



Brecon Triathlon Club

**AGM held at the The Bank
Sunday, February 18th 2018
7.30pm**

Annual General Meeting 2018

Minutes

1) Apologies

20 Club members attended

Apologies received from Chris O'Brien, Karl & Martine Wills, Dale Williams, Dai Howells, Rachel Wallbank,

2) AGM minutes 2017

Accuracy agreed. Future minutes to be published on the website.

No matters arising.

3) Chair's Report – Catherine Etchell

A very full year. Good diversity of events from full iron distance to ice swimming.

Training recap – Wheelers on Sunday, Swimming on Friday and running on a Thursday. Last year we had an extra term of swimming in the summer – this year informal open water swimming at the Usk seems likely. Swimming at Forest Fields is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starts again in May – Richard will notify on the website. Brecon promenade is also available. The coaching session delivered by Chris Ray last year was noted to be very beneficial.

Our Sprint Triathlon – Catherine asked if all could support this event. Maximum help was needed as there will be course changes this year due to the building of the new school.

4) Treasurer's Report – Kate Hovers

Accounts were tabled.

Draft accounts – £360 unaccounted for which needs to be rechecked

Income – not able to itemise membership here at The Bank due to lack of internet facility.

Spent marginally less than come in – subsidised swimming/kit/training weekend.

Got a good reserve but we spend everything we make. Triathlon makes the money that subsidises what is spent throughout the year. Triathlon made a bigger profit this year. £30 left to come out from this profit. Entry fee had gone up a bit for the triathlon this year, stayed the same last year. Expenses discussed: T-shirts add on £1100.00 in cost. mugs are not cheap to purchase. T-shirts nice for novices.

Closing balance is £800 higher than last year, still got £5000 reserve. Pretty similar to last few years cost.

Summary – healthy account and not much change.

Kate announced she was stepping down as treasurer. Kate was thanked by the club for her input

5) Secretary's Report – Richard Walters

Club membership currently stands at 58. There appears to be an annual drop off of 10 - 15 members each year, balanced out by new members (often attracted by the swim coaching).

Projected stable club membership continues at around 50 - 60

Membership fee is £10. No change for 2018. All members present agreed.

Strava club continues to grow with over 50 members.

Swim caps purchased this year and sent out to all new members with their membership card. Also, a welcome pack has been written for new members too.

Communication with club members is an issue. We tend to use Facebook but not all use this. Email is still mainstay of good communications. It might be a good idea to set up a WhatsApp group for activities.

We have set up a members only Facebook group to facilitate managing the club and sprint triathlon.

We continue to affiliate to Welsh Athletics. Members can join WA through the club – fee £17.50. We need 10 members to do this each year to meet affiliation requirements.

Applications to me in march please.

Brecon Athletics Donation: £200. For this, Triathlon Club members would be entitled to free coaching at the Thursday night track sessions with use of track lights. Production of your membership card may be required. Ania Ciolek will liaise with Brecon Athletics and ensure good relations continue. Ania has also kindly agreed to be Club contact for members seeking advice on the track training sessions.

6) Election of Committee

The following Club officials were elected for 2018:

Chair - Catherine Etchell, Secretary - Richard Walters, Treasurer – Stewart Webb
Committee - Aled Edwards, Sarah Jane Hughes

7) Constitution Changes

No changes were made to the constitution of Brecon Triathlon Club.

8) AOB

Congratulations to Aled Edwards – named Outstanding Club Member 2017.

Any events for the future? sea swimming, kayak.

Lots of kits that does not get used – have a table sale? Swap and sell your kit. Along with a social – barbecue??

Iron men – question and answer session.

Have a diary on Facebook where you can check who is doing what events.

Technology session. Learn how to use the kit. Especially useful to new members. Strava session/nutrition session for future meetings.

Social session every six weeks, have a club night. Bike and run – someone needs to lead and organise this. Different volunteers.

First meeting re iron man Wales – a date moving forward was suggested? 25th March.

*Richard Walters 26/4/18
Club Secretary*