

FARNHAM TRIATHLON CLUB



Farnham Triathlon Club AGM

Friday 15 November 2024 at the Six Bells PH, Farnham

The Chair started the meeting at 7.34 pm.

Attendees

Lindsay Bamford, David Barrett, Gillian Barrett, John Bennison, Dominic Brooks, Nick Dennes, Sarah Gillican, Charlie Gray, Clare Grindrod, Haydn Jones, Andrew Pickup, David Pinckney, Chris Plummer, Claudia Shand, Steve Sumolovic, Alanna Sussex, Sue Tiplady, Shirley Wilkinson, Mark Zirbser, Johnathan Porter.

Apologies for absence: Tom Rogers, James Long

Approval of minutes

The 2023 AGM Minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved.

Proposed: Gillian Barrett, Seconded: Dave Barrett

Club Awards

Awards were presented for the Club Championships Races (Hart Sprint and Eton Dorney). A list of results and award winners is attached.

John Bennison presented The Alan Keith Award to Tom McGhie and the Club Member of the Year award to Charlie Gray.

Head Coaches Report

During the last 12 months focus has been on building the coaching system and finding ways to add value for members including enhancing swim training with video analysis and using six-week targeted training blocks. Coaching has gained momentum, and we also have 7 or 8 youth who have been offered boot camps and have participated enthusiastically in our bike sessions at Blackbushe.

Member's Notable achievements during the year:

Tom McGhie for multiple Iron Man events and Marathons during the year.

Members who have raced as age groupers in Team GB (**Clare Grindrod, Gillian Barrett, Shirley Wilkinson, Ruth Jones, and Jo Wright** who was placed ninth in her age category at the Ironman World championships in Nice.)

Warm congratulations especially to all those members who have completed their first triathlon during the year.

Mark thanked coaching team and welcomed and the new coaches coming on board (Dominic Brooks and Ruth Jones).

Mark is stepping down and Shirley will be taking on the role of Head Coach

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Treasurers Report

The Club accounts are attached.

Club finances are in an improved state compared with last year. We have fewer members since COVID, which is a similar experience to many local sports clubs. Membership fees are used to fund coach qualifications and make up the shortfall in session costs when session fees do not cover venue hire. It was necessary to increase the cost of swim sessions by £1 during the year.

Highlights:

We received £600 from Hart Tri in return for helping run the event.

Facilities cost – Hire cost increase in December every year.

We spent less on coaching costs during the year and consequently we have funds to support more coaching development.

During May-August we run swim sessions at a loss (around £600 this year) because attendance is low; but we make up losses during the rest of the year. We need to encourage members to attend as many swim sessions as they can throughout the year.

Across the summer we also lose money on the bike sessions at Blackbushe Kart Track.

HSBC is slow to respond but Dom is working to ensure that the funds held in NSI can be transferred to our bank account. There was a question from the floor about switching bank accounts, there is no plan to switch at least until the funds can be consolidated.

Chairman's Report (John Bennison)

Thanks to Mark Zirbser who has been Head Coach for couple of years. A Strategic Plan has been created, and an annual training plan for coaches to roll out during the year together with the boot camp for juniors and brick sessions at BlackBushe.

Mark was presented with a gift from the club in recognition of his hard work; record of his Ironman Wales performance to frame and display – this was Mark's 20th Ironman event.

Thanks to Shirley Wilkinson who as Secretary has been an immense help to John Bennison during the year.

Thanks to Dominic Brooks for his help as Treasurer and his tenacity straightening out our finances.

Thanks to Sue Tiplady who as membership secretary also creates the weekly bulletin.

The club is faced with increased charges for the club management platform "ClubSpark, the system is very poorly supported, and we are in the process of choosing an alternative system and moving to that over the next couple of months.

Thanks to Charlie Gray who as Social Secretary has worked tirelessly to organise many educational and social events during the year.

