



ACTC Annual General Meeting 2023

Auckland City Tri Club AGM 2023 24th October 2023 (via ZOOM) Meeting commenced 7:10pm Meeting concluded 7:40pm

- Attendees and Apologies
 - Sam Keates, Nicola Sproule, Karen Russo, Scott Taylor, Vince Sesto, Kirsty Sesto, Nick Bone, Lynley Twyman, Nina Walkowaik, Shane Chubb, Katie Gormley, Cameron Brown, Dan Feist
 - Apologies: Alan Mckintyre
 - Is a quorum present with the number of attendees?
 - Yes, as per the Club Constitution, we need 10 people to form a quorum, and we have 13 in attendance.
- Previous AGM Minutes
 - The 2022 AGM minutes were made available to all members via the website and via email, one month prior to the meeting. Confirmation and acceptance of previous minutes.
 - Accepted by Nicola Sproule, seconded by Nick Bone
 - No matters arising from the previous minutes
- Financial Report For 2022/2023
 - Provided by Treasurer Nick Bone

ACT financial year is 1 July to 30 June 2023.

Key points to cover:

- For the year ended 30 June, 2023 ACT recorded a net loss of (\$3,515). This has decreased from a Net Profit of \$1,807 in FY2022.
- As at 30 June 2023, ACT is still in a healthy cash position with a combined bank balance of \$26,939.97. This has decreased \$3,515 from \$30,455.02 as at 30 June 2022.
- FY2023 saw the resumption of the Duathlon and this was the last one hosted at Pukekohe Race Track. The covid hangover was still in effect for this event as entry fees from 2021 event carried over to the 2022 event. Entry fee Income from the event was \$10,635, however, \$4,735 of that being was

reported in FY2022. (Due to cancellation & carry over). Reflected in FY2024, the entry income for the duathlon is approximately \$12,000.

- FY2023 oversaw a 15% decrease in Membership income vs. FY2022. (\$11,310 vs. \$13,245) I would suggest this relates to the covid-19 hungover and the decline in sports/event participation over this time. Going forward, the goal should be to maintain and grow membership numbers both junior and senior.

- Grants received of \$4,255 via Pub Charity applied to ambulance and timing equipment for the 2022 duathlon. We also received track hire grant, but, this was reflected in FY2022. FY2024 will reflect a grant (via Pub Charity) of \$12,724 for the 2023 duathlon.

- FY2023, also reflects a \$2,503 purchase for club merchandise being singlets and Caps (900/1603)

- As a voluntary charity, focus needs to continue to be on spending funds that benefit our members and are not for the personal gain of individuals.

- With Scotties Social Media magic, we continued our investment on social media to promote the club to current members and attempt to attract new members. We have also been promoting the sport of triathlon and running to the community, as our way of supporting the growth of the sport.

To summarise:

- We are a not for profit, but, our goal should be operating without loss. Looking ahead, we should return a positive number in FY2024. All items considered, ACT is still in a positive financial position going forward, and I believe we are operating financially for the benefit of our members. The Clubs financial focus should be to monitor and reduce costs where possible, growing membership numbers, growth in club awareness and exposure, promoting the sport of triathlon and access for all.

The committee is also aware of the need to consider avenues we can explore to involve and grow more juniors to the club to sustain us long term. Finn and Dom have done a fantastic job this year, and still has a large potential to grow further with them involved.

- I would like to thank the current committee for the year, all volunteers at the duathlon and everyone involved within the club. A special thanks should also be extended to Lynley Twyman, who works very hard for the club behind the scenes, and does a tremendous job with helping organise and operate the duathlon.

- The Financial report was accepted by Vince Sesto, seconded by Kirsty Sesto, with no issues raised.
- President's Report
 - Provided by President Nicola Sproule

This is my third and final term as president of ACT Club, and I'm handing over the reins to Vince, who has agreed to take over as president, but I'll stay in the committee to help out and keep the momentum growing. Thank you all for coming along to this meeting and showing an interest in the club. Thank you also to the committee who have all contributed such a lot to success of the club and have made my job a whole lot easier.

