

Rotorua Association of Triathletes and Multisporters Inc
Annual General Meeting – Minutes
25 June 29007
Lake City Clubrooms, Rotorua

Present: Rachelle Cavanagh, Bob Cammock, Lesley Warren, Jeff Healey, Catherine Donovan, Adam Marshment, Dean Watson, Rick Flemming, Michelle Watson, Phil Bonney, Kerryn Barker, John Barker, Sheryl Hanratty, Moustache Ventelou, Irene Law, Keith Gallaher, Andrea Gallaher, Emily Pritchard, John Lavery, Greg Knight, Stuart Wallace, Clay Gulliver, Martin Watt, Mandy Westwood, Dale Cameron, Lindsay Foster, Anton Bergs, Katrin Walbert, Marcus Diprose, Justine Randell, Paul Westwood (31)

Apologies: Gail Powell, Gillian Shapley, Bryce Shapley

Meeting started at 7.20pm

1. Previous Minutes Paul Westwood

Taken as read

Moved: Greg Knight Seconded: Kerryn Barker

2. Presidents Report Paul Westwood – attached

Taken as read

Moved: Irene Law Seconded: John Lavery

3. Goals Katrin Walbert

Club goals as from previous two years will be continued. We went through the goals and highlighted the important factors within each goal

A fourth goal was proposed: Bring the involvement of club members to a higher level

- Even distributed work load within the committee
- Volunteering of non-committee members at events/for activities

Kerryn Barker suggested bringing the "Multisport" factor more into the goals, as we had an increase in Multisporters and interest into this sport in the club. We will change the title of Goal 2 to "***To continue to develop and foster a culture of supporting and enjoyment of the sport of triathlon and multisport***"

Moved: Mandy Westwood Seconded: Greg Knight

4. Membership update Paul Westwood

160 Members in June 2006, 210 Members in June 2007

5. Financial Report Stuart Wallace – attached

Moved: Marcus Diprose Seconded: John Lavery

6. Election of Officers

Executive Roles

President: Paul Westwood Proposed: Katrin Walbert Moved: all

Vice – President: Catherine Donovan Proposed: Katrin Walbert Moved: all

Secretary: Justine Randell Proposed: Kerryn Barker Moved: all

Treasurer: Irene Law Proposed: Stuart Wallace Moved: all

Committee:

Sheryl Hanratty, Phil Bonney, Lesley Warren, Clay Gulliver, Greg Knight Moved: all

Roles within the committee:

Webpage maintenance: Phil Bonney

Equipment & Trailer: Greg Knight

Junior support contact: Greg Knight

Moved: all

Taken on roles but not on committee:

Membership database: Michelle Watson
Big Cheese: Mandy Westwood, Caroline Cameron
Social Events: Kerryn Barker, Gillian Shapley
Schools Liason: Rick Flemming
Moved: all

7. Subscription and TriNZ Paul Westwood

TriNZ is changing their membership fee structure and constitution at the next AGM in September 2007. This may influence the clubs own membership fee structure - TriNZ are reducing their fee to around \$10 and offering more support for Clubs such. Currently they have a Public Liability Insurance for clubs set in place and are working on Junior Development programs. To be able to take advantage of these offers a club has to have a min. of 50% TriNZ members. For more information see TriNZ webpage. Proposal to change our own membership fees and incl. TriNZ membership to take advantage of the TriNZ offers towards the club. We will have to wait for the TriNZ AGM to make a decision, as it is not clear yet how the subscriptions for TriNZ will change and what exactly the benefits will be. It was decided to put our subscription on hold and to have a special meeting after the TriNZ AGM and finalise the RATs subscriptions then.

Because of these changes we will also have to change the start of our Subscription year from August to October (after TriNZ AGM).

8. Triathlon Club Championships Paul Westwood

It was proposed to change the Triathlon Club Championship system as the current one is not fair – proposed to have a point system based championship with best 3 out of 5 races. Will be finalised in the coming committee meetings.

It was proposed to add a "Multisport Championships", the rules for this will also be discussed to in the next committee meetings.

