

**Annual General Meeting – Darwin Triathlon Club**

- Date:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023
- Time:** Meeting opened by Patch Clapp at 6.46pm
- Place:** Knuckey Lagoon Recreation Reserve
- Attendees:** Barbora Ramlah, Emily Moran, Emma Winterflood, Frederick Richards, Hayley Hosking, Heidi Barker, Jessica Stuart, Jo Duncan, Kate Morris, Kate Bouchier, Lorna Bade, Louise Ogden, Lucy Berk, Margaret Black, Melanie Ralph, Moira Wigley, Natasha Freeman, Kirsty Boath, Rebecca Barker, Samantha Wetherspoon, Shaye Hatty, Stephanie Dearaugo, Verity Gorddard, Vicki Woodrow, Barry Sullivan, Ben Rowland, Brendan Knox, Brian Spain, Brodie Highland, Chris Galati, Colin Smith, Craig Leach, Gary Wall, Glenn Grant, James Graham, John Thyne, John Springbett, Lucas Hayden, Luke McMahon, Matthew Behling, Michael Mondy, Nigel Doyle, Philip Blumberg, Robson Bond, Russell Peacock, Samuel Warner, Tomek Wolny, Yuta Kato, Cath Hood, Rob Brooks, Megan Gallagher, Brian Gallagher, Shannon Hercus, Cherie Whitbread, Adam Ford, Sinead Olivetta.
- Apologies:** None
- Proxies:** Tim Hewitt, Alexie Seller, Dan Hewitt, Paul Clancy, Angela Libro, Paddy Carson, Dan Leivers, Cathy Clarke, Jack Sinclair, Clare Labowitch, Antonella Calabro-Rouse, Aaron Trenfield, Hayden Valle, Patricia Garraway, Mithran Selvaratnam.

**1. Endorsement of Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous AGM were tabled and endorsed.

Moved: John Thyne

Seconded: Glenn Grant

**2. President's Report**

Presented by Patch Clapp

Over the past year, our commitment to providing both club members and the wider Darwin community with an exceptional triathlon experience has remained unwavering. Building upon the history and momentum of our club, we have strived to deliver a distinctive and dynamic multiport experience in Darwin underpinned by community. Through careful planning and collaborative efforts, our goal is to ensure that people of all ages, ranging from 5 to 75 years old, have the chance to engage in triathlon. Membership and commitment:

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The conclusion of the 22/23 season marked a significant achievement, with our membership reaching an impressive count of 380. However, it's important to acknowledge the minor challenges encountered during the renewal process, which we are actively addressing throughout the 23/24 season.

Currently, we have 304 members, and in the upcoming season, participants of our come & tri (C&T) events will become social members, fostering the growth of the sport. For just \$12, we encourage you to bring in non-triathlon family members, extending the benefits of community to them as well. Expanding horizons and looking Ahead: Collaboration remains a cornerstone of our approach. Our partnership with the Katherine Multisports Club (KMSC) continues to flourish, enhancing our offerings and fostering community connections across the Top End. Moreover, we have taken initial steps to collaborate with Clubmap, an organization dedicated to elevating clubs like ours from good to great.

**Challenges overcome:** While we celebrate our achievements, it's important to acknowledge the challenges and losses. The recent passing of Kate Freeman and Graeme Parsons has reminded us of the strong bonds within our DTC community and the pain that can be associated with that. Challenges in race planning, such as jellyfish, bacteria, severe weather, and competing events, have tested our resilience. Nevertheless, as members, your flexibility and resilience have shone through, helping the club overcome these hurdles.

**Highlights of the year:** Throughout the year, our calendar featured nearly 20 races spanning the Top End region – Lake Bennett, Darwin Waterfront, Nightcliff, Knuckey Lagoon, Hidden Valley and more. An impressive total of 173 club members crossed the start line 940 times, accompanied by 178 non-members who participated in our events during 22/23. We've had visitors from interstate who rave about our hospitality – long may it continue. This collective engagement epitomizes the essence of our club. We've upgraded our club laptop and many bits and pieces along with it, as well as timing system for a better experience for participants. Get times faster and even live now. Beep beep!

**Expressing gratitude:** My sincere gratitude extends to Dan, Gary, Ange, Kirsty and the entire committee for their unwavering dedication in keeping the club vibrant and active. Special acknowledgment goes to JT, who guided Ange through her role as treasurer. Lorna's oversight of the eNews and the contributions of Chris and Barb as volunteer coordinators have also been instrumental efforts in the past year. A big thanks to Triathlon NT and Triathlon Australia for their support through all the hurdles we've faced in the last couple of years. Lucy's support as the on-ground representative has been invaluable and so much of what we do wouldn't be possible without her help.

