



Annual General Meeting

Saturday 8 February 2025, Palmer Park, Reading, RG1 3PE – 4pm

1. Welcome

Ellie Gosling welcomed and thanked all those in attendance for joining us including committee members; Kirsty Scott, Ian Gosling, Juliet Fenwick and Milly Pelmore and representation from junior member's families and past members.

2. Apologies/Absence

Lewis Williams apologies were received.

3. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

These were available at the meeting, no further action required.

4. Chairman's report

Ellie thanked everyone for attending the meeting and shared highlights of 2024 which included:

- Dorney Triathlon
- Holiday training camps
- Residential
- Lagoon Aquapark
- 2 x Inter-club sessions with Thames Valley Triathlete Tristars
- Go Perform session
- BMX track
- Continuation of Macbeth Sponsorship
- Participation in South Central Series – special congratulations to Max Gosling and Jack Lindsay for finishing 1st and 2nd in their age group

5. Secretary's report

Kirsty shared the following membership figures for 2024:

January – March 2024	36 members
April – July 2024	39 members
September – December 2024	37 members

In summary, the membership is a slight increase on last years.

6. Treasurer's report

Ian shared a copy of the Income & Expenditure Summary for 2024

Reading Rascals 2024

Income & Expenditure Summary

1 Opening bank balance 01/01/24	£2,689.26	
2 Income		
Fees & memberships	£11,568.52	Includes income for merch, residential - cannot itemise
3 Expenses		
Annual affiliation fee to British Triathlon	(£493.00)	Club and individual coaches, includes 2025 advance payment £165
Coaching Fees	(£7,713.60)	Includes 4 x coaches fees for residential
Session Expenses	(£3,517.89)	
Rascals Merchandise	(£2,999.50)	New stock of towels, buffs, swim hats. Income in fees above
Residential	(£3,339.00)	Part funded by sponsorship
Web hosting	(£129.60)	was (£108.00) in 2023
Aqua Park	(£450.00)	Caversham closed down end 2023, Lagoona more expensive
Sponsorship & Grants	£7,500.00	
Other misc exp	(£838.31)	AGM Pizza, Photo shoot, planning meetings, promotional leaflets
Total	(£11,980.90)	
4 Balance at bank 31/12/24	£2,276.88	
	£0.00	check (should be nil)

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Income & Expenditure Summary

1 Opening bank balance 01/01/23	£1,111.79
2 Income	
Fees & memberships	£8,291.48
3 Expenses	
Annual affiliation fee to British Triathlon	(£165.00)
Coaching Fees	(£4,084.06)
Session Expenses	(£2,584.25)
Rascals Merchandise	(£986.24)
BF Event Fees	£0.00
EA Affiliation Fees	£0.00
Aqua Park	(£150.00)
Sponsorship	£1,500.00
Other misc exp	(£244.46)
Total	(£6,714.01)
4 Balance at bank 31/12/23	£2,689.26

Ian explained the current state of the club finances and stated the increase in coaching fees is relative to the increase in number of members. We are very grateful to Macbeth Insurance for their kind sponsorship and other donations throughout the year which have helped massively to subsidise club kit and the club residential.

7. Welfare Officer's report

Ellie shared that Kirsty has stepped down as Welfare Officer for the club and that Milly has recently completed the 2hr online course and is now the Club Welfare Officer. Ellie did also state, best practice is for the club to have two Welfare Officers, one male and one female and ideally neither should be a coach. Ellie asked if anyone present would be interested in helping in this capacity – no offers of help were put forward.

8. Election of committee for 2023-24

As per the Club Constitution Full Voting members of the club consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Welfare Officer.

The following elections were concluded:

Chairman – Ellie Gosling
 Secretary – Kirsty Scott
 Treasurer – Ian Gosling
 Club Welfare Officer – Milly Pelmore
 Committee Member/Coach – Juliet Fenwick

9. Strategy and direction for forthcoming year

Ellie stated that with the growing number of members we are getting close to maximum numbers in the pool

and on the velodrome therefore there may be the potential in the near future to split the club into two age group sessions, the first session being for those in TSS & TS1 and second session being for those in TS2+. We have used this method in the past when the club was c.50-60 members. The other option which was discussed was to offer a weekly swimming session at Palmer Park for half of the club whilst the other half of the club did other activities and then swap the following week, this is to be discussed further amongst the committee.

Ellie stated that she was aware that the quality of the current kit supplier has not been of a great standard. Ellie is currently seeking alternatives including Kalas which is used by Bicester Tri Club. Ellie to ask for sample kits for members to try/comment.

10. Any other Business

None raised

11. Close

Meeting closed at 4.30pm.