9. General Business Katrin Walbert

a. Junior Support

Lengthy discussion about what we can do to support our up and coming athletes. Greg Knight volunteered to be the contact person for Juniors and help them with questions and training. Following ideas were suggested and should be implied in 2007/08

Gear support – the club will provide help in finding/sourcing gear (bikes, kayaks, wetsuits etc) for Juniors if they need something for racing, collection of old/unwanted gear to give out to Juniors

Webpage – have a "junior" webpage with – contact of Greg Knight as "junior advisor" and contact for gear

Cheap entries to our events for juniors

Free membership to juniors if they cannot afford it

- b. Interclub update: provisional Entry Form was presented to the club, all North Island Tri Clubs have been contacted – date advised, entry form sent out. Entry forms will go into shops in July. Race is open to public this year, conditions apply
- c. TriNZ Board elections: Emily Pritchard volunteered to be up for the TriNZ Board elections
- d. TriNZ Race in Rotorua: early November 2007 (11th?), RATs agreed to support race.
- e. Have a go day: conflict with other events at the usual date (winter/spring), Marcus Diprose proposed to put the event on in March, after Ironman. Maybe consider a 'mid-week' race.
- f. Kayak Funding: Marcus Diprose proposed to try to get some funding for a couple of Kayaks for the club. Will investigate Charity applications

- g. Aquathon: role up for grabs if Paul cannot commit to it this year. It was proposed to add a Kayak-Aquathon to the series. Also a roster system was proposed
- h. Big Cheese ads: Advertising in the big cheese newsletter will cost from now on - \$25 for business card, \$50 half page, \$100 full page. Club event sponsors will get one add free.

10. New Business

- a. Add committee meeting dates to the weekly emails
- b. John Barker proposed to look into purchase of a few windtrainers to give members without windtrainer a chance to come along to the sessions, they could buy them off the club for a cheaper deal when they've used them a few times?

Presidents Report

EVENTS

Winter Duathlons

Katrin has taken this event up to a new level. Much improved venue at the Waipa MTB car park with a good course and the choice of a short or long distance event. Numbers were around the 100 mark for each event. Very cheap \$5 / \$10.

Interclub Duathlon

RATS hosted this for the first time and it was deemed to be a great success especially as we won the trophy for the first time.

Aucklanders especially liked the forest venue and the closed to traffic cycle course.

Tendering the race organisation out was successful and Emily Pritchard did a great job especially due to the fact that it was the first time this event was held in Rotorua. The event has been tendered out again and Katrin Walbert has agreed to be the event organiser for the race in September 07.

Although the race was well attended by Aucklanders and the TRINZ junior development squad there was still a poor attendance from Hamilton and BOP clubs.

Have A Go Day (HAGD)

Managed to get done with minimal fuss. Continues to be popular with the novice multisporters.

Blue Lake Multisport Festival

In brief the weekend was a success and a great weekend of racing.

However it was far too much of a drain on the club in the extra work it created for club members. This was highlighted by the following:

There were few club members participating in the race as most of them were marshalling in some way.

There was extensive work done by the 4 committee members leading up to the race.

The weekend turned into an endurance event for the organisers with some members starting work very early Saturday morning and not finishing until late Sunday night.

I feel that Triathlon clubs should primarily exist to provide support to people who participate in triathlons and not to put on the events themselves.

The focus was taken away from the ideal of the BLMF (King and Queen of the Lake) as the National Series race took prime position.

The race has developed enough over the last few years and in the future it would be best to keep things simple and grass roots. Around the country you wouldn't find a Tri-club that puts on an event the size of the BLMF; Tauranga's biggest event would be Bayfair (one day one race) and EBOP have the Ohope Tri (good but very grassroots).

Aquathons

These have continued to grow and have been popular all summer. A great way for athletes to get out and have a bit of 'race' practice and for more novice athletes to get experience. It was good to see more juniors taking part and just people getting out after work and catching up with fellow athletes.

TRAINING

Bunch Rides

These have been going well all year apart from a break during the season. Numbers have been up to around 20 or more riders. It's been encouraging to see regular attendees of the rides continue to improve in their cycling. It's ironic that the only major weekend bunch ride in Rotorua is organised by the Triathlon club. There was an attempt of putting on a Wednesday bunch ride which (for a few reasons) was not successful. The club needs to be careful in the future when putting on official club rides (or any training event for that matter) in that the people offering to lead the training are fully committed.

