

Minutes of the AGM of the Manawatu Triathlon Club

Sunday 17th August 2014 at Linton Army Camp

Present: John Brenkley, Jenness Fulton, Malcolm Brown, Christene Brown, Sally Rassmussen, Ann Bould, Catriona Pirie, Tom Pirie, Janetta Matthews, Christine Matthews, Matthew Schipper, Lee-Anne Hannan, Peter Turner, Geoff Bendall, Jack McKenzie, Karen Higgie, Jo Speary, Simon Brownie, Jo Coxon, Marc Freeman, Chris Sanson, Libby Gray, Dave Scott, Gaye Scott, Braidan Hannan, Andy Martin, Lenka Martinova, Tracey Phillips, Ashley Phillips, Gary Leader, Nina Booth, Angela Rainham (Sport Manawatu), Campbell MacNeill (Sport Manawatu), Kiri Symonds, Fliss Jackson, Kylie Mulcahy, Grant Spiers, Murray Rassmussen, Narf Taru, AJ Cornwall, Kelly Carter, Wendy Brenkley, Murray Matthews, Brian Warren.

Apologies: Jess Shelgren, Barrie Eccles, Gilbert Cole

Meeting declared open at 11:00 am

Minutes of 2013 AGM:

Minutes of previous meeting dated 1st September 2013 circulated.

Moved that they be accepted as a true and current record

John Brenkley/seconded Wendy Brenkley - carried

Matters arising:

1: Acknowledgement of Grant Spiers as acting president for 2013-14 season when nobody stepped up to role after 2013 AGM

2: Question over whether outgoing committee can award life membership or if they recommend it and members vote at AGM. Motion put forward by Andy Martin/seconded Grant Spiers that life membership is deferred to the new committee to decide on and to come up with criteria for awarding life membership. 12 for, 19 against, motion failed.

3: Grant Spiers stated his proposal to put aside \$10,000 for training not mentioned in the minutes from last AGM. Pointed out that he didn't bring it up at AGM but rather at a committee meeting after he became acting president.

4: TBI Health requirement for membership cards noted in 2013 minutes. Question over whether we have membership cards. Noted that membership cards no longer issued but that TBI Health happy to accept members without seeing a membership card.

Life membership: Malcolm Brown awarded life membership by John Brenkley on the recommendation of the outgoing committee

President's report 2014

John read out his report

1 Welcome to 2014 AGM

Thanks to Linton Army for allowing us to use their facilities

First I would like to clarify how I became interim president. An "In Committee" meeting was held in April and following that meeting the president and vice president resigned from the MTC committee. I must reinforce that the decision to resign was entirely theirs and there was no suggestion of any wrong doing. On

behalf of the committee I would like to acknowledge their efforts on the committee up to that point.

I was asked to become the interim president until the 2014 AGM. The focus of my time as interim president has been to continue the work that has already been set in place by the committee and run the remaining duathlon events as seamlessly as possible. I believe that has happened and I would like to thank the remaining committee members for their efforts on the committee over the last 4 months.

2 Sponsorship

Manawatu Toyota,
Crank it and Specialized
TBI Health
JVL Prestige - Now Baileys
Vautier Pharmacy
Duathlon series sponsor Sigma
Cross Country Rentals
Central Bike Studios
Higgins for allowing the club to store the trailer at their depot

3 Club Representatives

Jaimee Leader - representing NZ in the Under 19's Elite Triathlon Champs in Canada at the end of month.

A number of people from the club are competing in Age Group races in Canada

Elizabeth Stannard - representing NZ in the Youth Olympics Triathlon Champs in China today (17th August 2014).

Congratulations to Ann Bould who recently won World Duathlon Age Group Title in Spain.

Congratulations to medallists at the 2014 National Secondary Schools Triathlon events in Gisborne – Jaimee Leader, Adam Martin, David Martin and Dana Purdy.

Congratulations to Chris Sanson who recently won the Striders Half marathon in Palmerston North last weekend.

4 Membership

The current membership stands at 340. The membership has increased slightly during the year from 334 at 2013 AGM.

5 Successful Events

The Crank It Specialized I tri'd the tri series 2014 was very successful this year with exposure on Television on the last night of the series. There was an average of 650 participants per night over 5 Mondays in February and March. Thanks to Andy, Lenka and Deb for the hard work that was required to organise and run the event. Thanks to all of the other volunteers who helped out over the series.

The 2014 Ladies Only Triathlon had 159 entries this year.

The club assisted with the Whanau triathlon, 800 participants.

6 Sport Manawatu Awards - 2013 Grassroots Sports awards

The Manawatu Triathlon Club scooped the majority of awards at the Grassroots Sports Awards and succeeded in winning the Sports Club of the Year Award.