The committee members for 2023 have been Viggo Birkhardt, Karen Russo, Scottie Taylor, Vince Sesto, Nick Bone and Nicole Coulston. These people have given their time and energy to the club to ensure that we achieve our objectives and keep the club running. There are also a number of people who contribute to the club's success without being on the committee and I'd like to thank them as well – Lynley Twyman, Jason Orr, Ali Feeney and Rob Wills are some of the names. I apologise if I've missed anyone else but we appreciate all your help.

Thanks also to our loyal sponsors – Swim T3, Peoples Tri, Ocean Swim Series, Beach Series, Total Sport, Karapiro Flyer and Pub Charity - who have supported us and offered discounts to our members for a number of years now.

I'd like to spend some time in my report recapping on the last 12 months, acknowledging some of our achievements and touching a bit on our future. 2023 saw a full season of racing with ACT on the ground supporting the Peoples Tri events, Tauranga Multisport Festival and Taupo Ironman. We had

club members travel to Ibiza for the ITU World Triathlon Multisport Championships in May, to Pontevedra, Spain for the ITU World Triathlon Championships in September, to Lahti, Finland for the 70.3 World Championship, to Nice, France for the Mens Ironman World Championship and to Kona, Hawaii for the Womens Ironman World Championship.

We had 166 members in the 2023 season, made up of 33 juniors and 133 adult members, up from 2022 membership numbers of 153 and 2021 membership numbers of 164 members. I recently competed at the Womens Ironman World Championship event in Kona, the first time this event has been held as a female only event. There was scepticism from many areas about whether this event would get the support it needed both from the competitors and the media, and whether the increased number of women at the event would be capable of finishing within the timeframes. Following the event we received some stats that surprised many. 100% of all women starters finished the swim and over 97% finished the race. I don't know how that compares to the Mens Ironman World Championship event in Nice, but Ironman has shared their broadcast numbers, and 769,000 tuned in to watch the 2023 women's race compared to 599,000 for the 2023 men's race in Nice (and that's with a month long tail of men's viewers since it was held last month). These stats indicate that women's triathlon is getting stronger and is gaining popularity worldwide. So I just want to encourage all women who are listening in here today to get out there and get training, and if you are offered a world championship spot, whether you won your age group or because it rolled down, take it, train and prove to yourself and others that you are worthy of the finish line too.

Now for some of the club achievements of 2023:

- We gave all members who joined this year a quality ACT branded swim cap. Our member gift for those who join for the 2024 season is an ACT branded buff
- We have secured the committed service of junior coaches Fin Orr and Dom Burkhardt to lead the ACTC Junior Development Squad. The program includes tri camps over 2 days in each school holidays and support at each of the junior events over the season, including course familiarisation sessions. We hope to grow the squad this year and gain more comraderie between the juniors in the club, also providing a pathway to higher performance if necessary. We had juniors competing and supported by our club coaches at the Kinloch tri in February, the Mara Tri in March and the Secondary Schools Tri Champs in Wanaka later in March. Our juniors did very well at the Secondary Schools Tri Champs with podiums in the U13 boys, U13 girls, U16 boys, U16 girls, U19 boys and U19 girls.
- We held our Annual ACT Awards night at College Rifles Rugby Club in June, thanks to Jason Orr who organised the venue for us. We had a great turnout of over 50 people, many staying on after the awards to socialise with other club members. Karim Rostami was the guest speaker, who was a winning motivational speaker and we awarded club branded towels to our Club Champs as well as awarding trophies to Peoples Tri Series winners, Junior Most Improved, Junior All Rounder, Hard Luck Award, Community Service award and the Tony O'Hagan Spirit of Triathlon award
- We held some training sessions – a session on water entry/exit with Rick Wells in January and a session at the Kartsport track with Vince Sesto last month, and some winter seminars – a evening to meet one of our Club Pro members, Jack Moody, before he went overseas for his racing season, and a Tailwind Nutrition talk and Q&A session.
- Our free club training sessions are still running. Vince takes an open water swim session followed by a run at Kohi Beach each Saturday over the summer months and a bike run session from Kohi Beach during winter. We have club member Sam Keats taking Monday evenings run and drill sessions at the Domain and we also offer the Friday run interval sessions, which are currently run by volunteers from O'Hagan Sport.
- We have started doing profiles on ACTC members on our social pages so that you can get to know other club members and can say hello at training and racing events. We have profiled multiple members so far, with more to come.
- Our club Duathlon, also hosting the NZ Duathlon Champs and NZ Secondary Schools Duathlon Champs, was held in August this year at a new venue at Ambury Park. There was a lot of work put in by the committee and other volunteers. Special thanks to Lynley Twyman who managed the event on behalf of the club as well as managing the marketing and communications related to the duathlon. We

