

Coventry Triathletes

Chairman's report to the AGM 2020/21

I ended last year's report optimistic for another successful year for the club; little did I know that on the day of last year's AGM the announcement of a National lockdown was made, and the abandonment of the AGM was the first of many cancellations.

It certainly has been a strange year all face-to-face activity ceased for a long period of time, but we were kept entertained with Strava segments initially set up by Ed Milbourn then supported by Mark Aldridge and finished with the winter Zwift segment challenge set by Alex Williamson.

We all got excited and felt optimistic in the summer when things started to ease, and events and training sessions began to go ahead; only to see everything stop again as we went back into lockdown in the winter.

With limited face to face activity happening, like the rest of the world, we've become used to using technology most of us had never heard of before. From zoom committee meetings to strength and conditioning sessions on Skype led by Ebony Fennell.

Instead of our annual sprint triathlon we held a socially distanced duathlon and triathlon. Ed organised a treasure hunt that had us searching for obscure landmarks around Coventry and Warwickshire.

One thing that has continued throughout this year has been the member of the month despite limited opportunity to celebrate success at races we have been able to applaud members for plenty of other achievements.

Even though we have been constrained by COVID restrictions throughout this strange year the club showed its true strength by coming out in force to line the streets on the day of Guy Bicknell's funeral and filling Strava and our Facebook group with memories and #rideforGuy.

Thank you to everyone's contribution to the club no matter how great or small; especially all of the committee members for their continued work behind the scenes and a special

thank you to our level 2 coaches who had to shoulder the vast majority of coaching the swim sessions when we returned in the Autumn.

I hope that next year will be better and we get back some form of normality; that may be a new normal but let's hope it looks similar to the old one when we can train and race together.

Alex Darragh

Chair