
DARWIN TRIATHLON CLUB

PO Box 536,
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MINUTES: Annual General Meeting held 18 September 2022 at Hidden Valley Race Track.

PRESENT: Patch Clapp, Lucas Hayden, Bronwyn Humphrys, John Hovius, Lynn Bramham, Brodie Highland, Dave Russell, Melanie Ralph, Megan Gallagher, Kirsty Boath, Belinda Orme, Sam Menteith, Moira Wigley, Lucy Berk, Clare Labowitch, Coco Berk, Dale Berk, Madi Berk, Neil Ruttie, Matt King, Freya Galati, Caleb Cora, Nilanthy Vigneswaran, Patricia Garraway, John Thyne, Phil Blumberg, Brian Gallagher, Barry Sullivan, Craig Rachow, Molly Milne, Sophie Milne, Daniel Leivers, Rebecca Barker, Jayden Pirie, Michael Dunbar, Barbora Ramlah, Chris Galati, Colin Smith, Alexander Forsyth, Xavier Forsyth, David Ley, Paul Clancy, Zane Swann, Kai Swann, Gabriela de Oliveira, Gary Wall, Chris Monahan, Kate Freeman, Tomek Wolny, Wade Smyth, Leisa Puckering, Daniel Dumesny, Angela Libro, Natasha Freeman, Olive Freeman-Knox, Billie Freeman-Knox, Brendan Knox, Arlo Freeman-Knox, Patrick Carson, Sinead Olivetta, Jessica Stuart, Eliza Richards, Frederick Richards, Adelaide Richards, Dan Hewitt, Aaron Condon, Luke Hansen, Billy Lynch, Jack Townsend, Evie Townsend, Jessica Stuart, Jack Sinclair, Andrew Jewell, Kate Robertson

APOLOGIES: Nil

PROXY FORMS Received: Nil

WELCOME: Patch Clapp opened the meeting at 5.48 pm.

1. ENDORSEMENT OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous AGM were tabled and endorsed.

Moved: Dan Hewitt

Seconded: Chris Monahan

2. REPORTS

President

President Patch Clapp spoke:

Another fantastic year of triathlon in Darwin is in the bank! We've capitalised on fantastic momentum from the last 5 years to ensure that our club members – all of you – get one of the most unique and active racing experiences of anywhere in the country. Through club events, and continuing to work with Tim Ellison and his Mov3 junior program, we ensure that there are races and training opportunities available for members from 5 to 75 years old.

Challenges

I'll get the challenges out of the way early so we can move onto the good stuff. Thankfully, we weathered the end of 2021 and the 2022 effects of COVID incredibly well. We continued to adapt as needed to ensure we delivered events. Since last year's AGM, we only had to make adjustments to or cancel one event! And that was simply

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because there was too many great sporting opportunities on offer across the City2Surf weekend.

City of Darwin have continued to focus on meticulous traffic management and permit procedures and Mark Burke has taken that work over seamlessly from Tony Cox, but knowing that our participants are as safe as possible at each and every event leaves us happy to work through these hoops.

Highlights – what have we done this year

18 incredible races conducted by 14 wonderful race directors across the 20/21 season with practically real-time results! With numerous members competing in 15, 16 and up to 17 races!!! In total, 270 club members crossed a starting mat 1144 times across the calendar – how awesome is that.

We've continued to make the most of Lake Bennett racing thanks to the team down there! Of course that's both the cooperation of the De Lago resort team but also the indispensable Marg Black and the incredible job she does down there rallying the troops to ensure we have a second water station.

We've had even more members travelling for races than we did last year, and it's been exciting to track the extended DTC family when they've been racing. We've had members go to Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast, Melbourne, Lake Argyle, Cairns, Huskisson, Adelaide, Port Douglas (as we speak!), and Tweed Heads - we've been everywhere man! We've even been to Katherine and Montreal too, which I hear has some similarities with Katherine... although I'm not exactly sure what.

