

## London Chairs Summary – Regional AGM Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

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After the year to forget of 2020, we had hoped 2021 would see things return to normal. However, much in the same way I hope to win the lottery, it was not to be. Whilst we did eventually get some racing, it was too little too late to get our senior and junior series back up and running.

All of this, however, is trivial and short term when compared to the difficulties some in our triathlon family are facing. I can only wish Nathen Ford the best of recoveries in the most challenging of circumstances.

In terms of the region, unsurprisingly we have seen a drop off in membership and clubs. Consequently, as a regional committee this will be one of our core goals working with the clubs to bring the number back to and beyond pre-pandemic levels:

<b>Affiliated Clubs by Year</b>		Source: Regional Dashboard	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total	39	32	31

<b>Club Members by Year</b>		Source: Regional Dashboard	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total	2034	2052	1606

Tied in with that, is the number of races, again unsurprising it fell off a cliff in 2020 and still in the recovery phase:

<b>Events by Year including GO TRI</b>		Source: Events Team	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total	83	7	30

Last AGM I announced that we had appointed Emerick as our diversity officer within the committee. It's been fantastic to see some of the actions coming from that, but equally impressive is the amount of energy and enthusiasm to make an impact from all London clubs. Really excited to see how that evolved even further in 2022.

On that note... (copy/past from last year) I look forward to a return to normality in 2022! Joking aside, we're not out of the pandemic woods for sure, but I am confident that we will return to a full racing calendar, some degree of normality and the return of the London leagues!