



Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Saturday 3 February, 9am

Reading Athletic Club Club House, Palmer Park Sports Stadium, Reading

1. Welcome

Ellie Gosling welcomed all those in attendance; Kirsty Scott, Ian Gosling, Steve Mott, Kev Evely, Lisa Wilson and representation from the following junior member's families; James, Greens, Cella-Walker, Caters, Coates, Tyers and Whitmarsh. Ellie thanked them for joining the Reading Rascals AGM.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dave Wood, Juliet Fenwick as well as the following families; Gubb, Ryan, Howells and Cater.

3. Minutes of last AGM

These were reviewed and deemed a true record. Ellie stated that there was lots of discussion last year about the financial state of the club, which will be covered later in the meeting.

4. Chairman's Report – Ellie Gosling:

Ellie stated that it had been another great year for Rascals – fantastic results throughout the Triathlon England South Central Junior Series with numerous podiums at individual events and within the series over all. Special recognition for Lizzie Ryan representing Team GB Triathlon and also for several members tackling the Modern Biathlon Championships.

Reading Rascals is still continuing to get lots of interest – with numerous membership enquiries.

There have been so many highlights of 2017, but to name a few:

- The trip to the Reading AquaPark
- Huge numbers taking part in the Kids Dinton (Twyford) Triathlon & Duathlon
- Cycling at The LookOut!

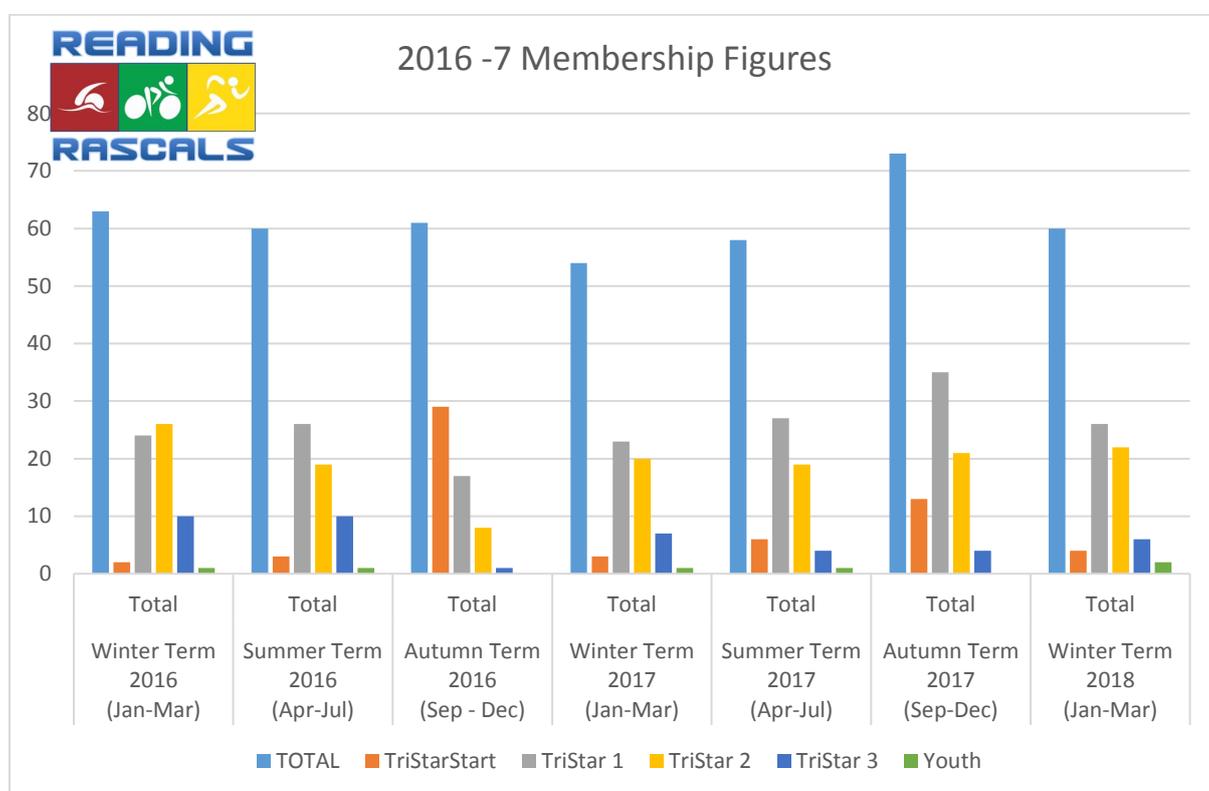
Ellie informed the club, that Triathlon England have recently announced that any clubs that

have a junior section are required to apply and achieve the [TriMark Club Bronze Award](#). Ellie stated that this is all done online, and requires all the coaches, committee members and TriActivators to confirm they agree to their roles and responsibilities, adhere to Triathlon England Code of Conduct and have an up-to-date DBS check. Ellie will be submitting this award proposal within the next 4-6 weeks.

