

Limerick Triathlon Club
Annual General Meeting
Limerick Greyhound Stadium, Limerick,
November 17th, 2012



Meeting open 18:10

1. Chairperson's Report – Eugene Keane

Review of races

- a) Duathlon – One race held at UL Boathouse in February. Record entry of 165 athletes.
- b) Joey Hannan – 500 participants in 3 different races. Excellent support from UL and Limerick Swimming Club. More club volunteers needed for this event – a long day for those on the bike and run course.
- c) Hell of the West – 540 individual and 60 relay teams participated, 100 volunteers helping in the day. Counting of athletes into the water increased safety but caused some confusion and needs to be improved. Excellent goody bags for athletes, but some athletes and volunteers did not receive anything. The merchandise needs to be more carefully monitored.

2012 Activities:

- Club training weekends in Dingle and Kilkee.
- Cycle leaders on Sunday cycles.
- Open Water swimming in Castleconnell
- Club face book page
- Club away race – King of the Hill, Kinsale
- Ironman Austria.

2012 Achievements:

- Ironman – over 30 Ironman (16% Membership) 2 members at IM World Champs Kona
- Half Ironman – Tri an Mhi, Mallorca, Galway, Kenmare, Lanzarote
- LTC participants at over 40 triathlons in Ireland
- National Championships 11 Age Group medals
- National Series 7 Age Group medals
- Club Championships: Men 4th, Women 8th, Mixed 3rd

Limerick Triathlon Club exists because of its members, sponsors and committee, to promote triathlon and run events. Huge contributions are made by our members, volunteers and friend. We hope that when you ask a friend or family to help us out, they have a positive experience. We in turn need to volunteer, for example as Technical Officials to TI
Whatever time you can contribute is appreciated, and we hope that all members will be able to contribute in some way and continue the ethos and good name of our club into 2013

2. Treasurer's Report – Miriam McCormack

Club Income and Expenditure details were presented:

Opening Balance (October 2011)	€33,905
Closing Balance (October 2012)	€39,139

See balance sheets for further detail.

- Duathlon - Profit of €1,104
- Joey Hannan - Profit of €2,313
- Hell of the West - Profit of €10,431
- Sponsorship €8,495

3. Membership

- Membership decreased to 190 (from 280 in 2012) this due to a number of factors including new clubs nearby, many cyclists would have joined specifically for the TT.
- Membership runs January to January in line with TI
- Members also need at least Associate members of TI to participate in Limerick Tri club training sessions.

5. Sponsorship

The very important role of our sponsors was acknowledged. We are very fortunate to have a range of sponsors who provide not only financial support, but also goods and services, without which we would be unable to run our events. In the current climate where many clubs and organisations are losing sponsors, we want to do as much as we can to help promote our sponsor businesses, and ask members to support these businesses wherever they can. Although we are currently in a comfortable financial position, we may not always be in this situation.

6. Election of Committee

Chairperson	Eugene Keane
Treasurer	Miriam McCormack
Secretary	Sinead Walsh
PRO	Ciara Murphy
Results Coordinator	Sinead Walsh
Web Master	Niall Collins
Merchandising Officer	Mark Kennedy
Youth Welfare Officer	Niamh Yelverton
Membership & Beginners Officer	Janet Ward
Training Coordinator	Mike Lane
Medical Officer	Dr Mick Griffin
Kilkee Race Director	Mark Kennedy
Kilkee Race Secretary	Kristi Hogan
Joey Race Director	Kieran Curtin
Joey Race Secretary	Willie Carey
Duathlon Race Director:	Michael Deegan
Club Photographer:	Gordon Thompson

7. 2013 Events

Duathlon	February 17 th	Micheal Deegan, Race Director
Joey	April 28 th	Kieran Curtin, Race Director
HOTW	June 29 th	Mark Kennedy, Race Director

Hell of the West this year will also incorporate a Children's event and a Gran Prix Mixed relay event in Carrigaholt on June 30th.

8. 2013 Initiatives

- Club Away Races IM 70.3 Mallorca (May) IRONMAN Frankfurt (July)
- Club Home race – Caroline Kearney, Mullingar
- Club Open / Beginners Night
- Junior training and races - Aquathlon
- Focus on beginners and Novices
- Club training weekends and targeted training.
- All suggestions are welcome

9. Constitution

Limerick Triathlon Club has affiliated itself to Triathlon Ireland, the governing body of Triathlon in Ireland. As part of the affiliation process, the constitutions of all TI affiliated clubs are required to be in the TI template format for 2014.

We are asking the membership to accept the adoption of a reformatted constitution, with minor alterations. Both the original and the draft format were distributed to the membership in advance of the meeting

Questions were raised from the floor about where this adoption of a TI constitution would lead, and what further changes would be expected of us, and why it was required. Members were reassured that no part of our constitution would change, it was simply a formatting issue to enable TI to more clearly compare the constitutions of their affiliated clubs and ensure that key requirements were included in all.

Although a vote was taken and a majority voted to accept the Committee's proposal, John Deegan proposed that the Committee monitor the changes and reports on the implications to the membership. This motion was seconded by Miriam McCormack. It was agreed that further Legal opinion would be sought.

9. AOB

- Damien Schmid (not present) enquired about the availability and pricing of Club gear. Mark Kennedy (Merchandising officer) – a new leisure top would be available shortly, followed by racing and training gear, which will be available to members at a reasonable costs. Questions were raised form the floor about the reintroduction of a refund scheme for race gear.
- Club members are encouraged to wear Club gear in particular for prize giving photos. Concerns were expressed that sponsored athletes would be unable to do this, however not all prize winning athletes are sponsored and branding issues can be overcome in some instances.
- It was also noted that if all members tried to include the club name on their entries, then it would make sharing results quicker and easier.
- Concern was expressed that as e mail has become the main method of communication, a valid email address must be obtained for all members.

10. Club Awards 2012

Top 3 Women (NS Points)

Andree Walkin
Rachel Clancy
Edel Quinn

Top 3 Men (NS Points)	David Richardson Ross Higgins Mark Jeffers
Race Directors /Secretaries	Ivan Yelverton Willie Carey Marcella O'Neill Kristi Hogan
Coaching	Mike Lane Niamh Yelverton
Rookie of the Year	Roisin Doran Bryan Nolan
Ironman of the Year	Mick Griffin Edel Quinn
Chairpersons Awards	Gerry McIntrye Gordon Thomson Ger Fitzgerald Ger Shire Colette Sims
Club Person of the Year	Sinead Walsh
Athlete Of the Year	Mike O'Brien

Meeting closed 19:20