

WORCESTER TRIATHLON CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held at University of Worcester on  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2008

1. **Present** – LesBailey (chair), Carole Caligari, Jim Chalmers, Simeon Chapman, Mark Corbett, Mark Elliot, Tracey Hall, Kevin May, Duncan Jenkins, Stephan Pearce (BTF), Ros Townsend-Hope, Nick Turner, Rachel Ward, Russell Willis, Gavin Vickers
2. **Apologies** – Dave King, Gail Flanagan, Nick Yarworth, Phil Parsons, Kim Bray, Olly Davey.
3. **Minutes** of AGM held on 12 November 2007 – Accepted as accurate record.
4. **Chairman's report**

Les announced a landmark for the club – 2009 is our 20<sup>th</sup> year. Les thanked committee for 2008 for all their hard work and in particular Kim Bray who is retiring as secretary. The committee met 9 times in year with good attendance

**Races** - The club held 5 races during year and all were successful. There was no aquathlon due to a boiler problem at New College, but this year this event will go ahead. There was an increase in entries for the duathlon with reasonable weather!! The children's race went well, again with increased numbers and this will be part of Midlands series for next year. The 'Spring' Triathlon at Top Barn was a new venture this year, with an open water swim and 2 distances. It was very successful and a hard race due to wind. The Droitwich Triathlon was a big success despite some issues with marshals. Les thanked all race directors and other helpers and volunteers.

**Summer social event** – The handicap club race went well and the BBQ was great success.

**Banana Man** – The club entered 4 or 5 teams in this event at Eton. This was great fun and our gazebos and banners raised club profile.

**Turbo sessions** – These have now restarted under the lead of Mark Corbett. We need more WTC members to attend.

**Webmaster** - Dave King has retired and Mark Corbett has taken over. This is going well and the site looks good as is updated regularly.

**Honorary membership** - Dave King has been given honorary membership of the club for all the hard work he has done over the years. Dave wrote to the to say he was gobsmacked and highly elated. Many thanks Dave.

**Race sponsorship** – This year's events have received generous support from Echelon, Try-Bike and Runaround.

**Newsletters** – Several have been produced this year thanks to Tracey.

**Club kit** - has been organised this year by Spuik also available from Echelon. Can be tried on and then logo ordered.

**Honeys and Hunks** – Some of the more photogenic members of the club took part in photo-shoot for St Richard's hospice calendar Les encouraged people to buy them for £3.50 – or better still £5 each.

**Club development** – Les concluded by stating that he is pleased that at the time of his retirement from chairman that the club continues to expand. Furthermore, there are exciting developments with Top Barn to be used as a head quarters at weekends and evenings. The club is keen to get a junior section working effectively in some shape or form as soon as possible including dedicated coaching. More announcements to be made in the next few months.

5. **Treasurer's report** - A financial report and statement was circulated. Jim thanked Dave King, Ros and others for helping with cash and paying in records and recording. Kevin May has set up a link with Entry Central which helps handling money.

**<Financial information removed for publication, available to members on request>**

There was a greater income as race fees and a less than proportional increase in spend. Swim fees paid to New College have reduced due to the pool being closed, but also there have been fewer swimmers so less income. There are still some invoices expected from New College at a set rate rather than what generate through swimmers. There has been a reduction in spend on kit because it is no longer subsidised and a reduction in coaching fees and 'sundries.' Now we have returned to position of strength Jim suggested we consider how we allocate fund and recommended the need to consult with members. Jim stated he is now familiar with money flows, peaks and troughs. He did however, urge caution with respect to the economic climate.

Finally Jim thanked on behalf of the club, Phil Parsons and Sarah Bradshaw of Clement Rabjohns for their continuing support with account review and audit.

6. **Election of committee**

- i. **Chairperson** – Carole Caligari proposed by Les Bailey, Seconded by Simeon Chapman.
- ii. **Vice Chair** – Agreed to be left open at present time
- iii. **Secretary** – Duncan Jenkins proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Rachel Ward.
- iv. **Treasurer** – Jim Chalmers proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Kevin May.
- v. **Publicity officer** – Les Bailey resigning. It was agreed to review this post further. Rachel Ward suggested that her husband (a sports journalist) may be able to fill this role and agreed to discuss further.

- vi. **Membership secretary** – Simeon Chapman proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Ros Townsend-Hope. (Phil Parsons happy to continue to support the maintenance of membership database).
- vii. **Events manager** – Les Bailey proposed by Tracey Hall, seconded by Carole Caligari.
- viii. **Race directors** –
  - Aquathlon 2009 Paul Slaymaker
  - Duathlon – Les Bailey shadowed by Gavin Vickers
  - Worcester Top Barn - Simeon Chapman shadowed by Gavin Vickers.
  - Childrens duathlon – Les Bailey, supported by Tracey Hall.
  - Droitwich Triathlon – Mark Elliot, supported by Nick Turner.
  - Marshall co-ordinator – Duncan Jubb supported by Nick Turner.
  - Team manager – Phil Parsons
- ix. **Welfare officer** – Rachel proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Carole Caligari.
- x. **Newsletter officer** – Some discussion on whether post still needed. It was agreed that something on paper still required at Top Barn and Echelon. Post to continue, but some discussion as to how we go forward at next committee meeting. Tracey Hall proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Neil Wicks.
- xi. **Club kit officer** – Ros Townsend-Hope proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Jim Chalmers.
- xii. **Social secretary** – Neil Wicks proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Kevin May.
- xiii. **Webmaster** – Mark Corbett prop by Les Bailey, seconded by Gavin Vickers.
- xiv. **Co-opted committee member** - Russell Willis proposed by Les Bailey, seconded by Kevin May

## 7. **Constitution updates**

Although it was agreed that the constitution is in need of a review, it was agreed that the committee would review in next few weeks and any urgent changes to be made via an EGM.

## 8. **Club sponsorship**

The club does not have a main sponsor and no changes are imminent. There was some discussion around the pros and cons of arrangements with sponsors. It was suggested that the concept of a sponsors 'prospectus' to be discussed at next committee. Sponsorship of people – for example GB age group team – to be discussed further by committee. In the past this had been provided on a sliding scale based on years of membership. It was suggested that DJ add this question to the membership survey.

## 9. **Club races**

Aquathlon – 4/1/09 New College

Duathlon – 15/3/09 Peopleton  
Childrens Duathlon –31/5/09 University of Worcester  
Worcester Top Barn Triathlon – 28/6/09.  
Droitwich Triathlon – 2/8/09

**10. Social events**

Neil Wicks open to suggestions. Dinner and presentation is the next event to be arranged.

**11. Any other business**

Nick Turner suggested 'Sundries' on finance report to be expanded given that 2<sup>nd</sup> highest spend. JC agreed to break down further.

Russell Willis asked if race fees should stay the same given economic climate? To be discussed further but agreed better to keep below £30.

Mark Corbett suggested need to talk about subs for next year at next committee meeting.

Russell Willis suggested another social at TB early summer as good way of supporting family. It was agreed this was a good idea.

Gavin Vickers – interest in coaching courses as per old website – Les directed to Stephan Pearce from BTF.

Gavin – higher profile at events such as Peddle in Park – better promotion of club and events, car stickers etc. Committee to discuss.

**12. Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 7pm. Venue tbc.