

24th September 2022

Dear Member

Chairs Report 2022

With the 2021 year still impacted to an extent by Covid, 2022 has seen clubs and events get back to a sense of normality, and it has been fantastic to have attended events where everyone has been able to enjoy participating as we have always been used to.

Within the sport there has been a lot of activity through the Big Active Initiative to increase participation in swim, bike and run and within the region, there has been some excellent work through place based schemes, to ensure that opportunities are available for people who may not have had access to try one of the disciplines, let alone two or more.

As a Regional Committee, we have continued to be busy keeping clubs up to date with the ever changing rules and regulations, helping and supporting our clubs and members through training and financial support and we continue to focus on this. For 2023, we will continue to work to increase participation, diversity and inclusion across the region and are also working to re-introduce an adult race series.

As you are aware, membership of the committee is open to anyone who lives within the region and who is a full paid up member of Triathlon England. We rely on volunteers who can give freely of their time and who are committed to helping the regions triathletes have the best experiences, to help develop the best coaches and above all to safeguard our sport for future generations. There are a number of posts available on the committee for the coming year and which are pivotal for the region to increase the support mentioned above.

In the East Midlands region, we continued to offer a wide range of coaching courses to those club and Triathlon England members involved in coaching their members. If you are interested in any coaching courses or would like to know how to become a technical official, the committee and Regional Manager are available to point you in the right direction.

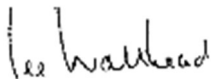
Financially, we are in good shape to be able to continue funding and supporting our Triathlon England affiliated clubs and Triathlon England members in our region. You will see from the financial report by our treasurer we have a healthy set of accounts. During the year, the region has supported clubs with contributions towards safeguarding courses and will also be offering clubs a contribution towards any new kit needed to support the delivery of coached sessions.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of my fellow committee members for their continued support. As with so many volunteers, the work they do is often not visible, but is vital for the region to support you as members.

I would also like to thank your Regional Manager, Sarah Williams, for her support throughout the year. Sarah has worked tirelessly supporting your clubs and other partners within the region to help improve and increase the participation in swim, bike and run.

At the virtual AGM, and before moving on to the formal election of the regional committee, your Committee and I, will be happy to take any questions you may have.

Yours in sport



Lee Wallhead
Chair of the East Midlands Regional Committee