

Minutes of Eastern Region Triathlon England Annual General Meeting  
The Lord Butler Centre, Saffron Walden, Essex 2008

Wednesday October 1 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Paul Dutton – FVS Tri (Chair)(PD)  
Ceri Winter (Regional Development Manager (RDM)) (CW)  
Simon Perkins – Tri-Force (Secretary) (SP)  
Simon Edwards – Tri-A-Sport (Treasurer) (SE)  
Richard Fuller – East Essex Tri (RF)  
Keith Perry – FVS Tri (TE Rep) (KP)  
Moira Burgham – Cambridge Tri  
Geraldine Howard – Tri Sport Epping  
Elizabeth Ross – Tri Sport Epping  
Phil Elms – Dunmow Tri  
Peter Winfield – Bishops Stortford Running  
Wendy Staines – Discovery Tri  
Tim Swallow – Discovery Tri  
Matt Hinton (MH)– Walden Tri  
Teresa Harman (TH) – Born 2 Tri  
Mark Harman – Born 2 Tri

Meeting start: 19:35 hr.

1	<u>Apologies:</u> David Brown – Herts Development Officer. Jodie McCallum – Regional Development Coach, Norfolk. Simon Hemmington – Hemel Hempstead
2	<u>Minutes of October 2007 AGM:</u>  1.Accuracy agreed. 2.No matters arising from minutes.
3	<u>Chairman's Report:</u> PD reported that in 2008 the committee had been strongly represented, with Tim Williams co-opted who had given regular updates on the Regional Academy. Ceri Winter had continued to give tremendous support to the committee. The region had moved forward by publishing it's meeting minutes and all regional events on it's website <a href="http://www.triathlonenglandeast.org">www.triathlonenglandeast.org</a> The committee had improved how it bided for the annual budget allocated by Triathlon England and thanks to RF, had gained the 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest allocation of funds in the country. Funding had also been allocated from sports partnerships. PD thanked SE, John Gabriel & Dave Parry for their work with the Junior squad at

the IRC's who had taken the Region to a successful 3<sup>rd</sup> placing overall. In 2009 PD had hoped to see further plans for funding, and hoped to improve knowledge to members of the region's activities.

- 4 Treasurer's Report-Presentation of Accounts:  
SE presented the Accounts for year ending 30 September 2008:
- Balance brought forward from 2007 £2,933.82
  - Total Income £20,450.28
  - Total expenses £13,600.38
  - Profit for the year £6,849.90
  - Total balance cfwd to 2007 £9,783.72
  - Balance on ring fenced budgets £7,509.05
  - Net loss of regional activity for year -£659.15
  - Balance cfwd for regional activity to 2009 £2,274.67

British Triathlon income £9,400 included £2,000 for the Academy. Grants for coach & Development Officers. The region is now operating it's own coaching courses.

CW added there will be another £2,000 ring fenced for the Herts development officer.

PD proposed account approval. WS seconded approval.

PD thanked SE for all his work as treasurer.

- 5 RDM's report:  
CW reported that the Eastern region had achieved a great deal in 2008. The substantial funding for the Herts Development post, held by David Brown (DB), had released CW to spend time in other areas. It was intended DB's work would develop further funding for the region. Other new members in the region that had taken up coaching posts were Jodie McCallum and Geraldine Howard. Workforce development funding had been implemented for the coach education courses. If needed, individual clubs should apply for the bursaries.

The first Regional Schools Aquathlon took place in May at Saffron Walden. 105 children took part. Thanks to John Gabriel for organising the day. 'Sports unlimited' funding had been provided for work in schools.

The Level 1 & 2 coach education courses were now regionalised. However Level 3 would still be organised by BT head office. A first Level course had taken place, but the Level 2 course had to be cancelled due to lack of demand. Further courses have been planned for January to March 2009.

RF reported that the Adult race series was now finalised. The final race for the children's league had taken place in Norwich, and would be finalised on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. In 2009 it was proposed that any race may be included in the region, 3 out of 5 main selected races must be competed. To avoid difficult clashes, the dates for the individual events need to be sent to RF to publish on the website before finalised with TE.

CW thanked RF for his work on the leagues this year, and reminded all that RF won both the regional & National Volunteer's award.

The Juniors Talent Academy:

Had been running since January 2008. There were 14 members. There had been 16 meetings so far and several locations have been used. Presently the region was taking further applications for 2009.

The Kids of Steel:

This had taken place in May for the second year. It had been directed to any child to 'come & have a go' at Triathlon. The Corus sponsorship contract was now up for renewal, which CW hoped would be renewed.

In 2009 the focus would be on the Schools Aquathlon but CW hoped there would also be a series of Junior and Adult training days.

MH asked "what is the region's strategy for communicating updates?" CW pointed out that the Region used Tri-News, the Regional website and emails to Club Chairmen/Secretaries. RF asked for all present to encourage other members to register on the website to receive updates.

WS asked "What age do the Juniors have to be for the Academy?" CW said that at the moment it was limited to Youth/Junior, but the region intended to start a Tristar 2/3 Academy to feed the Youth Academy. Graham Hart had volunteered to run this. WS offered her help.

PD said the committee was considering the idea of an interclub regional event in 2009. Members present were very supportive of this idea. WS suggested Gosfield as a venue. RF suggested a sub committee to take this forward.

6 New Constitution:

PD reported that TE had had a sub committee to put forward a new constitution for the regions. The eastern regional committee had made a few changes, which was allowed by TE, but must be reported back. The proposed changes were:

- minor wording in Section 4,
- Section 5: The quorum requirement a minimum of 3 members of the committee. Section 8 to keep the region's financial year running from 1<sup>st</sup> October rather than changing it to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

KP questioned this saying it might disadvantage the region, highlighting that Triathlon England's financial year started on 1<sup>st</sup> April. A discussion then followed. KP stepped out of the meeting to make phone calls to BT board members to clarify the TE position. The chair of TE clarified that the region were at liberty to change the constitution if desired.

PD suggested the AGM approve the constitution subject to clarification of the dates. PD asked for proposes for the new constitution.

SE Proposed. WS seconded.

All agreed the new constitution.

7 Election of Officers:

Proposed and elected:

**Chairman:** Paul Dutton  
**Secretary:** Simon Perkins  
**Triathlon England representative:** Keith Perry

**Treasurer:** There were no proposals and this position remains open.

Others elected for the committee:

Richard Fuller  
Mike Porter  
Wendy Staines  
Phil Elms  
Elizabeth Ross

and coopted:  
Tim Williams

PD asked all present at the meeting to try to find somebody who might be interested to take over the Treasurer's position.

SE agreed to continue in the position for 4 weeks.

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AOB:

- RF highlighted that Eastern region Polo shirts available for club representatives to the region.
- KP presented the TE membership review.
- TH asked whether REPS points could be awarded to those on the Coach courses. CW to investigate.
- WS asked whether individual clubs might have individual links to the region's website. RF is happy to add any club that needs a web presence.

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PD closed the meeting at 21:27 hrs.  
PD thanked those present for attending.