



East Essex Triathlon Club

Minutes of the AGM held on the Friday the 26th January, 2024

In attendance:-

Ian George, Jack Martin, Paul Gribbon, Richard Fuller, Sue Fuller, Chris Muers, Ben Brooks, Jo Phelps, Charlotte Brooks, Kieth Muggleton, Bill Smith, Liz Payne, Jenny Harley, Peter Harley and Laura Mason.

Apologies received from:-

Janet Burrows, Zena Shean, Mike Shean, Stuart Oldham, Trevor Hand, Jordan Kemp, Denise Kemp, Matt Kane, Mike Grout, Deborah Hall, Gemma Kemp, Matthew Dodd, Scott Youngson, Camilla Wilkes and Teresa Jane Flannigan.

Matters arising from the 2023 AGM

There were no matters arising from AGM held in 2023.

Chairman's Report 2024

Firstly, Ian thanked everyone for coming along this evening and to all our members for their continued support in 2023.

Ian commented that 2023 had followed a similar pattern to 2022 with many events in general still struggling to attract enough entrants.

Unfortunately, participation in triathlon has been in steady decline since the heights of the London Olympics in 2012. This is due to several different reasons, but cost must be a significant factor.

As a Club East Essex has always tried to make the sport of triathlon accessible to everyone not just from the diverse nature of our membership, but I also think it is important to keep cost of our events as low as possible even when the cost of hiring some of the venues is ever increasing.

Nevertheless, all our events still had a good turnout in 2023 and they still represented a significant revenue stream for the club. Entries are slowly coming in for our events in 2024 so let's hope these will fill up as much as possible.

Membership is slightly down at the end of 2023 compared to 2022 as we had around 200 members at the end of 2022 compared to around 180 at the end of 2023 but it is good to see that we are still attracting new members.

A big thank you to Ben for coming on to the committee only recently and for taking over from Jack as Club captain. Ben (and Charlotte) have already come up with some great ideas to try and help attract new Members in 2024.

Thanks also to Camilla for taking on the role of membership secretary for the last few years and also to Scott for agreeing to take on the Club Secretary role last year but unfortunately both have stepped down for different reasons in 2023.

It will be nice to see Mike Grout back on the committee in 2024 as he has kindly agreed to take over the membership role.

As Paul will shortly allude to, 2023 has been a difficult year and we had to make some tough decisions in the spring to keep the Club on a sound financial footing.

A big thank you to Jack's for taking on the role as Club Captain for the past 5 years or so and for all the work he has done for the Club in this time.

Ian also took the opportunity to thank all our committee members, coaches, and volunteers especially Paul for all his efforts in providing fantastic financial insight.

Club Captain's Report

Jack commented that 2023 had been another successful year within the club especially following mass participation at Outlaw Holkham with nearly 50 in attendance. Also the league was closely contested and all events held by the club running as smoothly as ever.

After 5 years as captain Jack felt it is time to move onto new hands who can bring a new lease of life to the role.

Jack thanked all the committee members for the support over my time as captain and special thanks to every member for getting involved and digging deep at every race.

Treasurer's Report

Paul gave a summary of the finances based on the accounts for 2023.

Election of the 2024 Committee

<u>Role</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>1st Proposer</u>	<u>2nd Proposer</u>
Chairman	Ian George	Sue Fuller	Jack Martin
Secretary	Ian George	Sue Fuller	Jack Martin
Treasurer	Paul Gribbon	Ian George	Sue Fuller

Club Captain	Ben Brooks/Charlotte Brooks	Ian George	Chris Muers
Welfare Officer	Toby Knight	Sue Fuller	Paul Gribbon
Junior Manager	Liz Payne	Richard Fuller	Ian George
Membership Secretary	Mike Grout	Ian George	Sue Fuller
Press Secretary	Matthew Dodd	Jo Phelps	Jack Martin
Social Secretary	Laura Mason	Richard Fuller	Jenny Harley
Kit Manager	Gemma Kemp	Jenny Harley	Richard Fuller
Race Director (Aquathlon)	Ian George	Ben Brooks	Jenny Harley
Entry Co-ordinator (Aquathlon)	Jenny Harley	Ian George	Jack Martin
Race Director (Kids Triathlon)	Ian George	Jenny Harley	Paul Gribbon
Entry Co-ordinator (Kids Triathlon)	Jenny Harley	Ian George	Sue Fuller
Race Director (Grays)	Michael Shean	Richard Fuller	Jenny Harley
Entry Co-ordinator (Grays)	Jenny Harley	Ian George	Chris Muers
Cross Country Coordinator - Sunday	Jenny Harley	Jo Phelps	Jack Martin
Youth League Administrator	Jenny Harley	Ben Brooks	Paul Gribbon
Tri Star League Administrator	Jenny Harley	Paul Gribbon	Richard Fuller
Adult League Administrator	Sue Fuller	Ian George	Chris Muers
Other Committee Member	Jack Martin	Ian George	Chris Muers
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