

## Chester Triathlon Club Minutes :

### Committee Meeting on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May

Apologies Ian Jameson, Nania Mason, Jan Rogers, Chris Malpass, Anna Pope, Kirsty Seddon

Present: Dan Craigen, Sean Simmons, Jo Harding, Ciara Murphy, Sally Napthen, Dave Press, Leigh Jenkins, Amy Edwards, Andy Hamilton, Mark Jones, Sue Ellis

#### Items for discussion:

1. Matters arising from last meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March/actions completed  
All actions completed apart from London Marathon Ballot process. Ballot for 2017 now closed, **so announcement needed re keeping rejection letters and process for allocating club places.** : Jan Rogers
2. Christleton 5k – final arrangements/help required  
Course re-measured in 2016– course was 0.2% out, along with all races measured by the same course measurer. Now corrected. Had appeared on fb.  
About 50 marshals available. Instructions still to be sent. (*now done*) IJ chief marshal, AH announcements; DC – timing, SE – registration  
Letters to residents posted yesterday.
3. Confirmation of arrangements for Alan Cronin's Memorial run.  
All details have been announced. Clark will be coming.  
5km – SE & Dave Taylor  
10km- Kelly Crickmore & DC (possibly ?!)  
15km – Susie Fourie, Bree Sutcliffe, Simon Ellis  
Refreshments – IJ **Action : Collect required equipment together**  
Some kit, including 1 gazebo, will be in Sean's car after the Christleton 5K, so that can be brought directly to Delamere. **Remind Ian to liase with Sean.**
4. Progress on acquiring and recording of DBS  
Anna not present to update. This task has been swamped by the other issues.  
Ciara raised the possibility of the need for separate roles for Welfare & Safeguarding.  
AH – when we were a smaller club, these conflicts of interest etc were not evident. While it may seem unwieldy, it may be necessary.  
MJ – speak to Anna & Nania to see if they would split their roles accordingly. Requested arrangement for a meeting with them.  
(*Both have resigned their positions on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May*)  
SE asked CM to produce a paragraph defining those roles  
AH – Flow of information between senior & junior sections has dried up lately. SE – it would

be good if the committee could be sent a copy of the Junior Newsletter. **Action : NM or Simon Greenwood.**

5. Replacement for Andy Howarth on Leagues – interim race selection for summer league  
Unsure if Andy has already selected the races. (*He has not* ). Must be done by end of May.  
SE – suggested putting in the Stoke Club Champ race end Sept.

Dan – ask Iain Wood if he is interested.

It has just been put in the newsletter.

6. Feedback regarding Dom & his response to our meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May (Vice Captain )

MJ – People named in the complaint against the club have been contacted by BTF, and asked to respond to the complaint against them. At this point, no evidence to substantiate the complaint has been provided.

IJ, MJ, SE, DM met on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May to try & reason with Dom. (*i.e. that with a majority of the committee, including 2 exec members, refusing to serve with him, his voluntary resignation would be in the best interests of the club* ) Dom responded on Mon – negative. He will not stand down

Letter sent to Dom 5:30 pm today, relieving him of his role, as per the decision of the committee on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Ian has stepped down as treasurer as he did not want to be signatory to the letter.

AH – Sought clarification on reasons why Ian has taken this view. Not entirely clear, SE – suggests that he would prefer the EGM route.

Method of notification of members. A letter to the members. AH – keeping it simple, so not ambiguous. A third member of the exec not able to be co-opted. SE – We should not stray from the constitution, such as it is, on this. AH – use the letter to emphasise the future election of exec roles. AE – could offer opportunity to shadow.

(*this letter to the members was sent on Fri 13th May* )

7. Listing & prioritising of actions required, to now take the club forward.

Update club constitution, **end date sept** to be sent out to members before AGM.

**Action SE & MJ**, AH could assist, particularly with club rules/code of conduct etc.

(*We have had an offer of assistance from Alison Brennan, who is a specialist solicitor in this area, which has come via SN*)

DC – consider becoming a CASC ? Might be an opportunity to create a document that would allow for this in the future

SE & MJ to make a start on the constitution – **1<sup>st</sup> draft by end July**

News letter / press releases

LJ – Discussion about continuing improvement of facebook. Possibly a need to close the two pages that exist now and start a new one. Invite all friends from the old pages to join. AH – reminded about avoiding the situation where a page is controlled by a single person, rather than by the club. re-jig fb.

## **Social JH**

Booked Little Music Theatre for last Sat in Nov i.e. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bar downstairs – no room hire charged when bar is used.

May need to shorten the awards ceremony. **JH & CM to look at the number of awards and perhaps also how they are handed out, to avoid a very lengthy prize giving .**

## **Bike – Dave Press**

Winter weekend rides now finished for this year. Thanks to all who navigated. Bike leaders' workshops attended by 9 of us. Three new navigators recruited and two lapsed navigators brought back into the fold. Thanks to Andy Howarth for helping to run them. Thursday evening rides start on 12 May from Christleton Leisure Centre at 6:30 to 8:30 and I hope to have sufficient navigators to be able to meet the needs of a range of riding ability. Our plan is to have two navigators for one group which can then split if necessary. As the summer progresses we may try to run more than one group if numbers justify it and there are sufficient leaders. I plan to offer monthly day rides and as last year will progressively increase distance and hills to make it useful preparation for the Rise Above at the end of August (John Robb has agreed to coordinate our Rise Above entry as a club). I'd welcome any views as to whether Saturday or Sunday is likely to be more popular for a day ride.

DP – queried lower age limit for unaccompanied riders to join the group rides – 16

DP – Planning to do 3-4 longer rides at weekends. Queried whether Sat/Sun would be better. Pros & Cons to both. Sun quieter on roads.

Saighton TT getting very full. Not able to take all comers. Max 45 riders

## **Deva Divas Race - Sally N**

Update for Divas:

- 180 entries as at 11th May - 15 entries down on same time 2015....loads more down from 2014 but that was a bumper year
- Big news - £500 sponsorship from Simon's solicitor's firm!! Yayyyyyyy!!
- Still looking at first aid cover as Jigsaw price increased substantially
- Still trying to source items for goody bags
- Bike workshop on 25th April - really successful even had a hand cyclist!
- Run sessions taking place each Monday - Led by Diane Duret
- Training days 5th June / 3rd July

- Andy Hamilton has managed to get us a scoop with 220 for promotion....they're going to do an article on Divas looking at all aspects and will actually spend the day (possibly the weekend) with us from race registration through the day.

### **Kit Update May 2016 - AE**

The kit is mostly stored at the Community Centre, and orders have been either collected from the Café or posted / delivered without any major problems. There were 16 orders in April. A few orders have been refunded because people have ordered the wrong (too small) size, despite there being information about this on the website. I will write something about this for the newsletter. I will also write something for the website to clarify when people can expect to have their items either ready for collection or posted – we plan to normally pick items only once each week so people should expect them the following week. Quite a few people have visited the Centre and the Café for the first time as a result of us holding the kit here, so this has been good for us here too!

We are currently out of stock for quite a few items, but new stock has been ordered and we are expecting it to be delivered to us by the end of May. Andy has placed the order so he should be able to answer any questions about this.

I will be getting the Kit Team together in the next couple of weeks to review how we are working together.

**Treasurer's report. File attached with agenda**

*\*sections in italics indicate information added after the meeting.*

**Next meeting is on 29<sup>th</sup> June.**