

Agenda for Committee Meeting

Wed 30th March 8pm, Hoole Community Centre

Apologies:

Chris Malpas; Jo Harding; Dave Press; Andy Hamilton;

Present :

Mark Jones; Sue Ellis; Ian Jameson; Sean Simmons; Dan Craigen; Sally Napthen; Nania Mason; Anna Pope; Jan Rogers; Ciara Murphy; Kirsty Seddon; Amy Edwards

Andrew Howarth emailed a resignation letter at 7pm

Actions from last meeting :

- Key holders : Jan tried to get some more Square 1 keys cut, but a code card is required. Ian is speaking to the centre manager about it. Turbo sessions are nearing the end for this winter, so just need to ensure easy access for the autumn.
- The place on the Traffic Management course was advertised, and Peter Timson has volunteered. Sue has altered and re-submitted the paperwork accordingly.
- Leigh is doing a great job trying to sort out the Facebook pages. It may be best to close them all down if we can, and start again. In the meantime, more use of the pages is happening. See below, under *communications*
- Dan & Sue met the rowing reps on the Chester Watersports Centre Project. It looks as if it could be a good opportunity to create links so that we could have the possibility of using the centre as a base in future for events and possibly some junior training. It is unlikely to be something in which we would/could have capital investment. We will continue to be kept in the loop on the project.

Dom Miller (Captain) was present at the start of the meeting. It was assumed that his presence would mean that he would direct the meeting, and that it would involve discussion of the Motion of no Confidence, providing opportunity for both sides to air their views, and try to find a way forward.

The rest of the Agenda had been prepared to use if he had been absent.

DM – stated that he would not stand down, he believes that only way to remove him from office is by an EGM. If club don't agree he will go to ET and ask for adjudication.

CM – feels that it would be utterly irresponsible to air the details in public, and it would not safeguard the interests of some people involved. People will ask difficult questions.

At this point 8:10pm DM left the meeting

The remaining committee members then continued to discuss next steps :

SE- having established that DM will not stand down voluntarily, despite 11 committee members requesting him to do so, (2 of which on exec.); we now have to find out the next appropriate steps to take.

JR – Would not have confidence in BTF

NM – The committee can't decide on whether to have an EGM or not.

AE – the 'right thing' is to consult our Governing Body. SN agrees.

JR – the fact is that a large proportion of the committee will stand down.

MJ – offered to speak to Dave Rigby about the impasse.

NM – Spoke to Dave today, who said that a vote of no confidence was not the way to go forward. He felt that if Dom was elected by the membership, he should be de-voted by the members.

SE – Has looked at other club constitutions – we can't apply them as if they were our own protocol, but they provide a guide.

NM – We should just focus on the practical issues and continue to work in parallel, as though the club is being run by the other 3 execs.

SE – this might be possible, but only in a non-exec role, where not having to take responsibility for things over which they have no control.

DC – why not just have an EGM, as quickly as possible. No minimum period of notice to members required by constitution.

Can't be done on-line. Possibly ask Oliver Heald to present the motion at the EGM.

Other option is for all those who want to, to stand down – which would force an EGM anyway. So former option is most sensible.

SE - Who would organise it ?

IJ – first step is to speak to Dave Rigby , If he confirms that we need an EGM; find a date when Oliver Heald would be available for an EGM. **Action- Mark**

Items for Agenda

1. *Thanks to coaches.* – thanks & recognition expressed for the continuing hard work of the coaches & successful training sessions going on.
2. *Airing concerns & Going Forward* – Some airing of concerns done in first part of the meeting, but unable to do any practical forward planning until Captaincy settled.
3. *Club Code of conduct & how to record incidents of misconduct in the future.*
4. *Action plan and time line for :Update of constitution*
Develop a commutation protocol
Update club development plan
5. *Feedback on the working group suggestion put forward by Sue.*
All agreed these need doing, but again neither time at this meeting, nor ability to start on them. DC/SE The BTF constitution template would be a good starting point to work with for the constitution.

Section updates :

Run :

Announcement re London Marathon places . **Action Jan**

EA Club affiliation fee due – paid by ? Sean thinks that the payment may be taken automatically . Ian **unsure Action – Ian & Sean to monitor the EA account around April 1st.**

Sean -

EA Memberships = 156, reminders have gone out for the new season and over 40 people have renewed, only issue is the fees have gone up to £13 for 2016/17
Which some have re-registered for only £12, but I have changed his now online.

Some people run for Chester Tri, but actually still belong to another club, which comes up on the results. Sean has to email them to ask them to transfer.

Swim: Chris

Coach development session?

Adding another session ?

No real update from me. February from a swim point made a small profit and I'm expecting March to be the same. There's been a few sessions where we've had more numbers than wed ideally like, but nothing unusual for this time as year as people realise they need to start swimming ready for the season. It normally dies off and goes back to normal. I will however keep an eye on it.

In answer to the two question marks against the swim section:

Coach development session:

Not had chance to sort, but will do ASAP.

Adding another session:

We said we would leave for now with Rob departing but continually review based on how we would do covering our current sessions with the voluntary coaches. It seems to be going OK, so let me speak to a few key coaches and see if they'd be willing to cover an extra session on a trial basis. Also need to speak to a Ian to see if he's happy from a financial point of view.

Bike: Dave Press

I'm afraid that I've had to give my apologies for being absent from this week's meeting, but here is my update.

Weekend rides continue until 1 May. For the last couple of months I've scheduled leaders for group 1, 2a and 2b and left it for group 3 leaders to volunteer. I think we've had one group 3 ride this month.