had a lot of positive feedback about the new venue and hope to continue using it in future years, making it even better each year.

- We offer our members a huge range of discounts for both events and products. These discounts are offered in the monthly newsletters and in the members only facebook page. We hope that members are taking advantage of these discounts, which seem to be growing by the month as we are approached by more and more sponsors wanting to offer our club members discounts for their products and events.
- We are coming up to our 3rd year with our new ACT kit produced by Tineli offering tri gear, cycle gear and running gear for sale at various times throughout the year. We have sold a reasonable amount of kit, but would like to see even more of our members out racing and training in the club kit. It really is quality gear at a good price, so please encourage people to buy it if you know of anyone looking to buy new kit!
- Driven by Tri NZ, we have migrated our membership system to GameDay together with all other NZ tri clubs. The benefit is that Tri NZ and the clubs can work together to ensure all club members are Tri NZ members without manual work arounds and Tri NZ can accurately report their membership numbers to Sport NZ to help secure increased funding for triathlon.

Our Future goals

- We are focussed on growing the Junior Development Squad with the help of our junior coaches Fin and Dom. The squad provides our junior athletes with a social and structured development environment and gives them fun and challenges them to grow in the sport. We ultimately want the academy to provide a supportive pathway for those that want to follow the high performance athlete development, as well as a fun environment for others who want to be involved at other levels
- We are committed to providing group training opportunities for members. Vince has done a great job in getting the Saturday sessions underway, and we want to continue and build the run sessions
- We want to continue our seminars throughout the year, providing speakers and experts to share their knowledge, as well as providing a social environment for those that want to meet other triathletes I'd like to thank Nick Bone, our club treasurer who is standing down from the committee after this meeting and Viggo Burkhardt, who is also leaving the committee after many years of service. The club can't operate without the committee members, and both Viggo and Nick have given a lot of their time and effort to the club and committee.

Also thank you to our committee members who are staying in the committee, and any new members who would like to join. We are very lucky to have a great committee of committed and willing volunteers to help develop the club. I think we have a great opportunity to develop our juniors with the Junior Development Squad, as well as providing a supportive and social environment for our age group athletes to train and compete. Tri NZ needs clubs to bring our athletes together and provide camaraderie, as well as provide events for members. We plan to provide value to members for being part of the club as well as a feeling of belonging to the club. Thanks to everyone for their support.

- The Presidents report was accepted by Scott Taylor, seconded by Karen Russo with no issues raised.
- Setting Membership Fees:
 - Proposed fees to be kept the same as they currently are with \$75 for adults(Over 21), \$35 for juniors, \$105 for families
 - Majority of attendees approved
- Election Of Committee For 2023/24
 - Confirmation of Committee Members retiring and many thanks to:
 - Nicola Sproule, Club President for past three years, but will still be remaining in the committee
 - Nick Bone, Club Treasurer
 - Viggo Burkhardt, heavily involved with the club, including juniors
 - Nomination And Confirmation Of:
 - President to be Vince Sesto

- Nominated by Nicola Sproule, seconded by Scott Taylor
- Treasurer to be Nicola Sproule
 - Nominated by Karen Russo, seconded by Vince Sesto
- Secretary to be Kirsty Sesto
 - Nominated by Karen Russo, seconded Vince Sesto
- New Committee Members
 - Sam Keates nominated by Scott Taylor, seconded by Nicola Sproule
- Life Members
 - Nominations for Life Membership
 - Lynley Tynman nominated for the amazing work she does for the club and within triathlon around Auckland. Unanimously agreed
- General Business
 - No issues raised
- Meeting closed