Spin Class

These have proven to be popular all winter. Having a coach on board has been a great bonus and allowed the spin classes to be a regular feature of the training program.

Squad swimming

Now subsidised by the club and form an essential role within the club i.e. no self respecting tri-club should be without one.

Swim plus

Again another useful training resource for the club. Worth subsidising as long as there is a demand.

Kayak sessions

Two coached kayak sessions have so far been carried out and have been a success. As long as there is a demand and someone is willing to co-ordinate the training the club should continue to be supportive.

SOCIAL / TRAINING EVENTS

Whirinaki Ride.

Proved to be a success with quite a few new members attending. RATS subsidised.

Irontour

Awesome! All the athletes who came away for the weekend had great things to say about the inaugural Irontour. RATS subsidised, we plan to make it 2/3 days next year.

Annual Dinner

New venue was a success though a little cold but this wasn't a major (apparently they plan to put a new roof and detachable sides on it). Proved to be an entertaining evening and was well attended by around 65 members including many new faces and a heap of juniors. Excellent value of \$30 for a great meal, great venue and lugging would have been a draw card.

RATS subsidised.

OTHER ITEMS

Club Kit

Catherine Donovan has done a great job in getting some great new cycling kits. Can't wait for the summer when the RATS peleton will be a regular feature around the back roads of Rotorua. It's been great going to events and seeing all the RATS tops out there and a great way to meet fellow members. RATS subsidise the kits.

Athlete Funding

The following athletes received funding from RATS to help the attend World Championship Triathlon / Multisport Events in appreciation for their services to RATS in the previous year:

Paul Westwood; Becky Law; Tanya Lee-Parker; Vance Wilson; Anton Bergs; Steve Gibling.

RATS ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS 2006 / 07

Xterra Worlds 2006 RATS participants:

Tanya Lee-Parker; Jeni Knight; Steve Gibling; Vance Wilson; Becky Law; Anton Bergs.

Ironman Worlds 2006 RATS participant:

Paul Westwood

Ironman NZ 2007 RATS participants:

Jamie Campbell; Tanya Lee-Parker; Steve Gibling; Anton Bergs; Andrew Hiscoke; Adam Marshment; Dale Cameron; Katrin Walbert; Lisa Davis; Ray Litchwark; John Lavery; Tex Talbot; Mac Mckenzie; Anna Squires; Paul Davidson; John Molloy; Glenn Barry; Paul Westwood (All finished apart from Ray).

TRINZ National Series 2006 / 07

Emily Pritchard completed the whole series (? The only RAT to achieve this).

Rebecca Law qualified for the ITU World age group champs in Germany Sept 2007.

Xterra NZ 2007

Whole heap of RATS athletes and broken Ironman did this.

Jeremy Christmas, Sonia Foote, Monique Avery all Qualified for the Worlds.

On the local race scene RATS had a great showing especially at events such as the Tauranga Half Ironman.

Mandy Westwood 1st Tinman, 1st Ohope, 1st Bayfair.

RATS multisport fraternity has continued to grow and are now always a presence at most multisport races.

Other races such as K2 continue to be major RATS events and it's great to witness the camaraderie and internal competitions between fellow RATS at all events.

PRESIDENT STATEMENT

2006-07 has proven to be another great one for the club. The club have managed to maintain the momentum built up over the last years by previous members. Events such as the Interclub and Irontour as well as the growth in the Multisport side of the sport have been additional club activities.

The Blue Lake Event proved to be somewhat of a strain on the club however we got through the other side and we have hopefully learnt from it, if we hadn't done it we would never know what we do now.

I continue to see the club as a Team, here to support athletes and their families who compete in Triathlons and Multisport. This is in the form of training opportunities, athlete development, and a sense of support and camaraderie from Team RAT at all athletic events we compete in.

Above all there should always be a sense of Fun, new faces should be greeted and people encouraged to get out there and get involved.

The club will only continue to exist if there are people out there who are prepared to help out. I'd rather see the work load spread out evenly amongst members rather than relying on a few individuals who subsequently get burnt out and end up leaving the club.

The club does have a role in putting on events such as the BLMF and Winter Du's but mainly to provide a service to the Rotorua and BOP / Waikato athletic community rather than the larger National community. Of course the events are also important in that they provide the main source of revenue for the club.