We welcomed numerous visitors across the season, from the very start with our Sprint Series back in August last year, through until our Club Champs and Olympic distance events back in May (with many new visitors having joined us for races in the new calendar too)!

Membership

We watched another incredible cohort of 100+ juniors commit themselves (continuing to rope their parents too!) to Tim's junior program from August to March. As you might have seen at Sprint #3 of the new season, with Tim's move to a broader sports role, juniors will now be competing in a streamlined race series alongside/just after adults at DTC races, **and as always**, any assistance, support and inspiration that we can give to the juniors would be greatly appreciated!

We're fortunate to still have Triathlon NT supporting and offering enthusiasm for the junior program and I'd like to offer my thanks to Lucy for having a vision for junior inclusion in the 22/23 calendar. We've continued to build on and strengthen our relationships and communication channels with Triathlon NT and Triathlon Australia thanks to Lucy's work.

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This includes support for coaches in Darwin and the sessions they run. Over the last couple of years, Darwin has been lucky to we've had nearly 15 people complete the foundation coaching course and have another cohort completing that course as we speak. We've also been fortunate to have numerous coaches who have guest-coached sessions and a number of new sessions that have become regular and ongoing fixtures.

In total, we finished the end of the 2020/2021 season with 370 members. That was a 57/43% split of males to females and although this is only a singular percentage point slide from last year – we are going to be putting in an effort in coming months and across the upcoming season to return this to our really strong 50/50 male/female split of a few years ago.

We have seen a small decline in membership but we do always see a steady increase in members over the months of September and October and will be undertaking a few initiatives and incentives to ensure this happens and hope that you can support us in convincing friends, family, or colleagues that it's worth signing up and being part of the DTC community and experiencing that DTC buzz that we know & love.

That buzz and community feeling is driven and generated volunteers – we're a community of people looking to unlock those awesome triathlon moments for others. We ride on a wave of committee members beavering away behind the scenes, wise technical officials keeping us safely on the straight and narrow and people that throw their hands up for fruit and ice, rego, bike marshalling, race directing and hydration stations when we need them to. You don't have to know anything specific or have a special set of skills – just a desire to chip in.

It's with great sadness that we say goodbye to a monumental contributor from the committee, particularly to the background workings of club life – Leanne Thompson. With her goes dependability, a keen eye for numbers, her efficiency and sense of humour. Much of Leanne's work went unseen, but the club would not have functioned without her tireless efforts over the last few years. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth Roberts for efforts as secretary and scribe – her work with the ENews has kept many of us connected, inspired and updated, particularly over the last couple of years. We also farewelled Paul McDonald at the start of the year – not before completing his somewhat insane 1.5 efforts at a Darwin Ironman. We're grateful to an entire squad of new members who have joined that committee, which we'll formalise in a couple of minutes.

I'm extremely grateful to all those existing and continuing committee members, but would particularly like to thank Gary Wall for his term as Vice President (in addition to his monumental work as Timelord); Ange for her phenomenal work in organising all our volunteers at every race we have, for contributing ideas and suggestions to make the club the best it can be, and ensuring the club's biggest events (including tonight) come together seamlessly; Mark for his aforementioned work with sanctioning and permits; and all those committee members who have stepped up to take on ongoing roles

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throughout the year. The lives of our committee members and volunteers were made easier over last season's calendar thanks to incredible support from RayWhite Bayside, Laing O'Rourke, and Elite Physio NT – I can't thank them enough for tangible support they bring to our events and helping our calendar run smoothly.

Tonight as well as through the season, we're really fortunate to have received prizes and donations from Rebel Sport, Intersport Casuarina, Blue Cycles, Bikes to Fit and Cycle Zone. Remember to support all these stores but also that mentioning your club membership at Rebel and Intersport can get you discounts in some instances as well as generating credits for the club to use on prizes throughout the season. And of course Mindil SLSC have our backs (or at least our goggled heads) at every turn.

