cycle training has not been good this year for several reasons. Nigel expressed that there are enough "weaker cyclist" to form their own group.

Nigel went on to say that he will organise any training if there was a good commitment from members.

Nigel went on to thank Matt Robbins for his time and effort as chairperson. Also thank you to Andy Collins who is standing down. Andy was a founder member of the Tri club in 2003.

4. Election of officers

There are 5 posts up for election.

Chairman – Harvey Hughes

Proposed by Christine Costiff and seconded by Matt Chapman.

Treasurer – Christine Costiff

Proposed by Andy Collins and seconded by Sandra Hughes.

Secretary – Lorraine Hewett

Proposed by Nigel Costiff and seconded by Andy Collins

Captain – Matt Chapman

Proposed by Andy Collins and seconded by Ulrich Cox

Sports Development Officer – Nigel Costiff

Proposed by Donna Cox and seconded by Steve Rigby

4. AOB:

- Ulrich wished to discuss whether juniors should be involved in the London League or South East region. His view is that the South East offer better venues and events than that of the London League.
- Nigel replied and said that he has not got a problem with juniors entering the South East, He expressed that he was not impressed with the London League for juniors.
- Nigel asked: what are the rules for juniors to compete in both leagues. ?
- Lorraine replied it needs to be investigated.
- Ulrich commented that he believes that there are better opportunities in the South East for juniors.
- Lorraine Hewett discussed issues raised by Jane Papa on her behalf.
- Why is the main focus the London League? Therefore making the Tri Calendar look very limited, when there are so many good events in the South East Region too. And what does the club get out of doing the London League, as opposed to other races/leagues?
- Matt Chapman replied:
 - The London League was initially decided by the committee over 2 years ago. The London League has raised our status as a club and we were able to achieve Club Mark accreditation through Triathlon London. We have had a great success by competing in the League and it remains our focus to stay with it. However this is not set in stone and it is up to our members to raise these issues.
 - Kate Hewett asked for the committee to take on board comments re: the London League. Members were asked to for a show of hands re: opting out of the London League: NO show of hands seen.
 - Chris Costiff expressed that we could add extra events and to canvas people about what they want?

- Paul Hone discussed Nigel mentioning about swimming at saturation point and what we propose to do about it?
- Nigel C replied that we must tighten up our membership and only allow competing triathletes to take part.
- Ryan Evans asked could we have more lanes. Nigel replied Caterham will only allow us to have 4 lanes and we are lucky to have what we've got. Particularly as triathlon is becoming very popular.
- Nigel reported again that 18 people is functional and anything over is too much.
- Chris Costiff reminded people that we are not a swimming club
- Nigel replied potentially we could.
- Ed Thruston asked: do we have a lot of members swimming?
- Nigel replied that we allow people to swim for 3 weeks(6 sessions) then they are asked if they would like to join the club
- Kate Hewett asked could we have a waiting list.
- Nigel answered he is not prepared to organise a waiting list because it could potentially be very time consuming.
- Matt Robins ended the meeting by thanking everyone who attended. He went onto say that the presentations will begin at approx 9:15pm.
- Nigel Costiff requested that he make an early presentation to some members who could not stay for the evening.
- He explained about the Points Trophy and the story of the Shoe Horn.

- Nigel presented the" The Shoe Horn Cup" with great pleasure to Brian Hennessey.
- The Junior Aquathlon award went to Georgia Hennessy.
- Date of next AGM to be confirmed,
- Presentations:

Matt made a speech mentioning members and special achievements. However the Club Captains award went to **Harvey Hughes** for his support and commitment to the Tri club.

Olympic Distance Club Champ	Phil Gall
Olympic Distance Club Champ Female	Becky Woodland

Sprint Distance Men	Matt Chapman
Sprint Distance Female	Ruth Hutton
Aquathlon Club Champ Male	Ryan Evans
Aquathlon Club Champ Female	Sophie Cowper
OW Swim Champ Men	Matt Chapman
OW Swim Champ Female	Emma Harkins
Points Trophy	Brian Hennessey
Points Trophy Junior	Jennie Hewett
Middle Distance and National Vets Champ	Andy Collins