

Annual General Meeting:	30 October 2019
Attendees:	Charlie Price; Jim Barrow; Tony Dooley; Neil Thomas (NT); Rachel Hollins; Dave Press; Ian Ainscough (IA); Neil Jenkins; Sue Ellis; Simon Ellis; Sally Napthen; Nicola Perrins; Aaron Riley (AR); Mike Waring; Amy Edwards; Shaun Jackson; Leigh Jenkins; Alison Brennan; Anthony Brennan (AB); Christine Paramour; Sue Hubbard; Grant Carter-Moore; Graham Nellist; Chris Ashley; Jean Ashley; Susie Fourie; James ?; Andy Howarth; Kenny Begley; Nania Mason; Karen Collo; Hannah Rayfield; Emma Sharpe; Denis Duret; Mark Taylor; Mandy Turner; Peter Timson; Susie Wood; Lee Flinders
Apologies:	Iain Wood; Alison Leavens; Nigel Waterhouse; Jacob Waterhouse; Kirsty Seddon; Glyn Howes.

Minutes

1. AB opened the meeting, welcomed those who had attended and thanked them for turning out. Half-term week is not an ideal time for the meeting, but we were limited a little by availability of the rooms. We will look at another venue for 2020, because Hoole CC is not available out of school holidays.
2. AB confirmed the agenda for the evening and thanked those who had submitted the reports e-mailed out before the meeting. AB picked out some of the highlights from the volunteer report, which had arrived after the e-mail was sent out.
3. The club had put on 11 events last year. 320 volunteers filled 600 roles across those events, which is an incredible response. As always, we can always do with more volunteers, particularly for the Deva. AB acknowledged that those who had come to the AGM were the people who did volunteer and we need to encourage that involvement across the club.
4. IA presented the financial information and reports. IA caveated the report that it wasn't quite year end and he did not have the final figures for October 2019. IA highlighted that October's race entries and a number of City Baths invoices were outstanding at the moment.
5. Cash at year end will be approximately £21,400. This day-2-day account will be about £6,000 down on the previous year end, but still leaves the club in a health position financially.

6. IA explained that the priority for that last year has been to move the club into a position where it is less reliant on the Deva making a profit. The Dee Mile, Christleton 5k and aquathon series all increased their profits for the year. The Deva account appears down, but that included a £10k transfer into club funds and a £4k charitable donation for AEDs on event bikes.
7. The total assets for the club was likely to end the year at approximately £90 – 92,000. An improvement in the financial position of c. £3k over the year.
8. **IA recommended that the membership fee should be maintained at £25 for the year. This was passed on a show of hands.**
9. Chris Ashley asked about the value of kit and equipment in the accounts. The kit is club racing and training kit that is accounted for at the purchase price, the kit is sold at cost. There is still a reasonable holding of stock because of the investment a few years earlier to hold more.
10. Amy Edwards explained that when the stock was purchased, they were bought across all sizes. In some items, we hold a lot of stock in very small sizes. There are some gaps in sizes that need to be filled. The kit team are meeting in the near future to decide on the approach. There will be a window to order sleeved suits in 2020 if there is demand. The feedback on the previous order has been excellent.
11. Chris Ashley asked about the equipment figure and whether it should be depreciated. IA explained that the figure is a guideline and hasn't been changed over the years as equipment has been bought or removed. It was pointed out that since we aren't dealing with the tax implications, there is no need, nor benefit, in depreciating the stock value. The key figure is the cash line.
12. Dave Press asked about the difference in figures between the accounts and the Deva race report. IA explained there were two issues at play. The first was the £10k movement into club accounts and the £4k donation. The second is that the club's financial year doesn't align with the race dates. For example, the Deva entries before November 2018 for the race 2019 are accounted for in the 2017/18 accounts. The races view their income by the race calendar. October race entries for our 2020 race will be included in this financial year when the statement is received.
13. Emma Sharpe asked about the investment of funds that had been discussed previously. NT confirmed that he had volunteers from the club to help look at this and would continue next year.

14. Andy Howarth asked whether there was sufficient investment in the juniors as they generated a profit. Nania confirmed that they had received funding for equipment, including wetsuits, and sessions with Jenny Meadows in the last year. IA confirmed that each section of the club can make a bid for support at any time.
15. NT invited anyone with ideas for development of either the club or triathlon locally to send through their ideas to the Management Committee.
16. The attendees the voted, by a show of hands, the members of the Management Committee for 2020. The votes all passed as a majority:
 - a. Neil Thomas elected as Club Captain;
 - b. Leigh Jenkins elected as Vice-Captain;
 - c. Christine Paramour elected as Communications Officer;
 - d. Mark Taylor elected as Volunteer Co-ordinator; and
 - e. Aaron Riley, Ian Ainscough and Anthony Brennan re-elected to their positions.
17. AB confirmed that there had not been any proposals to amend the rules or constitution, that dealt with the formalities of the evening.
18. NT apologized for his oversight at the EOSP and thanked Christine for her efforts on the evening. He also thanked Leigh for her last 3 years on the committee in the Comms role. NT thanked Charlie for the significant time he has committed to welfare matters over the last year.
19. Christine and Mark were welcomed to the Committee and it was confirmed that Rachel Hollins would be joining Dave Press as a Bike Lead.
20. NT highlighted some key points for the year ahead. There is a clear commitment to making the swim program as strong as possible. Feedback is important to ensuring that we are delivering as much as possible.
21. There is a continued focus on member welfare. This is something that the committee has spent more time on than anything else over the last year. We will continue to work on that and all members have an individual responsibility to contribute to that.
22. We will look at a more flexible membership approach and hope to be able to provide a membership card.
23. Jess Archer-Clowes will be stepping away from the Social role and Mark has moved to the Management Committee. If there is anyone who would like to support Emma, please let us know.

24. Susie Fourie asked whether the Monday morning swims were permanently gone. AR confirmed that the cost of the swim on Monday meant that it wasn't practical based on the attendance. Andy H explained that there may be an option to pay up-front and have a session on Monday, but that isn't confirmed yet.
25. Amy E asked whether fewer people were swimming this year than last. Andy H confirmed that the numbers were similar to last year. Leigh J reviews the figures every month with AR and there has been little change over the last couple of years. Andy H confirmed that we may look at the number of sessions during the summer when attendance does drop off.
26. Chris A asked whether the yoga would return this year. AR confirmed that there wasn't enough interest to cover the cost. It wasn't possible to do it on another evening.
27. There was a broad discussion about the introduction of coaches. NT explained that the feedback had been that members wanted a presence pool-side. This has been achieved with the paid coaches, but we need to ensure that the approach works. AR has spoken to Chris Pugh and they have started to work with CSS and technique is being put back in to the swims. Chris is looking at a weekday evening to have a session for any members to come along and talk to him about the approach etc.
28. AR explained that we currently have 12 active coaches and put on 12 sessions a week. Technique really needs to have at least 2 coaches and we just don't have the numbers to have coached sessions without support.

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