My plan is to start Thursday evening rides in mid May. I'll need to recruit some leaders to replace Rob. Now that Alison's suspension is lifted she may lead some of the rides, as she did last year, although I've not asked her yet.

Andy Howarth and I are running bike leaders' workshop on 21st and 28th April at Christleton Leisure Centre and Boughton Hall respectively.

Sean and I have discussed how we could encourage participation in the Thursday evening tt at Saughton. We'll, on a monthly basis, invite people to assemble for Thursday evening rides and offer to accompany a group to ride to Saughton and sign up for tt. On a Thursday before we do that we could include the tt route in the evening ride. I'll also encourage people to join the 3rd club tt as a familiarisation with the tt route/event.

League:

Races

Deva Divas - Sally Napthen

- Entry at 149 on 28th March - Approx 15 below last year at same time
- Divas Bike Workshop held on Monday 29th February - Ladies all really happy and enthused - Really appreciated time taken by Mike Waring, Aaron Riley and Kate Litherland
- Divas Bike Workshop Take 2 scheduled for Monday 25th April
- Divas Bike Skills session held on Sunday 20th March - Starting/finishing at Meadow Lea café and using the greenway. 10 ladies with Kate Litherland. All extremely grateful and some really nice emails thanking the club for putting the session on and Kate for her patience and teaching skills!
- Looking at first aid provision - Had provisionally booked Jigsaw but their costs had escalated so now looking at St Johns.

Christleton 5k - Sean

Christleton 5k road race is full! with 8 weeks left to go until race day! at 500 athletes with a further 19 on the waiting list..

Everything is booked, Traffic Management, Sports hall, School, Law School (parking), No Waiting Cones, First Aid, Chester Tri Swim is cancelled (both Adv.&Int), Parish council also know too.

Only thing left to sort out is the club volunteers to help out, some water and letter drop to residents. **Action - Sean will check out last year's list of marshals/helpers and put something in newsletter.**

Social - Jo Harding

Outcome of the survey -

People want the last Sat in November and at £12.50 no sit down meal! (62%)

Alan Cronin Memorial Run - I spoke to Dave Taylor and asked if he would be willing to help put some runs together and regarding the date. He suggested the Saturday 21st May after the Park Run at Delamere as the Chester Half Marathon was the weekend before and they had a training run for the Full Marathon on the 22nd May already booked.

Portugal trip-

We are in the final stages of producing a very comprehensive training document for our Portugal trip which I have received wonderful input from Pete Brook, Kenny and Tony Fisher. Once it is complete I will forward to you prior to sending out the attendees on the trip for final approval. I have also purchased 4 first aid kits that are bike specific and 2 local maps. Andy White has also agreed to upload the routes onto Garmins so I feel we are well prepared.

I am happy to work with someone on the Exec (obviously not Dom) to pull this together as it was an action from the AGM:

1. A date needs to be agreed – **Sat 21st May @ Delamere, 11:00am start.**
DC – Barnes Bridges might be better than the main carpark, in case Delamere Forestry object to an organised event.
2. Something needs to be written to go in the newsletter
3. How many people we are likely to expect? ? Register/nifty –
Round figures, probably 100 don't feel that pre- registration is necessary.
4. Routes - Kelly C has very kindly offered to put the routes together as I have asked Dave a few times but he hasn't had time.
5. Run leaders at front and back of each group
6. Club tents at the start and finish with coffee/tea, soft drinks and cakes.
People to be asked to bring cake. Possibility of having an urn and a generator/ or flasks. -

Kit

Reminders to members about buying kit has been in the newsletter.

Posting photos of people in kit on Facebook.

Reminder again pre Chirk ?

Treasurer

Membership stands at 452 members, including juniors

We currently have a bank balance of £16,197.03 which includes the £2500 we have in a deposit account but not any monies we are holding for events etc.

This total is around 10K more in the bank than we had at the start of the financial year. The main contributors to this dramatic turn around has been due to the increase in membership fees and the fact that we currently do not have to subsidise swim sessions.

I have had preliminary discussions with Jan to look at what the finances of the club would look like if we did start to pay coaches. We are both doing some more work to fine tune our initial calculations and will meet again soon.

I still hope to liaise with the treasurer of Leeds and Bradford Tri (LBT) – Helen McVicker has promised to use her contacts and powers of persuasion to put me in touch with him.

Communications

website update RE Facebook - Leigh

There are 2 'official' Facebook pages which we have control of -
<https://www.facebook.com/chestertriathlonclub> This one has to be added as a friend
<https://www.facebook.com/chestertriclub> The 'main' facebook page

There's also this page <https://www.facebook.com/chester.tri.9> which has to be befriended. I can't work out who has access to this page, I have messaged the account but I'm not sure if it's even manned any more.

And the finally there's the City of Chester Tri group. This has the biggest following and would be the best to keep around, however it would need the name changing and maybe some admin access to a couple of others. I am thinking this will not be possible which is a shame.

I've asked Facebook if they can help with the account that has to be friended that we don't have access to. At least that would reduce the number of pages if that one were to go. If we could get the City of page handed over we could remove our page that you have to add as a friend, but I won't hold out any hope.

One page has now gone.

NM – ask Dom to give another committee member (Leigh best person) admin access to his group and to change the title to Chester Triathlon Club.

AOB

JR – David Vaughn will do an on-line questionnaire about methods in which he could help members with nutrition.

Andrew Howarth has passed level 2 coaching. He has also resigned from his role in running the Leagues, but will coach and help with races.

NEXT MEETING 11TH MAY