**Chairman’s report**

Apologies for not being able to be present tonight, work commitments mean tonight I'm in Singapore.  My 3 year tenure as the Chair is now run and therefore I'm stepping down.  In the 3 years I've enjoyed corresponding with and representing London Clubs and athletes.  This has included representing the Region at the Triathlon England Council meetings.  Council representation is a long term project, with slow results, but I would like to say I was part responsible for making Triathlon England look more closely at supporting Clubs with the end result being the Club helpline. With HMRC getting more interested in the revenues that Clubs generate it is a great sounding board for Clubs and their Treasurer's.  I've always been hugely supportive of the development of the Junior scene and tonight you should hear about a superb new offer called Skills School.

All the London committee are volunteers doing their extra work on top work, family and training requirements.  I'm delighted to say the committee has grown in depth and scope in my 3 years with an annual budget planning meeting to create a business plan and interesting meetings where topics are discussed, not reports read out.

New volunteers are vital to the committee and it is vital for the lifeblood of the Region that existing committee help find their replacements and us "old timers" step back.

There is one activity from this year I'd like to mention - the Region took a stand at the London Triathlon with the objective of connecting some of the 6,000 athletes to London Clubs. It's something that has been discussed for several years so was great that we actually did it this year. Locating the new London triathletes amongst the 6,000 at Excel proved difficult but those we did connect with were genuinely pleased to find they could find a Club near them and continue their triathlon experience. Plans for 2017 will be discussed I'm sure.

A huge thanks to all the committee members over the last 3 years it has been a very enjoyable experience for me in a golden time for the sport.

One last but very important note is to thank Jon Train the Triathlon England regional manager.  He has always been incredibly supportive and helpful and an absolute delight to meet up with and a have a coffee or even better a beer.

Many thanks