

TeamTriGuru

AGM 2026

19th February 2026

Committee Members:

Treasurer – Paul Cane

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

AGENDA:

1. Head Coach Welcome and Introduction:

Martin opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending, as well as expressing appreciation to Sean Stafford for kindly providing the venue and to Lisa Stafford for supplying cakes and coffee.

He gave an overview of the past year, highlighting the generous monetary contributions from Mike Reeves (MR) towards swimming at East Manchester, Sean Stafford for sponsoring members at the Mossley 10K, and Danny Bamber for his support with the Lusso kit and entertainment at the annual Christmas Presentation.

Martin also drew attention to upcoming local races and praised the excellent turnout at the Tatton 10K just before Christmas. He emphasised the importance of maintaining the club's grassroots ethos, ensuring equal support for members competing locally as well as those representing the club at World Series events around the world.

2. Treasurers Report

This was Paul Cane's final Treasurer's Report for the club, as he now hands over the role to Kathryn Reeves (KR). Kathryn kindly prepared and submitted the TTG Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 2025. The report was circulated to all members via Spond and hard copies were also made available at the meeting.

It was generally agreed that, without the financial support of MR for swimming at East Manchester, the current bank balance of £3,588.20 would not have been achievable.

Over the coming months, we will review the viability of continuing swimming in its current format.

3. Membership

Janet informed members that at the time of the AGM, the club had 78 members — 65 full members and 13 social members. She explained that the Spond app is a valuable tool for the automatic renewal of memberships and is the most effective way to communicate with the club as a whole.

She also introduced the new Events page, which now allows committee members to add races and club activities. This provides a great way to communicate the club's activities and enables members to see who has booked onto particular events.

Janet highlighted the benefits of the four TTG WhatsApp groups: **Vinted, Committee, Racing, and Training**, each serving a specific purpose in supporting communication across the club.

The Social Media group — comprising Eoin, Janet, Shayne, Emily, Sam, and Andrea — are committed to promoting the club locally and supporting initiatives aimed at growing membership. Eoin presented to members the work being done behind the scenes and outlined how they have increased the club's social media content, visibility, and engagement by 275%

4. Head Coach Report

Martin shared the news that unfortunately in the near future we will be losing two swimming coaches, Kath Thomas and Shayne Wilson. This is a significant loss to the club.

However, there is some positive news. Both Rich Conway and Jodie have expressed an interest in becoming Level 2 coaches. We have also recently benefited from coaching support at EM from Kat, who has expressed an interest in joining the club as both a swim coach and an athlete.

Due to current financial constraints, we have had to reduce the swimming lanes to two (although we have managed to use three at times). To break even, we require a minimum of 11 members attending swimming sessions. Ian Howarth continues to run his weekly running sessions, which are advertised on the Training WhatsApp group. Alison suggested that in the spring it might be beneficial to reintroduce the shorter speed work sessions that previously proved very effective. Martin also suggested bringing back the Thursday night runs in Saddleworth, allowing members to train locally within their area.

Kath Thomas is now PT qualified and has been successfully running Strength and Conditioning classes. These are promoted on WhatsApp and Spond,

have been very well attended, and are a valuable addition to overall triathlon training.

The Saturday morning ABC rides will be returning soon with the arrival of spring. These were very successful last year and run alongside the Wheel Guru rides. Tim and Paul also mentioned that time trial rides will be starting again soon. Both the ABC and time trial rides are advertised on WhatsApp and Spond.

5. Kit Officer

Howard, our Kit Officer, is responsible for working closely with kit manufacturers to ensure we achieve the very best quality, highest specification kit at the most competitive price. After careful consideration, we have selected NopinZ as the official supplier of TTG kit.

Howard brought a selection of items to the AGM for members to try on and assess, and the feedback was very positive. NopinZ come from a strong cycling background, so they understand the demands of speed, performance and aerodynamics — qualities that align perfectly with our needs.

We will still be able to supply kit from Lusso and Apex if required, and Howard will continue to manage these orders.

One of the key advantages with NopinZ is that we can place orders at any time with no minimum order requirement.

In addition, TTG members can benefit from:

- 10% discount at Up and Running
- 10% discount at Glorious Gravel

Keep an eye on the training WhatsApp group for further offers and updates.

6. COMMITTEE ROLES

Following the recent resignation of our Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, the club held a vote to appoint new members into these roles. We also felt it was important to bring in additional support to provide a stronger members' perspective within the committee.

By a show of hands and unanimous decision, the following appointments have been made:

- **Chairperson:** Mike Reeves
- **Vice Chair:** Rich Conway
- **Treasurer:** Kathryn Reeves

- **Members' Representative:** Mick Ashton

The remaining committee members will continue in their existing roles.

Vaughan also spoke about his role within the club and how he gathers race information from members. He reiterated how important it is that all race times are posted in the **RACING WhatsApp group**, along with the overall winning time. This information is essential for calculating handicaps.

Please ensure that the RACING WhatsApp group is used for race times only.

7. AOB

Club Sponsorship & Equipment

Rich Conway discussed the need to secure new sponsors for the club, particularly to help fund a new TTG Tent-style fixture to be used at races and club events.

He also reiterated how successful the Relays were in Nottingham at the end of August and emphasised the importance of continuing to support this event, as it remains a key and valued club fixture.

Club Representation at Parkrun

Mick Ashton proposed that, at least once per month, members attend a local Parkrun wearing full club kit. This would help promote the club and raise awareness of what we do within the local community.

Membership Fees Proposal

Paul Shed suggested introducing a monthly standing order of £10 instead of the current £40 annual renewal fee payable in January.

The idea behind this proposal is to create a small "slush fund" to assist with costs such as the Christmas Presentation Night and trophies.

Club Kit & Sponsorship Branding

The club collectively agreed that, while sponsor names could be displayed on the club tent, they should no longer appear on club kit. It was felt that this is not financially viable and prevents the kit from having a consistent, unified appearance.

All the above points to be discussed at the next meeting .

