



# YORKSHIRE & HUMBER

**Meeting:** Yorkshire & Humber Committee - AGM  
**Date:** Saturday 21st October 2023  
**Time:** 10.00am – 11.45am  
**Venue:** Manvers

**Committee Attendees:** Richard Mostyn-Jones (RMJ), Jeremy Stacey (JS), Bret Crossley (BC), Mikey Wallis (MW)

**Guests:** Dani Davies – Regional Development Manager Yorkshire & Humber, (DD) Anna Gray - Head of Clubs & Regions British Triathlon (AG), Oliver Saxon, Jacqui Saxon, Liz Docherty, Tony Moran.

**Apologies:** David Heels, Gaenor Coy, Fiona Hoare

## Item 1) Apologies for absence

Apologies received from David Heels, Gaenor Coy, Fiona Hoare

## Item 2) Matters arising

No matters arising.

## Item 3) Chairperson's Report - RMJ

- Our mission remains the ***'Irrespective of gender, race, ability, age or background we intend to ensure everyone in Yorkshire has the opportunity experience the joy Multisport can bring to people's lives'***.
- Our three key areas of focus, agreed last year, also remain the same. Developing inclusivity; Increasing activity; raising funds. All require a strong communication and engagement strategy.
- Committee changes:
  - Social Media Officer remains vacant
  - David Heels (Treasurer) has tendered resignation but has agreed to remain until a replacement is found.
  - IRC lead, Stuart Jeffries now sits outside of the committee
  - Commercial Lead, Leigh Schelvis sits outside of the committee
  - JS elected previously as Secretary, this appointment was ratified.
- A snapshot for Yorkshire:
  - 40 affiliate clubs exist in the region, (27 Senior; 2 Junior; 11 Senior & Junior)
  - 2059 Triathlon England members within the region, (Female 663; Male 1,396; Junior 204. Club members 1443)
  - Relatively low levels of junior members is the biggest area of concern,
  - Coaches trained within the last year in the region – Level 1 – 30; Level 2 – 12; High Performance Coach Programme.
  - Courses – 9 attendees on Strength & Conditioning Courses; 24 on Triathlon Specific First Aid



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- There have been 28 Triathlon Events in the region, attracting 7,264 competitors; and 41 GO TRI Events attracting 671 competitors.
- A highlight of the past year was the first Yorkshire Ability Triathlon on 21<sup>st</sup> May supported by Leeds Beckett University, Leeds City Council, LS Ten, SOS and a host of volunteers. A date has been confirmed for next year's event, (19<sup>th</sup> May), where we intend of build on the successful foundations that we've built.
- A video was played showcasing the 2023 event.

## **Item 4) Treasurer's Report – RMJ in DH's absence**

- A relative quiet 12 months (for period ending 31 March 2023), with expenditure focused on: -
  - Junior series events
  - Entering a team for IRC competition
  - Subsidised first aid courses.
- Balance as at 31 March 2023 = £8,799.91.
- We have recently moved from Nat West to Lloyds Bank in order to utilise internet banking.

## **Item 5) Regional Technical & Moto Officials Report - GC**

- RMJ recognised the work carried out by the region's technical and motoofficials— a group of volunteers who are vital to enable events to take place across the region.
- Currently we have 26 Technical Officials, (down from 33 year on year)
  - 2 Continental Officials
  - 1 National TO
  - 8 Regional TOs
  - 3 Regional Trainee TOs
  - 8 Local TOs
  - 4 Trainee Local TOs
- As well as working at events with the region, our TOs also support neighbouring regions, (NE, NW, East Midlands).
- All TO courses are managed centrally and although no physical courses were held in our region, our TOs were able to attend courses in neighbouring regions, in Loughborough and online.