The club won the following categories:-

- 1 Club Event of the Year - Crank It Specialized I tri'd the tri series 2014
- 2 Participation initiative of the Year - Crank It Specialized I tri'd the tri series 2014

3 Sports Club of the Year Award

The club nominated Lynne Vautier of Vautier Pharmacy for the Sports partner of the year and happily Lynne Vautier actually won the award on the night. The club was a finalist for the category - Best Presented Club of the Year. Christene Brown was also a finalist for Sport Volunteer - Behind the Scenes Award.

7 Discussion Points for later in the meeting agenda

There has been a lot of discussion at committee level about the financial status of the club and how these financial resources might be used. The first call on funding is usually for equipment that can be used to run events such as cones, timing equipment, trailer modifications etc.

Probably generating the most discussion over the past year has been the 3 funding schemes developed by the club. The current committee is very keen to obtain feedback from the membership as to what they would like to see done with the club's resources.

Junior Development Fund – funded from money raised at the Crank It Specialized I tri'd the tri series 2014. Approx. \$10k proposed for the Junior Development Squad

2 levels – Senior Elite (Selection or Tri NZ High Development Squad), financial support

Youth Elite (Commitment to be a part of the group). Help with camps, seminars, club equipment, training etc.

Uniforms etc. additional to the above.

Athletes Assistance Fund – for assistance with costs to attend World (\$500) or National (\$250) events. Max \$500 per person per year.

Athlete Travel Grant – for financial assistance to athletes attending World or National events in Open or Age Group categories. Up to \$250.

Athletes Travel Grant – currently on the Website.

2 grants very similar – recommend 1 only?

Do we want to offer a travel assistance grant?

Other options –

Funding for cases of hardship only

Funding for club coaching session in Palmerston North. Fund a Level 1 coach, who could be available as a resource to all club members.

Reduction in membership fees and event entry fees.

8 Conclusion

It has been another very successful year for the club with strong membership, outstanding recognition through winning Sports Club of the Year award and

continuation of the strong family focus. There is a need to now take stock and plan the future direction of the club from here.

Moved that the president's report be accepted
John Brenkley/seconded Christene Brown - carried

Treasurers report:

Financial Report was posted on board and had been emailed to members
Treasurer Christene Brown spoke about her report and requested questions regarding same.

I would like to thank Peter Horgan from Price Horgan, Accountants for donating his time to Audit the club's books at no cost to the club. I have already presented to him a restaurant voucher which he is delighted with.

I would like to present Treasurer's Report ending 30th June, 2014. This is for a 12 month period. These were emailed out to all members. It is also posted on the board and there are handouts available for you to peruse.

At the beginning of the year we had \$87,685.00 current assets – that is (Cheque Acc, Kids Acc, UDC Bank Account, Sponsorship Account and Term Deposit) and at the end of the year current assets are \$111,347.00 making a difference of \$23,662.00. The new timing system which we the club bought seems to be a lot more accurate than the previous one, minor equipment has been bought for the club, also repairs done on the trailer and other equipment re the tent. Clothing purchasers relate to the kids tris T-Shirts. Donations & Sponsorship received Note 8 has risen slightly.

Grants have also been given to members of the club to compete at International and National Events. These are listed in the financials Under Note 9. There are also some grants pending which have been approved. These grants are all in the form of assisting club competitors.

We have a net operating surplus of \$19,833.00 after depreciation and our total assets are \$130,738.00.

Christene Brown

Treasurer

Manawatu Triathlon Club.

Matters arising:

1: Grant Spiers brought up that the club constitution states accounts must be audited. However, financial report by auditor states that accounts were not audited. This was discussed by members and decided that the new committee would investigate constitution and come up with recommendations regarding auditing of accounts as well as updating constitution. Members to vote on new committee proposals at a SGM

Motion to accept treasurer's report

Christene Brown/seconded Sally Rassmussen - carried

Election of Officers:**President:**

Malcolm Brown nominated by Sally Rasmussen/seconded John Brenkley

Dave Scott nominated by Geoff Bendall/seconded Marc Freeman

Ballots handed out, Catriona Pirie and AJ Cornwall appointed as scrutineers. 20 votes for Malcolm, 25 for Dave, Dave elected as president. Christine Matthews proposed that voting papers be destroyed/seconded Grant Spiers - carried

Secretary:

Wendy Brenkley nominated by Sally Rasmussen/seconded Christene Brown

Jenness Fulton nominated by Lenka Martinova/seconded Tracey Phillips

Proposed by Christine Matthews that the secretary role be shared by the 2 candidates who were agreeable to the arrangement. Members happy with that. Wendy and Jenness elected as joint secretaries

