

AGM 2023 President's Report

Australian Time Trials Association (ATTA)

The first big thank you for this year goes out to all the volunteers who donated their time through the year, and in particular the McRobbie family, the dal Passo family and the Connan family who have been at most events through the year and without which we would not be able to hold these events.

The second big thank you David Equid, who during the year made the collaboration happen between MyLaps and WebScorer to allow the respective hardware and software to interface with each other, and to ensure the future of electronic timing at ATTA events. David has developed procedures on how the system works to use as a training tool, taught Kim van Amerongen and myself how to use the timing system and a swathe of other small projects from entries, bulk emailing, post-race analysis and race results.

David has spent enormous amounts of time, and experienced equally enormous amounts of stress, largely in the background to keep ATTA events going and has contributed enormously to the club's future and we all owe him a significant amount of gratitude for this.

The final big thank you for the year goes to the ATTA Committee for the 2022/23 season which is comprised of John Healy, David Equid, Stu Helm, Hayden Long, Alison Ramm, Kim Van Amerongen and Steff Van Amerongen who have all completed a significant amount of work during the season to run these events. Stu Helm and Lorraine Maclennan had a well-deserved break from the Committee for much of the year, and we look forward to hopefully seeing them back soon.

Our Committee is almost fully resourced just running these events and administering the basics of the club, and we do need more help. We have many small projects that could easily be completed with as little as 5-10 hours of focussed work and without a deadline, which would make the world of difference to the Committee and our club. **If you have some free time that you could donate to ATTA, please contact one of our Committee members.**

ATTA ran 29 events for the 2022/23 season, and we had 193 members by the end of the year. We ran a few less events than we had planned as we had to cancel several events due to a lack of entries, a lack of volunteers and clashes with other events. Most notably we had to cancel the 160km Club ITT Championships and by doing so, this meant that no riders qualified for the Best All Rounder (BAR) this year. There are just so many options out there for people to ride their bikes these days that it is becoming harder to avoid clashes also.

We are experiencing declining participant and membership numbers, something which is occurring in the UK CTT scene as well as other clubs in Perth, and we are engaging with other clubs and keeping an eye on the UK CTT scene and seeing if their ideas can be implemented here. There are two approaches we have taken so far, the first is to make ATTA membership and racing free for U18's to stimulate participation in the junior age groups, and the second is to introduce road bike categories which is something that UK CTT has done.

This year saw us build the new ATTA website which is hopefully a nice refresh from the previous version, and which gives us the ability to showcase the pictures of participants at our events which have generously been shared with us. The website is always evolving and if you have suggestions for making it better, please let a Committee member know. With the refresh we have also included virtual trophies on the ATTA website showing the various trophies the club owns as well as including the names of the previous winners and a picture of the current winner.

We also created the ATTA Instagram account @atta_perth as a new channel to communicate with members and participants, as well as to promote time trials and cycling in a general sense through sharing of photos and stories etc. We currently have 341 followers and are getting some good engagement and we are looking forward to learning this new channel.

There were several lower priority projects that we did not manage to complete during the season that will be rolled over to the current season as we start to consider what we achieve in the next twelve months and in what order. Some of the things we are looking at include increasing participation and membership numbers, engaging with our members more, identifying new courses, identifying alternative days and times of racing, reviewing the points systems for the Early Birds / Hilles / BAR, succession planning for the key roles at the club and reviewing our key club documents such as our constitution, race rules and risk management plan.

The 2023/24 season is going to be a challenging year for ATTA and there will likely be several changes to how we operate, and we are going to have to adapt also. ATTA exists to serve our Members and we need the engagement of our Members and their feedback to ensure that we are on the right path as we navigate these changes.

Kind Regards

Steve