Ellie thanked all the coaches for all that they do to make the club what it is and stated how lucky we are to have such a talented and developing coaching squad. Steve Mott has recently been accepted for the Triathlon England Level 3 High Performance Coaches Course. We have also recently welcomed Juliet Fenwick to the team as a TriActivator.

5. Secretary's report

Kirsty shared the following graph with the members to show the membership figures



As can be seen the total membership number each term is averaging 60 members year on year. On average 40 – 45 members attend our weekly training sessions. If this figure is to grow, we will look at bringing in other coaches to ensure the coach:athlete ratios are met.

6. Treasurer's report – Ian Gosling

Ian shared a copy of the Income & Expenditure Summary for 2017 with those present.

Reading Rascals 2017

Income & Expenditure Summary

1	Opening bank balance 01/01/17	£1,911.06	
2	Income		
	Fees & memberships	£10,751.29	
3	Expenses		
	Annual affiliation fee to British Triathlon	-£87.50	
	Coaching Fees	-£5,678.50	
	Session Expenses	-£1,971.94	
	Rascals Merchandise	-£436.11	New starters items bottle, drawstring bag, swim hat - lots kept in stock + c.20 hoodies in stock
	BF Event Fees	-£514.60	
	Aqua Park	-£43.44	
	Website fees	-£280.00	
	Rascals Event Race Fees	-£900.39	Dorney Tri, Incurro run
	Other misc exp	-£864.62	Branded Gazebo £505 Shinfield fun run sponsorship £150
	Total	<u>£10,777.10</u>	
4	Balance at bank 31/12/17	£1,885.25	

Ian stated that the overall financial position of the club was a lot healthier than this time last year, due to the increased term fees to £70, being more sensible with numbers of coaches needed for each session and not subsidising race entry fees as heavily for Rascals.

7. Welfare Officer's report:

Steve Mott and Lisa Wilson both reported that there had been no welfare issues within the club brought to their attention.

Steve reminded members of their existence should any junior members or parents have any issues regarding welfare or safeguarding.

8. Election of committee for 2018-19

As per the Club Constitution Full Voting members of the club consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Welfare Officers and other elected personnel.

Dave Wood had submitted a request for Full Membership which was granted along with the following elections:

Chairman – Ellie Gosling

Secretary – Kirst Scott

Treasurer – Ian Gosling

Club Welfare Officers – Steve Mott & Lisa Wilson

Elected Committee Member – Dave Wood

9. Strategy and direction for forthcoming year:

Following on from last year's AGM discussions regarding the demographics of the junior members being primarily younger members, it was suggested that contact was made with local swimming, running and cycling clubs as well as secondary schools to spread the awareness of Reading Rascals to this age group. Ellie stated that despite efforts of trying to increase the number of older members, the percentage hasn't changed – however she stated that she didn't feel this was a big issue that needed any more time/effort spent on; with which everyone was in agreement. It was discussed and agreed that once children reach secondary school, there does naturally tend to be a divide/bias towards one sport or another, on none – so keeping some children involved who want to be at Rascals is better than none.

It was discussed and agreed that Reading Rascals would not sponsor the Shinfield Junior Races this year to the sum of £150, but would support the Woodley 2.5km on Sunday 15 April.

Ellie asked the members what direction they wished to see the club go – and the general consensus was “if it's not broken, don't fix it”. It was agreed that how the club is operating at the moment appears to be working and beneficial for all those involved. Suggestions of favourite sessions/new sessions included running Hashing, a longer mountain biking session at The LookOut as well as Open Water Swimming at Horseshoe Lake as it was felt this was the safest venue for our age group.

10. Any other Business:

None discussed

11. Close

The meeting was closed at 9.40am and all those in attendance were thanked for their input to the meeting and the club.