

Barracuda Club AGM



It was wet and windy outside but inside Warners all was cosy as Keith and Emma made all Barracudas who had turned up for the AGM very welcome with mulled wine and mince pies.

Before this though came the serious business of the Annual General Meeting. Club Chairman Sean Bennett ran through the club's year and commented on how much the club had grown over his many years in the club. Club Secretary Antonia Goodison then ran through a few points and noted that the club now had around 140 members. The Treasurer Kevin Dean ran through the club's finances (click to access) which continue to be healthy with almost £2k in the bank and nearly £4k wrapped up in kit for resale. The only slight cloud on the horizon was the increasing cost of the Albert Avenue swims.

A number of members were voted onto the Committee. These were Simon Pickering (Chairman), James Bray (Events/Duathlons) and Emma Barraclough (Membership Secretary). Simon Pickering wanted to make it clear from the outset that his taking part in the We Love Mountains racing team would in no way affect his commitment to the Barracuda Club. The 20 club members present had no objections in this regard and some commented that being involved with other teams like this showed the depth of talent and commitment to the sport of such members.

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Antonia, Sean and Kevin field some tough questions!

Any Other Business

Total Fitness Offer

Sean Bennett mentioned that Total Fitness at Willerby were now in a position to offer members of the club a swim/bike session at Total Fitness. Barracuda members would not have to be members of Total Fitness to take up this offer (unlike previously) and it was likely that the cost of doing a swim and then a cycle session there would be under

£5 (tbc). Members at the AGM thought that this sounded an interesting proposal and Sean was keen to hear what the wider membership thought and whether it's something that a group of members would be interested in as a club night.

Club Tri

Steve Coates and Dave Walker said they were happy to take the reins of the club triathlon again. It was decided that a date later in the year (late

August/early September) would be the best time to do this. It was also suggested that we invite some other clubs to take part in our club tri (to be discussed further).

Junior Section

Whilst discussing other clubs and in particular Lincsquad and their large pool of coaches to call upon, the idea of developing a junior section of the club was discussed. Steve Coates said he continued to be keen to promote this, and was happy to help setting it up, but also noted that long term it would need someone on a regular basis to train and be with the young people if it did get off the ground. Anyone from the club with an interest in training young people/children in the sport and getting a junior sec-

tion off the ground should see Steve.

Club Dinner

There was thanks given to John Ketley for organising this year's club dinner/awards at Lazatts. However, John is unlikely to do it again this year, but Antonia Goodison and Lynda Hields said they would look to step into the breach and organise something. More details to follow in due course!

A list of all Committee members, new and old will be on the website shortly.

VIEW FROM CHAIRMAN



New club Chairman Simon Pickering gives us his thoughts (briefly) about his new role.
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