

## **Minutes of the Barracuda Triathlon Club Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at Half Moon, Skidby.**

**Present:** Steve Braund, Peter Hardman, Jackie Hardman, Aidy Messingham, James Bray, Ellen Messingham, Chris Elletson, Jim Hyam, Graham Jenkinson, Pete Overvoorde, Nicki Woods, Andy Smith, Lucy Khan, Helen Caldwell, Paul Caldwell, Katie Winstone, Debs Adock, John Godfrey.

**Apologies:** Steve Hawtree, Jacqui Ker, Nick Oehring, Connor Bowden, Francine Swann

James Bray welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Minutes of last year's AGM.**

The minutes of the AGM 2024 were noted and accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no outstanding matters.

### **Chair's report:**

James thanked everyone for their support and involvement during the year, which had seen record numbers of members join with an increased number of females. Lucy, Fran and others have certainly helped this, and Chris and Fran's development of the Club's social media strategy has also influenced this. The duathlon series had also seen a good mix of male and female participants. The Jolly'cuda duathlons had also been very successful and had seen a good take up by both male\_and by female\_members. Jim, Aidy and Ellen were thanked for the work behind the scenes in terms of planning as well as 'on the day' organisation. James thanked Chris Elletson, Dave Maskell and Jolly Tri in helping in the success of the 3 Jolly'cuda events. The contribution by Lucy of the swim sessions, the strength and conditioning and cycle training was recognised and acknowledged. IM Leeds had also helped the Club spirit in terms of both participants and spectators and would hopefully be replicated in 2028 at IM Lanzarote where several members were hoping to participate. He thanked the Committee for all their help and support in undertaking their respective roles and to all the members of the Club which had resulted in a great season and here's to a great 2026 season!

### **Financial report:**

Helen presented the Income and Expenditure account for the year ending 27 November 2025 and highlighted the main points. There had been a big increase in memberships, and the duathlons had brought a good income into the Club. Kit income was much less than expenditure, which was due to some payments still outstanding and some unsold kit. Helen and Nicki would be sending out reminders for payment and reviewing costs to take VAT into account. She highlighted that this year there was a surplus of £855.77. This was down on last year, but the account balance is a healthy £4575.27.

There was further discussion about whether to increase membership fees to £20. This would still provide good value for money, but it was pointed out that the membership needed to know reasons for any increase. Plans for 2028 and the Club's 40 years celebration were still to be made and finalised and some funds would be required for this. Also, additional costs for coaching fees, training and coached activities would require additional funding. It was agreed to retain the membership fees at £15, but to promote the idea of a membership increase for 2027 when a detailed analysis of planned expenditure was needed for such things as coaching/equipment/subsidised activities/2028 and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The need to open a separate savings account would also be considered alongside this. The accounts were agreed and accepted by the meeting. Helen was thanked for all her work and presenting the accounts.

### **Secretary's report:**

Jackie reported that the Club has had a very successful year with members producing some outstanding performances and there has been seen a huge increase in membership - 140 for the year – 98 males and 42 females. To put this into context, in 2016 membership was 68 males and 17 females so male membership has increased by approximately 50% and female by just under 200%! It is also pleasing to not only note this increase in membership, especially the female membership, but also to note that it has significantly reduced the average age!!

The Club is also affiliated to British Triathlon Federation (BTF) and Cycling Time Trials (CTC). 40 members have affiliated to BTF (an increase from 27 the previous year. Members were encouraged to register any IM event in which they were participating to the TriClub programme and hopefully the duplication issue has now been resolved. The Club has seen many members produce outstanding results, securing podium places and qualifying for national and international races from sprints to long distance. Jolly'Cuda duathlons took place at Ennerdale and once again, the Al McCartney series and the Kev Dean series proved very popular with both members and non-members. It was noted that members who joined from October 2025 would be automatically carried forward to cover their 2026 membership.

Club coach, Lucy Khan, has been very busy during the year offering swimming coaching, strength and conditioning and bike maintenance sessions which have been taken up by many members. Members have also benefitted from several weekend and weekly cycling and running training opportunities, organised by members and with options suitable for different ability levels, and catering for both grumpy cyclists or caffeine addicts!

For relaxation, the social calendar has included a summer BBQ, kindly hosted by Paul and Helen.

This year's awards dinner took place at Bella Rosa where the following awards were celebrated: Best male triathlete – Nick Oehring; Best female triathlete – Kirstie Drakeford; Best male vet triathlete – Steve Hawtree; Best female vet triathlete – Jill Speight; Best

Newcomer – Ben Cowton; Most Improved – Howard Dukes. The Mad Pad Award was presented by James and Mark Padley and was awarded to Mark Bissell. Simon Pick also received his long overdue award of Most Improved for the 2023 season.

The winners of the duathlon series 2024 were as follows: The Al McCartney duathlon series - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Richard Stone; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Leanne Kilvington; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kirstie Drakeford. The Kev Dean duathlon challenge winner was Nick Oehring.

#### **Kit Secretary's report:**

Nicki was welcomed to the meeting in her new role as Kit Secretary and updated the meeting on the Club kit. She was looking into the possibility of an online shop where members could purchase Club kit throughout the year and is currently looking at samples and gathering information regarding options and costs. This would also hopefully bring all kit under one supplier. There are still some outstanding payments which Nicki and Helen are chasing up.

Steve Hawtree was thanked in his absence for all his work as the previous Kit Secretary.

#### **Welfare Officer's report:**

Pete reported that there had been no issues and there was nothing to report, and we are in line with the British Triathlon Federation requirements.