Treasurer:

Christene Brown nominated by Wendy Brenkley/seconded Sally Rasmussen

Barrie Eccles nominated by Marc Freeman/seconded Grant Spiers

Ballots distributed, same scrutineers. 24 votes for Christene, 18 for Barrie, Christene elected. Dave Scott moved that voting papers destroyed, seconded Mike van Kampen - carried

Army Representative: Simon Brownie

Life Members: Grant Spiers, Gilbert Cole, Murray Matthews and Christene Brown

Committee (no more than nine members):

Committee elected: Murray Matthews, Christine Matthews, Malcolm Brown, Andy Martin, Geoff Bendall, Barrie Eccles, Garry Leader, John Brenkley

Voting for committee was as follows:

Person	Nominated by	Seconded by	Votes	Elected
Murray Matthews	Wendy Brenkley	John Brenkley	29	yes
Geoff Bendall	Mike van Kampen	AJ Cornwall	27	yes
Barrie Eccles	AJ Cornwall	Dave Scott	27	yes
Malcolm Brown	Christene Brown	Tom Pirie	26	yes
Garry Leader	Tracey Phillips	Kylie Mulcahy	26	yes
John Brenkley	Murray Rasmussen	Christine Matthews	24	yes
Christine Matthews	Sally Rasmussen	Jannetta Matthews	23	yes
Andy Martin	Marc Freeman	Grant Spiers	23	yes
Sally Rasmussen	Murray Matthews	Malcolm Brown	19	no*
Grant Spiers	Garry Leader	Marc Freeman	19	no*
Nina Booth	Ashley Phillips	Lenka Martinova	18	no
Ashley Phillips	Grant Spiers	Nina Booth	18	no
Jannetta Matthews	Sally Rasmussen	Wendy Brenkley	14	no

*Sally Rasmussen and Grant Spiers were tied for the last place on the committee. It went to a second vote by show of hands but was too close to call. Ballot was done and

tied votes 21 each candidate. Decided since there were 2 sharing secretary role that extra place on committee not needing to be filled at this stage. Committee to review number of positions on committee as part of review of constitution and have the option to co-opt another person if wanted although noted that it cannot be either Grant or Sally.

Question over the role of Vice President since no nominations called forward for at AGM this year. Stated that the position is not listed in our constitution therefore no nominations at this stage. New committee to review whether this position should exist as part of discussions on constitution.

Membership and Entry Fees: It was decided to keep the membership fees the same as previous years. Entry fees to be set for each event since some events charge more per race than others.

Auditor:

Auditor not appointed since it was already proposed by Dave Scott that the committee appoints an auditor/seconded Simon Brownie - carried.

TriNZ affiliation:

Christine Matthews proposed that we continue our affiliation with TriNZ, seconded Dave Scott - carried.

Honorarium:

Office Holders currently receive President: \$1,000, Secretary \$500, Treasurer \$1000. Chris Sanson proposed we increase Secretary Honorarium to \$1000 so all the same, seconded Sally Rasmussen - carried.

General Business:

Athlete Assistance Fund
Junior Development Squad
Series Points Table

Grant Spiers wanted to acknowledge the work that Andy Martin had done with the kids' triathlon events.

The agenda items set by the outgoing committee included discussing the proposed athlete travel grant and junior development squad. Dave Scott read out the introduction for the proposed Athlete Assistance Fund that had been put together by the outgoing committee. Outgoing committee proposing that this takes the place of the current Athlete Travel Grant provided members decide to keep it in place.

Simon Brownie put forward a motion that the club can't spend wider than a certain amount dictate baseline. Grant proposed setting baseline lower limit of \$100,000 and that the committee can spend anything over \$100,000 for other things to benefit the club. Proposed that the baseline be reviewed at every AGM

Lots of discussion about what we should do with club funds. Club needs to keep the amount of money below a certain point to be exempt from GST.

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Andy Martin proposed that the profits from the kids' triathlon series go into Junior Development

Murray Matthews summarised the legal opinion the committee sought from Fitzherbert Rowe on whether giving away grants like the current athlete travel grant and the proposed athlete assistance fund are consistent with our constitution and if the government's review of incorporated societies is likely to affect the club.

Motion proposed that the new committee look into updating the constitution and looking at funding issues and that a Special General Meeting of the club be held in the near future to bring any proposed changes to the membership
Proposed by Simon Brownie/Seconded Wendy Brenkley - carried

Dave Scott suggested that new committee would review points system and bring it to the SGM

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 1.26pm