We're also extremely grateful for our external supporters: Bikes2Fit, Blue Cycles, Cycle Zone, Intersport, Wicked NRG, Rebel, De Lago Resort, Laneway/Besser cafe and Ray White Bayside. Particularly on a night like tonight where we strive to recognise the efforts of our members, The past year is another chapter of triumph in the tale of the Darwin Triathlon Club. Our commitment to members, collaborations with like-minded organizations, and our relentless pursuit of offering opportunities have empowered us to overcome challenges and flourish.

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As we embark on a new year, I eagerly anticipate witnessing further growth, nurturing camaraderie, and creating enduring multisport memories.

No questions received. The President's Report was endorsed.

Moved: Gary Wall

Seconded: Moira Wigley

### **3. Financial Report**

Presented by John Thyne. Audited financial statements were made available to members via email from Darwin Tri Club email (sent by Patch Clapp) prior to the meeting and were also made available for download from the club website.

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2022/2023 Treasurers report

Presented at the AGM on Sat 2 Sep 2023

I have pleasure in presenting the Treasurer report for the 2023/23 financial year.

A copy of the Audited financial report is available tonight and will be published to our website later.

I would like to thank Angela Libro for her work as Treasurer for the year. Also a big thank you to Elizabeth Savic for carrying out the audit.

The club has recorded a deficit of \$9,383.30 for the year compared to a surplus of \$12,642.18 last year. Cash on hand at the 30 June 23 was \$108,876.69.

Key items contributing to this result are as follows:

Race entry fees were lower by \$6.6k which reflects the lower participation levels during the year.

Cost have also increased with the permits and traffic control showing a significant increase.

Other one-off expenditure such as the purchase of swim caps and minor equipment purchases have contributed to the deficit recorded.

A significant investment in the club's timing equipment was also made last financial year with a spend of \$4k in February and \$5k in May for a laptop and peripherals. The cost of the laptop and peripherals was offset by a Government Grant of \$4.8k.

The club also purchased a fridge and freezer to be used in the shed for storing drinks. These items will provide an ongoing benefit for the club for many years to come.

There is continued pressure on the club to continue to attract new members and maintain and increase race participation. The cost associated with running events are always increasing and need to be well managed.

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It is pleasing to say the club is in a strong financial position with cash on hand of \$108k which provides a significant buffer for any future deficits which may be recorded.

Thank you must also go to Ray White for their sponsorship support during the year. To the Northern Territory Government for their grant support and Triathlon NT for their financial contribution to the Championship races.

- **Questions**

Question received relating to the deficit amount of \$9,383.30 and the likelihood of deficit for 2023/24. It was explained by John Thyne that this deficit reflected the increase in costs associated with racing support such as traffic management, water safety and our new timing system. There has also been a decline in race participation. The committee representatives reiterated to members the importance of securing sponsorship for races to assist with rising costs and the opportunity for all members to assist in seeking sponsorship.

2023 Financial Report and Independent Auditors Report were endorsed as tabled, please see attached documents.

Moved: Lucas Hayden

Seconded: Sam Warner

#### **4. Election of New Committee**

All committee positions were declared vacant, and nominations called for. Patch Clapp formally resigned from position of President.

Positions were filled as follows:

##### **President: Dan Hewitt**

Moved: John Thyne

Seconded: Gary Wall

##### **Vice President: Gary Wall**

Moved: Chris Galati

Seconded: Barry Sullivan

##### **Treasurer: Paddy Carson**

Moved: Patch Clapp

Seconded: Barbora Ramlah

##### **Secretary: Kirsty Boath**

Moved: Patch Clapp

Seconded: Verity Gorddard

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**Public Officer: Angela Libro**

Moved: John Thyne                      Seconded: Lucy Berk

**Juniors: Chris Galati**

Moved: Gary Wall                      Seconded: Barbora Ramlah

**Volunteer Co-ordinator: Barbora Ramlah**

Moved: Tomek Wolny                      Seconded: Chris Galati

**Permits Officer: Jack Sinclair**

Moved: Patch Clapp                      Seconded: Barry Sullivan

**Member Protection Officer: Barbora Ramlah**

Moved: Kirsty Boath                      Seconded: Lorna Bade

**Equipment Officer: Paul Clancy**

Moved: Patch Clapp                      Seconded: Chris Galati

**Timing Officer: Gary Wall**

Moved: Michael Mondy                      Seconded: Sam Warner

**General Committee Members: Lorna Bade, Tomek Wolny, Melanie Ralph**

Moved: Kirsty Boath                      Seconded: Chris Galati

**5. Other Business**

No other business was conducted.

**6. 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: 7.06pm**