#### **Website Officer's report:**

Jim gave an update on the website and advised that the membership portal for 2026 would open on 1 January 2026. The portal for the duathlons would open when the necessary approvals had been received and the dates confirmed. He was in the process of reviewing the content and updating the information found on the website, ensuring that the information reflected the content of the social media. There were many more training events and activities now and Jim would liaise and continue to update as necessary. Jim was thanked for all his efforts with this.

#### **Media/Socials Officer:**

Chris updated the meeting on the media/socials. There were 580 Instagram followers. Profile views were around 200 per month when the account first started about 3 years ago. This year in March it was 5000, June it was 8,200 and October it was 11,000. Fran was thanked for her support in helping to develop Instagram. Chris responds to new members making contact and ensures they are directed accordingly. Many positive feedback and messages have been received. There is a lot of interest in 70.3 events, and many have come from a multi-sport background. It was noted that the socials had been hugely beneficial in

increasing the Club membership and raising awareness of other activities and events in which members were involved. It was important that all events and activities were celebrated and not just the “big” events to ensure that the Club remained inclusive and accessible to all ages and abilities. Thanks were extended to both Chris and Fran for all their work in taking our social media forward.

### **Social Secretaries’ report:**

Ellen and Aidy updated the meeting on the social events held during the past year. These included the Mince Pie run, the Awards celebration evening, the summer BBQ at Paul and Helen’s and the recent Pizza Night at the Potting Shed.

The annual Mince Pie Beaver Trail run will take place from Beverley Leisure Centre on Sunday 7th December starting at 9:00am prompt. The Winter triathlon organised by Mark Padley will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at Billabong. This year’s 12 months in triathlon celebration night will take place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at Heron Parks where the Club will have exclusive use of the restaurant. As in past years, the Club will subsidise the meal for Club members and guests by £5 and there will be another raffle to raise funds for charity. It was agreed that there should be a presentation to the nominated charity in February to raise awareness and promote the club. It was agreed to review the awards presented and that a Coach’s Award would be added to the list of awards. Ellen and Aidy were thanked for all their work in promoting and developing the social side of the club.

### **Duathlon Officers’ report:**

Ellen, Aidy and Jim reported that the duathlons series had once again been very successful. 77 participants had signed up for both series, with 52 signed up for the Al McCartney series and 27 for the Kev Dean. 26 females had participated. The marshals and volunteers, and especially Paul K, Sophie, Graham and Steve were thanked, and it was noted that for the first time there was no cancellation due to bad weather. The evening at the Half Moon after the final event had been very well attended. Preparations for getting the paperwork in place in readiness for the 2026 series was already underway, with special thanks to Nikki Whittaker for her assistance noted. Improvements to the communication with volunteers and marshals on the night were currently being looked at. There was a suggestion for a pre-series taster session, but this needed to be included in the paperwork. It was noted that the one issue that had occurred during the series had been handled effectively and satisfactorily. There was a proposal to see if timings could be undertaken by SportsTimings but we needed to be mindful that the series was not a race!

### **Safety Officer’s report:**

Paul outlined some concerns relating to the clarity of his role. To date, the Club had not had any major problems but noted that we needed to be proactive to demonstrate our health

and safety plans and responses were robust, and this would be helpful with planning of events such as the duathlon series. He had found there was not much guidance and advice documentation from BTF. There was a useful discussion about some of the aspects which needed consideration – reporting system to report incidents and record actions, briefing of marshals, how to ID participants on the bike leg, disclaimer for duathlons, etc. It was important to ensure that this did not create more problems and liability, and James would liaise with Danni at BTF to seek further clarification. There was a suggestion that training for marshals delivered by BTF.

### **Coach's report:**

Lucy thanked the Club for their ongoing support. She had completed a Strength and Conditioning Coaching Course and was delivering a session on Tuesday evenings. She had updated her OWS coaching award which enabled her to coach groups, supported by Level 1 coaches, and deliver summer OWS sessions. She advised that her BTF membership had increased to enable her to both compete and to coach. It was agreed that it was appropriate to provide financial assistance for coaching kit and the increase in her BTF membership. The swim sessions were proving particularly popular with most participants being Barracuda members, and Barracuda members were also given priority to access the courses. She was also delivering an early morning Wednesday session between 7-8am. Costs were for the facilities and not for the coaching.

Saturday bike sessions were now very popular and 3hr sessions took place in York, costing £5 per participant for use of the facilities. More sessions will be taking place in Spring 2026, focussing on speed, fitness and bike handling skills.

There was a weekend training event due to take place in York 11/12 April with guest contributors.

There was discussion about ensuring that Lucy was not out of pocket and that a coaching plan was put in place to identify the way forward, targets and costs.

Lucy was thanked for all she had done for the Club and its members in what she offered as our coach.

### **Nominations and Election of Committee Members**

Nominations for positions on the Committee were received and elected as detailed below:

POST	POSTHOLDER
Chair	James Bray
Treasurer	Helen Caldwell
Secretary	Jackie Hardman

Welfare Officer	Pete Overvoorde
Website Officer	Jim Hyam
Media/Socials Officer	Chris Elletson
Kit Secretary	Nicki Woods
Duathlon Organisers	Ellen Messingham/ Aidy Messingham/Jim Hyam
Social Secretaries	Ellen Messingham/Aidy Messingham
Safety Officer	Paul Caldwell
Coach	Lucy Khan

**AOB:**

**Jolly'cuda duathlons:**

Dates for the duathlons in 2026 would be confirmed in due course with Dave Maskell.

**DONM:**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026

There being no further matters, James thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.40pm.