

# UKFRS Triathlon Section 2023/2024

## Section Report

9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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### Agenda

- Minutes of the last meeting
- Election of officials
- Treasurers Report
- National section race update
- International Tournament Tri Up
- Agree date and time of next meeting.

### Apologies

12 Apologies were registered

### Attendees

25 Attendees

### Election of officials

The section thanked the current committee for their hard work for the group.

The officials were duly elected and seconded

**Secretary.** - Carl Latimer

**Treasurer.** - Paul Hopkins

### Treasurers report

The section depends on funding from Firesport for survival. The monies received supports being a member of British Triathlon and in providing awards at national events. The AGM also receives support, usually in the form of booking the venue for the AGM and prior cycle ride. Funding is not used to support members travel or accommodation costs, this is solely the responsibility of the members themselves.

### National section race update 2024

Duathlon – Fire Fighters 2 up duathlon 10 March 2024 – completed

Standard – TBC

Sprint – TBC

Long Course – TBC

AGM – Sprint Triathlon at TWFRS International Tournament 2 September 2024.

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The Firefighters Duathlon was held in Horwich and supported by GMC Fire and Rescue Service. Attendance was 14 teams, a total of 28 athletes. The majority came from GMFRS whose area the event was in. Multi-Sport racing has taken a huge downturn. This race has in the past seen over 100 athletes take part. The section is looking at other ways to raise support for multi sport racing however as long standing members retire the section numbers have reduced considerably. Many services have triathletes within them and we will endeavour to try and increase support for the National Section.

## Additional Information

The section has developed links with the swim section and Sarah Holme is keen to invite members to attend the swim event held in conjunction with the AGM at Lincoln in September.

## International Tournament Tri Update

This has been postponed to the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Hosted by TWFRS the section will support this event as best as we can. To do this we will hold our AGM during the event and this will hopefully boost numbers as the International Tournament is also suffering a downturn in numbers.

## Kit

Apex Custom clothing continue to provide the racing kit and they supported the firefighters duathlon with the provision of prizes.

## Any Other Business

A lengthy discussion took place on the 2024 race calendar. The 2023 season saw numbers reduced at all events. The secretary attended and raced all events but the attending numbers were never the same and the numbers reduced to five in one case. Many events are being cancelled due to low attendance so the section decided that we will leave race calendar open. To this end we will communicate via the Facebook page and discuss races which are attracting larger numbers. We will then try and attend as a section. Whilst not ideal this seems to be the most sensible decision ensuring the section to continue.

I am sure many other sporting sections are struggling with numbers and they will have had the same discussions at their AGM's. The section thanked not only it's own officials but also the officials of Firesport for their continuing hard work in a very difficult period of reduced participation in mass sporting events.