## **Item 6) BTF Head of Clubs & Regions – AG & DD**

- Anna and Dani introduced themselves as British Triathlon Head of Clubs & Regions, and Regional Development Manager respectively.
- Triathlon England's vision is to offer 'Great experiences through Swim, Bike Run'; and has a mission of 'Developing people and places to grow Swim, Bike Run'.
- The vision and mission are underpinned by: -
  - 4 values (We are people centred; We are inclusive; We are ambitious; We do what's right)



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- 4 strategic goals (The Big Active; Our Community; Developing Athletes; Great Events for All)
- 6 enabling goals (Sport integrity; Digital transformation; Commercial Growth; Exceptional People; Strong Organisation; Social Impact (Inclusion & Sustainability)).
- The Big Active
  - The Big Active strategy is a Triathlon England strategy for the Development Directorate which is built on 3 areas: -
    - The Big Pillars – Active people; Active places; Active Lives
    - The Big Intent – A richer and more diverse profile of participants and people; priority places that swim, bike, run; A strong core from which to build and grow, a broader framework of opportunities; people who thrive for themselves and for the sport.
    - The Big Formula – Authentic partnerships; Test and learn; Meaningful impact; Diverse and flexible offers; Customer centred technology.
- A Strong Core from Which to Grow
  - A strong core, (part of the Big Intent) from which to grow is a key area of focus relevant to the region and AG detailed the components of this: -
    - Support our regional committees.
    - Club development offer.
    - Robust standard for safeguarding.
    - High quality club affiliation.
    - Club accreditation scheme.
    - Grow the number of affiliated clubs.
    - Support event organisers of all types.
- Affiliated Clubs
  - TE currently has 441 affiliated clubs. This is up slightly from last year, (432), but significantly down from the pre-Covid numbers, (584 in 2019).
    - The importance to the sport of affiliated clubs was highlighted in detail.
    - A wheel representing a triathlon club with 10 component spokes was discussed.
    - The spokes were – governance; coaches & activators; juniors; training & competition; equality, diversity & inclusion; disability / para; comms & social media; finances & funding; well-being; sustainability.
    - British Triathlon offered tailored support for clubs, where required based around these spokes, and ensuring minimum standards.
    - Club affiliation for 2024 opens on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.
    - ‘Club House’ was highlighted as a great online resource for clubs to use to get information and support around a host of components relevant their organisations.
- A Broader Framework of Opportunities
  - A second area of focus within the Big Intent is around ‘a broader framework of opportunities’:-



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- Swim Bike Run
  - Within Swim, Bike, Run – four component parts were highlighted SBR Local, (monthly activity replacing GO Tri Local), SBR Mini, (one off, ad hoc events), SBR Explore, (led/guided activity, (not coached); SBR Develop, (coached offer as an individual event of a block of 6). A fifth component Big Swim Bike Run, which is aimed to offer the experience of swim, bike, run with a festival feel, is no live yet – more info to come.
- Active Skills for Life
  - DD outlined the Active Skills for Life programme and how Triathlon England have launched this to give every child the opportunity of experiencing swim, bike, run in a fun and accessible format. The programme is skills/games based and aims to be inclusive and accessible to every child.
  - The aim of this is for every child to find an activity they enjoy.
  - Available for 7-14 years, support can be offer to schools (in line with KS2 of the National Curriculum), and also in communities through the Summer Camp pack which can be utilised for after school clubs, holiday activity providers, leisure providers etc. This is a great opportunity for clubs to work with local partners and showcasing clubs within the community. The programme comes with access to resources including the Active Skills for Life Award (training) for deliverers.
  - DD is keen to speak with any clubs who would like to get involved.
- Priority Places
  - 17 priority places have been identified in the UK where Triathlon England takes an asset-based community development approach to tackling health inequalities through supporting people to be more physically active. There are 4 priority places within of these are within our region (all priority places are in West Yorkshire currently) which is the highest number across the ten regions. There are no pre-built solutions, this is based around offering flexibility to meet the needs of the community.
- Beyond Swim
  - Beyond Swim is an open water venue safety accreditation scheme, Triathlon England work in partnership with the RLSS to deliver this.
- Other Areas of Support
  - Other areas of support open to the region were highlighted – Coaching / CPD offers; Welfare Officer Support, (offered by Sport England so broader than just triathlon); Access Sport, (supporting clubs to improve their inclusive cycling offer)
- RMJ thanks DD and AG for all the work they've done, and highlighted what a great asset to the region that DD has been.



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## **Item 7) Election of Officers**

- No officers to elect.

## **Item 9) AOB & CLOSE**

- RMJ highlighted that if anybody within the region wished to get involved in the Committee, or assisting with activity, please reach out to him.