

# TeamTriGuru

## Committee Agenda

**3rd March 2026**

### **Committee Members:**

**Chair – Mike Reeves**

**Vice Chair – Rich Conway**

**Treasurer – Kath Reeves**

**Membership Secretary – Janet Bunyan**

**Club Secretary – Suzanne Hodskinson**

**Kit manager – Howard Bamber**

**Head Coach – Martin Cain**

**Coach Rep – George Holden**

**Members Rep – Alison and Chris Blackshaw, Mick Ashton**

### **Agenda Items:**

1. Chairman to open meeting. (5mins)
2. Treasurer to report on current finances. (5mins)
3. Head coach to report any exceptions regarding coaching. (5mins)
4. Update on new kit and how to progress. (5mins)
5. Key events for 2026 (20mins)
6. New Sponsorship opportunities. (20mins)
7. Social media focus for the coming year. (10mins)
8. Social events to promote the club (10mins)
9. AOB (10mins)

1. **Opening Remarks**

Mike opened the meeting and commented on the success of the AGM. He noted how well attended it was and highlighted the positive atmosphere in the room. It was suggested that the strong turnout may have been helped by the central location of the meeting room.

## 2. Financial Update

Kath reported that, as of the meeting date, the club's bank balance stood at **£5,800**, with **£900 set aside for swimming coaches**. There remains a slight imbalance in the accounts relating to East Manchester Swimming, but this is expected to resolve itself shortly.

The club is currently achieving **three lanes for the Wednesday swim while only paying for two lanes**. However, it was reiterated that an **average of 11–12 members per week is required just to break even**.

George confirmed that he is currently being paid by Copley (via Kath), and he will look into the possibility of being **paid directly** going forward.

## 3. Head Coach

Martin reported that although he had nothing further to add following the AGM, he felt positive about how the meeting had gone and the energy coming from it. He reiterated that both Kath and Shayne are due to leave their posts as swimming coaches, and that it is therefore a matter of urgency we recruit 2 new swim coaches. Both Rich Conway and Jodie have been approached to complete their Level 1 coaching qualification, we are awaiting confirmation from them to book on to this course. This represents a substantial cost to the club, approximately £500 for the two courses.

Rich informed the group that this has already been booked for around Easter time, although it unfortunately takes approximately 18 months to become fully qualified at Level 1.

Mick suggested that it would be beneficial for the club to run an ongoing recruitment drive for swim coaches to avoid ending up in the same situation again in the future. Alison suggested that a swim session could be filmed and shared on social media to help advertise the coaching role to other members. Rich added that you do not have to be a great swimmer to become a coach.

George mentioned that swimming on a Monday night is becoming extremely busy and that members should ensure they book onto sessions as soon as they become live. At present there is approximately a 70/30 split between TTG members and Masters swimmers. Martin will contact Andy Dwyer to discuss the possibility of adding another lane.

Howard suggested that instead of paying an annual membership fee and a weekly swim fee for East Manchester, a monthly standing order of approximately £30 could

be introduced to cover these additional costs. Alison and Kath responded by reminding him that a Copley membership would still need to be paid.

#### **4. Kit Update**

Howard reported that the new kit supplier, NopinZ, received positive feedback at the AGM. Lusso and Apex kit remain available to members.

Rich mentioned he was slightly concerned about sizing with NopinZ, but Howard advised that members can contact the NopinZ Sales Department directly, as they are very helpful with sizing queries.

Sales have been limited so far, likely because it is still early in the season and many members purchased new kit from Lusso last year.

The committee should also keep the TTG Vinted chat in mind and promote it to newer members as a way to buy and sell second-hand club kit.

#### **5. Key events**

Martin suggested we should focus more on promoting local events to the club rather than the bigger, more expensive overseas ones, and make sure we keep the momentum going with this.

We agreed that committee members should share the local races they're planning to attend in this chat. Once they're posted, we'll run a quick vote and the top two will then be suggested to all members for their feedback. The aim is to pick events where we can get a really strong club turnout.

The events chosen were:

Wilmslow            26<sup>th</sup> April

Boundary Breeze    12<sup>th</sup> July

Southport            17<sup>th</sup> May

Rossendale          10<sup>th</sup> May

Salford                2 August

#### **6. New sponsorship Opportunities**

Rich is currently in the process of purchasing a TTG gazebo, which will be a great asset to the club, particularly on race days. Chris has already made a bike rack to go inside it, and everything should be up and running in time for the club race.

Martin noted how successful the club's race sponsorships were last year. However, for the time being, it was agreed that this should be allowed to evolve naturally rather than pursuing anything specific.

Howard suggested that sponsoring the Christmas do would likely be the most popular option among club members.

It was also agreed that the club kit, flags, and gazebo will not carry sponsorship. However, individual races or events could potentially be sponsored.

## **7. Social Media**

The team have been quiet recently, but the events page on Spond has been a great success. Janet will discuss with Sam the update of the TTG website. Eoin has been a great help to the team and, with the onset of the season, it will hopefully be back up and firing on all cylinders soon.

## **8. Social Events**

Mick highlighted how good the club events are and that the Bacon Butty run at the Reeves was a great success. These events naturally evolve even if its just a breakfast after a run/bike/walk. We need to advertise them more on the TTG chat.

## **9. AOB**

### **Free Lifetime Membership Proposal**

Chris suggested offering **Paul Cane** and **Sean Ofsarnie** free TTG membership for life. Mike Reeves said this will be discussed at a later date once he has had time to consider it.

### **Press and Publicity**

Howard discussed the need to gain more press attention by developing a strong "story" that could be promoted to the media.

### **Monday Swim Attendance**

George raised concerns about attendance levels at the Monday swim sessions and how numbers could be regulated. Martin will approach Copley to discuss possible options.

### **Race Times and Handicap System**

Vaughan reported that he now has several members' times from the most recent races. He reiterated the importance of understanding how the handicap system works:

- The **winning time of the race**, and
- Each **member's race time**.

### **Triathlon Participation and Swim Confidence**

Alison suggested that some members may not be booking onto triathlon events because they lack confidence in their swimming ability. She noted that **Janet Grint** has been helping a number of members improve their confidence in the water.

Martin will also speak to Copley about:

- The possibility of bringing back **Swim Fit**, and
- Exploring other options to support **non-swimmers or less confident swimmers**.