

4<sup>th</sup> of October 2020

Dear Member

#### Chairs Report 2020

Welcome to the very first virtual North West Regional AGM and on behalf of the regional committee I would like to thank you for taking the time out to attend our AGM.

I would just like to take the next 10 to 15 minutes to go through the procedural aspects of the Annual General Meeting.

The purpose of the AGM is two-fold, firstly to report on the year which has just passed and then to elect your regional committee for 2020/21 as well as to vote on the Resolution to change our Regional Constitution.

2020 has been challenging for all of us, and everyone has been affected, in one way or another by Covid-19.

Last year's AGM was well attended with new people joining the Team including Sarah Scott as Club Liaison, Brett Connolly as Vice Chair, Ian Mostyn as Senior Series Co-Ordinator, Jonathan Grundy as Treasurer and Myself as Secretary. In addition to Committee members we also have had the support of Zack Harvey.

Karen Carter was voted in as Chair but unfortunately had to step down as Covid hit in March but will hopefully get involve again in the future.

The Team is a varied and passionate group of people comprising of Coaches, Athletes and Parents. During the AGM the Official Co-ordinator roles were not filled, a recruitment campaign was launched which ended once Covid hit in March.

Prior to Covid work was underway to help build the Triathlon Community and Sport within the North West which included:

- Re Introduction of the Senior Series
- Awards Evening
- Increased Club and Member Engagement
- Regional Interclub to be held at Cholmondeley Castle
- Use of Zoom for meetings and Coaches Network

Transition from the old Committee Members has not been smooth with accounts not presented during the previous AGM or access to the Regions funds. The Team is working with Triathlon England to gain access to the Region's bank account.

This year will see the introduction of a Communication Officer Role with the aim to improve engagement with Members, Event Organisers, Officials, Clubs and Coaches. We are keen to understand what members want and align our strategy and activities to support.

Since March Covid has had a negative impact on our sport with the IRC cancelled along with other events. It has however revealed the resilience across the region with a few events going ahead including the Helvellyn Triathlon seeing Alistair Brownlee not only encourage other professional athletes to compete, but also winning the event having competed in Hamburg the day before.

Clubs and Event organisers across the region have also held their own Virtual Challenges such as the Lakesman Challenge.

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.

Please get involved and share your ideas.



Yours in sport

Lee Mathison  
Secretary North West Committee