

Minutes Portsmouth Triathletes Annual General Meeting 25 November 2022 at Blue Lagoon, Hilsea

Present: Over 50 members in attendance including Officers of the Club and Committee Members.

Apologies: Penny Meeking, Debbie and Bob Pentland, Sarah Douglas, Neil and Carol Tolfrey, Nigel and Linda Selley.

AGM deemed to be quorate by the Secretary in accordance with the club constitution.

1. Minutes & matters arising AGM 2020 (held April 2021)

The Minutes of the 2021 AGM were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising

2. Reports from Club Officers and Committee Members

Chairman report

Alex thanked the committee members for their continued support and work over the past year. He also gave recognition to the coaches and their dedication in continuing to provide services. Alex took time to note the many roles Kevin covered and thanked him for his efforts.

Alex noted he had continued for the past year in the absence of a successor but was now pleased to be handing over to new people. Since taking on the role of the Chair he has been pleased to see the club awarded Regional Club of the year.

Finally, Alex took the time to thank each officer individually before stepping down ahead of a new committee being voted in.

Vice Chair

James echoed Alex's thanks to the committee for their work over the past year.

Treasurers

The Treasurer provided a written report to be read at the AGM.



Portsmouth
Triathletes 2022 AGM

Secretary

This year has been a busy year with 6 meetings held through the year.

All Affiliations are up to date and include

- British Triathlon Federation
- England Athletics – 16 individual club members. Need 10 for a London Marathon place so expect to hear soon and run the ballot
- Cycle Time Trials – Southern region
- Southern Cross Country League – next race is 27th November

The Committee has remained stable over past year but several people stepping down this year and opening up opportunities for others.

As well as Secretary duties Sandy reported working with other committee members looking at new IT options for the club, collating swim payments and covering pool side duties twice month.

Welfare, Safeguarding & Covid Officer

Kevin holds all three roles for the committee, reporting there had been no incidents this year. All relevant documents are available on the website, and he continues to enjoy working on the newsletter and welcomes race reports from members.

Kevin has also stepped forward to help with the Winter cross country session, recording runners finishing positions.

Membership Secretary

Sarah provided a written statement for the AGM.

The last two years have seen our membership fluctuate a little, but we are now seeing our numbers stabilise. A number of people have returned to join us, and numbers have returned to pre pandemic level.

Membership numbers are as follows:

Individual members 271

Family memberships 131

The club is currently using LoveAdmin for our membership database and payment of subs. The organisation who run the site have been struggling with the upscale in demand and as a result, we haven't seen great service from them. I have been struggling to get responses on how to get the system to work for our club needs. The committee are reviewing a number of alternative options which will provide a better administration platform, but also a better front facing platform for our members. It will allow the club a better interaction with its members and hopefully also facilitate things like online booking and a virtual rota for beach hut volunteers to sign up to. So watch this space!

Communications Co-ordinator

Kim outlined the split of roles in the past few years, separating out the newsletter, covered by Kevin, social media, which has been covered by all committee members and website, which she has been looking after.

The website was updated last year and will support the activities of the club, but the work by the group looking at IT options could also bring about a new App and website.

Coaching and Training Co-ordinator

Lesley started by providing updates on the variety of activities offered by coaches.

Swimming sessions continue at the two Horizon sites. This takes a lot of work to make sure they happen. Lifeguards are renewing their qualifications in December which allows the sessions to continue.

- Wednesday evening sessions follow an annual plan and often attract new members to the club. This month there were 5 new swimmers, all looking to join the club.
- Morning sessions are coach led and also follow an annual plan. Some sessions are limited to 10 swimmers to meet Horizon's lifeguard requirements.
- Over the last 2 months numbers have dropped off for morning swims but increased again this week. Numbers do need to increase to warrant paying out for lifeguard training.

Winter sessions

There are a number of winter training sessions

- Strength and Core (S&C) session offered over Zoom on a Monday, provided by Lesley
- Spin by Zoom is offered on a Tuesday, led by Jo Lovell and
- QE hill running is available on Saturday mornings, led by Suzanne.

Coaches

Suzanne has recently qualified as a level 2 coach and joins the small group of coaches supporting the club. Anyone interested in pursuing coaching qualifications should speak to Lesley. Support is considered on a case-by-case basis, but usually has financial support from the club with an agreement the coach would provide a period of coached sessions once qualified.

Members can also train to become technical officers for British Triathlon, again, anyone interested to speak to Lesley.

Turbos for hire

Lesley reminded members that the club has a few basic turbo's available for hire and very low rates.

Triathlon Development Co-ordinator

Southern Cross Country League (SCCL)

Steve continues to captain the team for the SCCL events, which have already started for this winter. After the first event the club holds joint 2nd position, a good start and builds on last year's successful 3rd place finish for the season. The club needs a minimum of 4 male and 4 female runners, but all runners count and impact on other clubs scores, depending on who they beat over the line. The only requirement is to wear a club t-shirt.

Club Backed events 2023

Already in scope are Ironman Copenhagen (August) and the Long Course Weekend (July). The new Triathlon Development Officer is likely to be looking for an event early in the seasons offering multiple distances, both as a more open for newer club members wanting a shorter distance but also part of the build up to the bigger events later in the year.

New IT App

Steve outlined the work of the group comprising Sarah, Sandy, Kim, Lesley and himself over the past 6 months looking at a range of IT options to better support the work of the club and the committee. The group have shortlisted two options with one being a front runner and in the testing stage. Further announcements to follow and some members may be asked to trial the new App.

British Triathlon Federation

Steve has now stepped forward to take on the chair of the SE Regional forum. This provides him with updates from the English and South Central forums. Steve noted the interest in developing younger people to join triathlons, something he is keen to see developed as part of Portsmouth Triathletes as well.

Social Secretary- - no officer in post to provide a report

Events Manager - no officer in post to provide a report

Membership Fees

The Treasurer confirmed the annual membership fees will remain the same for the coming year at £22 for individuals and £27 for family.

Election of Club Officers and Committee Members

Following the necessary nomination process the following members were duly elected to serve on the Club Committee to November 2023

	Candidate(s)	Nominated	Seconded
Chairman	Steve Bullock	Alex Higgins	Sandy Jerrim
Vice Chairman	Penny Meeking	Sam Collins	Ross Partridge
Secretary	Sandy Jerrim	Alex Higgins	Ian Cambridge
Treasurer	Andy Elder	Greg Duncan	Anthony Johns
Welfare /Safeguarding/Covid Officer	Kevin McTaggart	Lesley Quiney	Fran Marshman

Membership Secretary	Mark Rawlings	Penny Meeking	Will Martin
Communications Co-ordinator	Gabriella Burden	Sam Collins	Tim Adams
Social Secretary	Amy Meredith	Sam Collins	Penny Meeking
Triathlon Development Officer Co-ordinator	Michael Felton	Steve Bullock	Helen Hartley
Coaching and Swimming Training Co-ordinator	Lesley Quiney	Jo Lovell	Kevin McTaggat
Events Manager	Kiernan Easton	Elliott Webber	Kirsty Kennedy
Junior Section Co-ordinator			

With no further business the meeting was closed.