THE VALUE OF RATS TO MEMBERS

Here's what you get for your membership dollars:

Financial benefits:

Squad swimming and swim plus.

Spin Classes.

Aquathons.

Winter du's and Blue Lake discount.

Awards dinner discount.

Irontour, Whirinaki ride and other social event discounts.

Subsidised kit.

Other benefits:

Weekly e-mail updates.

Newsletter The Big Cheese.

Ability to join TRINZ.

Hopefully a sense of belonging and being part of the team however small your involvement.

Financial Report:**Rotorua Association of Triathletes Inc****Statements of Income & Expenditure to 31 May, 2007**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Income				
Entry/ Registration Fees	16,504	15,342	13,770	8470
Interest	111	116	53	13
Uniform Sales	3,205	1,075	1,260	-
Sponsorship	6,504	5,750	3,000	1,000
Subscriptions	3,071	2,040	1,580	1,040
Grants & Other Inc	10,222	14,765	-	4,835
Total Income	<u>39,618</u>	<u>39,088</u>	<u>19,663</u>	<u>15,358</u>
Expense				
AGM Costs	392	225	146	-
Christmas / Annual Dinner	110	1,869	279	1,192
Insurance	1,140	778	778	789
Coaching	668			
Club Grants	5,043			
Miscellaneous Expenses	670	341	102	3,494
Printing & Newsletter costs	446	632	94	-
Postage	220	382	177	-
Trailer Costs	285	318	293	73
TriNZ Memberships & Costs	745	200	240	362
Uniform Purchases	5,080	1,502	1,288	-
Website Costs	1,006	862	541	-
Event Costs	18,542	15,690	12,183	6,818
Other Expenditure				
Uniforms, Tent, Buoys and Trailer	3,033	15,837		
Total Expense	<u>37,379</u>	<u>38,636</u>	<u>16,119</u>	<u>12,728</u>
Net Surplus	<u>2,238</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>3,543</u>	<u>2,630</u>

Individual Events	Clothing	BLMF	Interclub	Have -a Go	Aqua-thons	Winter Duathlon	BLMF Dinner	Iron Tour	Whirinaki Ride	Total
Income										
Entry/ Registration Fees	-	5,194	4,931	665	286	2,703	2,725	-	-	16,504
Grants	-	2,160	2,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,869
Sponsorship	-	4,750	500	250	-	-	-	-	-	5,500
Green Tops Sales	475	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475
Cycle Top sales	2,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,300
Cap Sales	430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	430
Cost Recovered from TriNZ	-	1,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,070
Total Income	3,205	13,174	8,140	915	286	2,703	2,725	-	-	31,148
Expense										
Caps	955	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	955
Cycle Tops	2,876	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,876
Graphics & Design	799	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	799
Green Race Tops	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450
Equipment Hire	-	918	630	-	-	-	-	353	-	1,901
Entry Forms (Print & Post)	-	1,045	-	55	-	310	560	-	-	1,970
Event organiser	-	955	1,609	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,564
Dinners & Event Meals	-	-	896	-	149	-	2,015	-	158	3,218
Marshalls & Medical support	-	868	759	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,627
Prizes gifts & Trophies	-	468	-	300	257	100	-	-	-	1,125
Sundry Event Costs	-	372	-	-	52	145	168	-	-	737
Timing systems	-	1,432	1,440	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,872
Venue Hire	-	1,398	629	163	-	338	-	-	-	2,527
Total Expense	5,080	7,455	5,964	518	458	893	2,743	353	158	23,620
Net Income	(1,875)	5,719	2,176	398	(172)	1,810	(18)	(353)	(158)	7,528

Rotorua Association of Triathletes Inc

As at 31 May, 2007

Assets

Deposit and Bonds	500
Westpac Cheque Account	11,605
Clothing	3,033
Darbi Accessories Tent	3,291
Covertex Bouys	1,546
Assorted Equipment	250
Bike Racks	250
RATS Trailer	11,500
Stop Watch	1,100

Total Assets

33,074

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Liabilities & Equity

Club Equity	33,074
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- Highlights

- Events Financial Success
 - Blue Lake, Winter Du, Interclub
- Continued membership growth
- Solid financial position
 - Bank Balance \$11,605
 - Uniforms in stock \$3,033