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Thanks to David Barrett who as Kit Manager and been responsible for transferring all the club equipment to a secure space and who has also taken on management of the club bike box.

At this point David introduced the new kit shop using our supplier Apex. This will mean that the club does not have to tie up funds in inventory. Members will be able to order direct from a wider range of triathlon clothing options. Details will be circulated in the weekly bulletin and the kit shop will be available through the club website.

Old kit stock will be sold at 50% of cost and hoodies, running vests and swim caps which come from local suppliers will still be managed by David on a six-week lead time.

Thanks to Alanna Sussex/Etherington for her role of Welfare Officer

Thanks to the coaching team.

Thanks to David Pinkney who rebuilding the website page by page and retrieving archive content from the old website.

Thanks to Nick Timmins and Clare Grindrod who are our Cross Country Captains

Thanks to Janine Roberts who is driving our O/W swimming activities with sea swimming at the weekends, which will continue through the winter.

Thanks to Andy Pickup for liaison with Everyone Active for the Hart Triathlon – bringing £600 into the club. If Hart Tri is repeated Andy has volunteered to take the lead on our club volunteering again next year.

Thanks to Ian Howard MBE who has provided a secure lock up for club equipment and hosted members at Lord Wandsworth's Cross Country, offering parking. He also hosted members for a club barbecue after the Hart Triathlon in May. Ian is offering car parking on his land for members participating in the Cross Country on 15 Dec.

Upcoming events:

Next CC is 24/11 at Alice Holt, we need ladies on the team.

Park Run the 30/11 at Rushmoor.

Curry Night 20th December.

The 2023 Committee stood down.

Election of Executive officers for 2024/5

Chair: John Bennison Proposed: Shirley Wilkinson. Seconded: Charlie Gray

Treasurer: Dom Brooks Proposed: John Bennison. Seconded: Gilian Barrett

Secretary Sue Tiplady Proposed: Shirley Wilkinson Seconded: David Pinkney

Permission has been given by British Triathlon for Sue to undertake the role of Secretary and Membership Secretary until we can find someone to take up one of these roles.

The remainder of the committee were proposed and elected as a group:

Alanna Sussex (Welfare), Charlie Gray (Social Sec), Dave Barrett (Kit Manager) were re-elected.

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The suggestion was made to make more of the Strava Group to engage members.

The suggestion that the committee should consider offering tiered membership to encourage social members.

Funding is available for a 40th Anniversary event – but we need volunteers to organise one.

There was a vote for thanks for John Bennison for his work as Chair.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Farnham Triathlon Club Accounts 2023/24 Year Ending 30th September 2024

Position as at 30th September 2023

Bank	£ 3,416
Savings	£ 3,943
Total Balance	£ 7,359

	FY 2023/24	FY2022/23	VAR
RECEIPTS			
Kit	£ 758	£ 100	£ 658
Session Payments	£ 8,807	£ 8,364	£ 443
Fees for Membership	£ 3,235	£ 3,094	£ 141
Other	£ 600	£ 80	£ 520
Total Receipts	£ 13,400	£ 11,638	£ 1,762
OUTGOINGS			
Facilities	-£ 7,892	-£ 10,051	£ 2,159
Fees (Xcountry)	-£ 100	-£ 685	£ 585
UKA/EA	-£ 521	-£ 150	-£ 371
Affiliations (BTF)	-£ 165	-£ 240	£ 75

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Coaching	-£ 1,325	-£ 730	-£ 595
Social	-£ 320	-£ 497	£ 177
Web	-£ 162	-£ 430	£ 268
Misc costs and charges	-£ 303	£ -	-£ 303
Total Outgoings	-£ 10,788	-£ 12,783	£ 1,995

Net Surplus/Deficit	£ 2,612	-£ 1,145	£ 3,757
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Position as at 30th September 2024

Bank	£ 5,965
Savings	£ 4,006
Total Balance	£ 9,971