In turn, we try to offer some of that support back to others through our work for the Kakadu Tri, assisting with the Darwin Ocean Swim, the Gran Fondo, the whole City2Surf carnival, and supporting Mates4Mates through our charity teams relay race.

And although we like to support these other Darwin opportunities, members remain at the heart of everything we do. To make sure of that, we'll be sending out a survey in the coming month to try and make sure that the club and calendar line up with what you want from your membership – it won't take long and there'll be more prizes on offer, so please tell us what you're thinking. We exist as a club to create opportunities for our members to access and compete in an incredible range of triathlon and multi-sport events in a supportive environment and we'll continue to keep striving to do that as best as we possibly can.

No questions were received.

The President's Report was endorsed.

Moved: John Thyne

Seconded: Gary Wall

Treasurer

Audited financial statements were made available to members by Treasurer Leanne Thompson prior to the meeting. The Treasurer's report was endorsed as tabled.

The principal activities of the Association during the 2022 financial year were to organise and conduct races for the sport of Triathlon and to support and encourage coaches, members and juniors in their development within this field. There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

The Club is pleased to report a surplus of \$12,642.18 for the financial year ended 30 June 2022, a slight decrease to the prior year surplus of \$13,588.18.

Membership numbers did decrease over the year however revenue was above the prior year. This is a result of the 50% discount provided to the members for the full 2021 financial year. During the 2022 a 20% discount was provided during the

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first three months of the renewal period as an incentive for members to re-join. This was due to a new membership system put into place by Triathlon Australia which did not have an auto-renew function at the time.

Operating and overhead costs were maintained during the year in line with racing activities. Additional revenue was received by Triathlon NT to prior years \$6,000 vs \$4,500 as their contributions to the Championship races that the Club host on their behalf.

The committee continue to work tirelessly to maintain our enviable \$10 race entry fee for the majority of our races. This involved overcoming hurdles including increased traffic management requirements placed on us by the Council as well the ongoing COVID restrictions – both of which impacted races taking place and additional costs being incurred by the Club.

Darwin Triathlon Club junior membership numbers for the year have been mostly maintained whilst the adult membership has dropped, this is mostly attributable to the transition to a new system which did not have an auto-renewal for membership roll overs.

The Club's financial position is healthy and we continue to focus on running events with minimal margin and aim to be mostly self-sufficient; of which we rely upon the assistance of our volunteers.

No questions were received.

Moved: Dan Hewitt

Seconded: John Thyne

3. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

All committee positions were declared vacant and nominations called for. Positions were filled as follows:

President:

Patch Clapp

Moved and seconded:

Craig Rachow and Daniel Dumesny

Vice President:

Dan Hewitt

Moved and seconded:

Angela Libro and John Thyne

Secretary:

Kirsty Boath

Moved and seconded:

Angela Libro and Dan Hewitt

Treasurer:

Angela Libro

Moved and seconded:

Patch Clapp and Gary Wall

Public Officer

Angela Libro

Moved and seconded:

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Volunteer Coordinator: **Dan Hewitt**

Moved and seconded:

Angela Libro and Patch Clapp

Juniors:

Chris Galati

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Moved and seconded: Angela Libro and John Thyne

Permits: **Mark Burke**

Moved and seconded: Angela Libro and Patch Clapp

Member Protection: **Mark Burke**

Moved and seconded: Angela Libro and John Thyne

Equipment officer: **Paul Clancy**

Moved and seconded: Angela Libro and Moira Wigley

Timing Officer **Gary Wall**

Moved and seconded: Craig Rachow and Lucas Hayden

General Committee: **Daniel Dumesny, Tomek Wolny, Lorna Perry,
Haydn Valle, Jack Sinclair, Barborah Ramlah**

4. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was conducted.

5. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next AGM will be determined by the incoming committee and publicised via the Darwin Triathlon Club website and E-News.

MEETING CLOSED: 5.57 pm