

TRIATHLON ENGLAND  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Eastern Region Triathlon England Annual General Meeting held at  
Pearse House, Bishop's Stortford 2010

Tuesday 17th November 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present**

Paul Dutton – Team Trisports (Chair)  
Malcolm Hooker – Stortford Tri  
Richard Fuller – East Essex Tri  
Sue Fuller  
Moira Burgham – Cambridge Tri  
Elizabeth Ross – Tri Sport Epping  
Graham Lee – Multisport Management  
Jon Smith - Triforce  
Abby Smith – Triforce  
Dave Eastman - Cambridge Tri  
Wendy Staines – Discovery Tri  
Mark Harman – Born 2 Tri  
Simon Pritchard – Triforce  
Alex Pritchard – Triforce  
Peter Eames – Team Trisports  
Sarah Eames – Triforce  
Nicholl Cool – Trisport Epping  
Geoff Jones – Walden Tri  
Mike Porter - East Essex  
Jonathan Davies- Born2Tri  
Derek Jones – Walden Tri

Carol MacDonald - Triathlon England  
Gavin Passmore – Triathlon England  
Gareth Hall – Triathlon England

Meeting start: 19:30 hr.

1	<u>Apologies:</u> Tim Williams and Matt Hinton
2	<u>Minutes of October 2009 AGM:</u>  1.Accuracy agreed: proposer – Richard Fuller, seconder – Wendy Staines  2.Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RPMs to plan coach education on a regional basis: on the RPMs behalf Gareth Hall said this would be done, pointing out that Carol MacDonald had been in post only 6 weeks.</li><li>• Open water swim coaching Triathlon England guidance: Gareth Hall confirmed that this was still contentious, though Triathlon England did run</li></ul>

	<p>courses for coaches. It was agreed to refer this to the regional committee.</p>
3	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <p>Paul Dutton reported that it had been another good year for the Eastern Region in which it had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued to run the adult and children's leagues for which he thanked Richard Fuller, plus Debbie and Vic Rae for the work they had put into making the leagues a success.</li> <li>• Had a successful second Regional Relay and thanked all involved especially Richard who was the 2010 Race Director</li> <li>• Continued to develop both the regional academy and tristar academy under Tim Williams and Graham Hart.</li> <li>• Again competed in the IRC's</li> </ul> <p>He also reported having attended most of the Triathlon England Council meetings in the last year and seen how the regions vary from London with substantial non Triathlon England income and a strong committee, to East Midlands where a new committee was working hard to revive regional activities. He had also seen the difficulties as the Council were all volunteers who worked, had club and regional responsibilities as well as guiding Triathlon England into being a better membership organisation.</p> <p>In the last year there had been a change in the Triathlon England staff working with the region – Ceri Winter leaving and being replaced by Carol MacDonald</p> <p>He thanked the whole committee for their work in the year, and looked forward to being in the audience at next year's AGM.</p>
4	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>Malcolm Hooker reported on the region's finances for the year to 31 March 2010 which had a closing balance of £18,141, from a total income of £41,438 and total in year expenditure of £23,297.</p> <p>Richard Fuller proposed and Wendy Staines seconded accepting the annual accounts.</p>
5	<p><u>Regional Head Coach's Report</u></p> <p>Tim Williams had given his apologies and emailed a report which was tabled at the AGM. On Tim's behalf Paul Dutton highlighted parts of the report to the meeting.</p> <p>Wendy Staines asked for the selection criteria for the regional academy to be published on the regional website – this was agreed.</p> <p>Wendy also asked that the next committee meeting discussed revising the IRC qualification race list given the difficulties of getting a race place at Blenheim and similar elite races. Paul reported that Debbie Rae had made the same request. This was agreed.</p>

6 Regional Programme Managers' Reports

Gavin Passmore and Carol MacDonald presented their reports.

Geoff Jones commented that there in the A1 corridor of Beds and North Herts there was a lack of club places, particularly junior club places. It was agreed to take this to the regional committee.

In reply to a question on coach education course funding Gareth Hall said that Triathlon England was giving bursaries but only as part of an agreed development plan for a club, and no longer funded individual coaches. To do this clubs should contact Gavin or Carol depending on the area the club covered.

Gareth also said that to help clubs that were starting up Triathlon England would, as part of a development plan, in the short term fund coaching sessions with the aim of the clubs growing and becoming self sustaining.

7 Election of the Committee

The new committee was elected as follows:

Post	Person	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Richard Fuller	Paul Dutton	Mike Porter
Secretary	Mike Porter	Malcolm Hooker	Wendy Staines
Treasurer	Malcolm Hooker	Paul Dutton	Richard Fuller
Member	Elizabeth Ross	Wendy Staines	Paul Dutton
Member	Paul Dutton	Richard Fuller	Sue Fuller
Member	Graham Lee	Paul Dutton	Richard Fuller
Member	Jonathan Davies	Wendy Staines	Mike Porter

Ex officio:

Regional Head Coach: Tim Williams

Regional Programme Managers: Carol MacDonald and Gavin Passmore

Richard proposed a vote of thanks to Paul Dutton as outgoing Chairman and Simon Perkins as outgoing Secretary which was seconded by Mike Porter

8 Any Other Business

- Richard Fuller as the new Chairman welcomed suggestions from those present, pointing out that the region was all Triathlon England members in it, not just the regional committee.
- Peter Eames gave his thanks to all those involved in running children's events and clubs. This was supported by all present, Richard commenting how good it was to see Sky Draper being so successful having developed in children's competitions.
- Mike Porter suggested that Graham Hart reported to / attended regional committee meetings to give updates on the Tristars Academy. This was agreed.
- In discussion it was agreed that support for graduates from Tristars Academy who did not join the Regional Academy would be addressed at the next committee meeting, Richard pointing out that additional support would

	<p>require additional volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mark Harman referred to the near certain that government funding for sport would reduce after 2012 and so the region should look for other sources of funding while the sport was expanding. He suggested using regionally branded/supported races such as the relay, and involving race organisers to gain their ideas and support. Organising children's races were an opportunity. Agreed to take to committee.</li><li>• Paul Dutton said that in 2009 about 1 in 10 of people taking part in triathlon were Triathlon England members which was an opportunity. Gareth Hall added that Triathlon England had changed the focus of the membership support to include promoting membership, and the region would be able to increase income by recruiting new members. Ways of achieving this were discussed and referred to the committee.</li><li>• Wendy Staines raised the cost of being a GB age grouper. Gareth Hall replied that the charges were set by British Triathlon not Triathlon England, and government funding was targeted at the elite competitors.</li><li>• Graham Lee asked about the rules for paratriathlon events. He was referred to Jonathon Riall of Triathlon England.</li><li>• Mark Harman asked when would the league races be selected? Richard Fuller replied that the committee generally waited for the handbook to be printed to get race dates. He would take it to committee and aim to have done by the New Year.</li></ul>
9	Meeting closed at 21:10