

Chester Triathlon Club Committee Meeting 4th January 2017

Minutes

Apologies : Nania Mason, Sally Napthen, Dave Press , Amy Edwards, Chris Malpass, Sean Simmons

Present : Mark Jones, Sue Ellis, Andy Hamilton, Dan Craigen, Leigh Jenkins, Ciara Murphy,
Ian Jameson, Iain Wood, Ian Laird; Jessica Archer-Clowes, Nigel Waterhouse,
Chris O'Hara
Mike Waring

Items:

1. Matters arising from last minutes –

- * SRA training : Sue has arranged a meeting room at Aarons Solicitors.
Grosvenor Court, Foregate St, Chester CH1 1HG
- Mark not yet actioned contact with juniors.
- Leigh & Hannah to discuss this week re junior website content.
- DBS checks to be submitted by end of January. Sue has forms, which Andy can now distribute. Hannah will email a letter this week to all coaches, to explain the process. Identity checking can be done by a solicitor, dentist, teacher, as well as at the post office, so it would be possible to arrange a time and date when the coaches could bring their ID documents to a central point to be verified. Then returned to Hannah or Andy to be forwarded to BTF.
- Spring Training camp organised. Confirmation with hotel by Feb, re numbers. Pool booked from 7-8am each day, with some other options available as well.
- No further feedback on the Development plan since the last meeting, so all requested to **provide input for development plan to Mark by end of January.** (Or confirm that you have nothing to add & are happy with the plan)
- **Andy H. planning to meet coaches early February,** as there is already a swim coach meeting being held on Monday 9th January.
- Discussion about the worth/need for producing an asset register. Making of an asset list to include items of significant value only. i.e. items over £ 50. Would be needed for insurance claim. Would also highlight where items are old/damaged and will need replacing – so budgeting & prioritising enabled. **Chris & Nigel to proceed. Dan offered to help with identifying items in the race equipment store.**

2. Website up-date

Facebook – promotion of business - personally or on behalf of others. Need to avoid any commercial advantage from postings, which would ultimately dilute the use of the facebook page. Committee members have a particular duty to avoid this, which can happen quite inadvertently. It is however fine to recommend a business in response to a specific question that someone has asked. Page is now a very positive tool for the club.

Website is likely to be ready to launch mid-february.

Content is down- loaded to site now, then section leaders, etc can edit or amend their sections as necessary. **Leigh to advise how/when this function becomes available.**

3. Info to report from the wider committee :

Races

Deva race has Bonk T shirts & hoodie this year. AH - Issue of noise pollution has to be considered. There are some complaints from local residents about noise, mostly from people living near the race course, and associated with the Chester Marathon. DC - Just need to be aware of unnecessary volume on set-up days. Cannot prevent noise on race day itself.

Dee Mile – Global Swims not yet announced the inclusion of Dee Mile race. They are launching new races in a staggered way.

Deva Diva – quadrathon is now full

Coaching

Coaching dilemma discussed further. It may be that it has to be accepted that some people will not be able to fulfil the commitment. Various reasons why people do not get actively involved after having been trained. Some of those, e.g. work/family are unavoidable. Other things e.g. lack of confidence or lack of engagement, may be able to be addressed.

Could look at 50:50 funding. Where the second half of the course cost is paid after the individual has successfully put in a number of coaching hours.

Some people may be keen to help, without necessarily doing a full tri course. Need wider awareness of other courses & opportunities available for training.

Need the juniors & seniors to work together more, with some swap-over of coaching time as & when a need or opportunity arises.

Level 1 has improved in content recently, so people wanting to go direct to level 2, may find that they get more out of level 1 than would have been the case in the past. So when an individual requests to attend a course, or wishes to discuss the possibility of doing some coach training, it is vital for there to be a discussion with that individual, to see what would work best – for them and for the club.

Decision made to send Bree Sutcliffe; Lisa Grantham & Iain Wood on Level 2 as soon as places available. Andy to contact them. Agreed that they are all committed & long standing club members. Then proceed to work on criteria for the future and better variety of training options for coaches.

Run

X Country been very successful so far this season. It is more visible, photos on facebook, good vibe. Next Border League is day after Coed y Brenin half marathon, so may be some shortage of numbers. Need to promote attendance.

Bike : Dave Press

Successful trip to velodrome in December - filled all the 32 places with 18 sold to Mersey Tri (they had 2 no shows on the night). Whilst we hadn't intended to sell so many places outside the club (we agreed to a couple signing up and lots of their club colleagues jumped on the opportunity) having an

almost even split between two clubs worked well. The coach on the night advised that we'd get an even better session by setting maximum number of 25, because that would allow all of us on the track at the same time doing organised drills. Thanks to Nicola for organising and she has volunteered to organise again.

Weekend rides scheduled to continue until at least the end of March. More group 1 and 3 leaders would be useful.

I'd appreciate one of the coaches advising me how we could shape bike activities to fulfil the development plan aspirations. Which of our coaches might meet me for coffee? Andy has communicated with Dave about this.

Swim

Meeting of swim coaches to take place on 9th Jan.

Social

Ravi's quiz arranged for 27th January

Ideas – cheese & wine; try to have something once a month. Different things would appeal to different groups of members, which would be positive.

Iain W – queried interest in a Beach Boys night, at old Comedy Club on 17th Feb – Liase with Jess & Ian to publicise?

Kit

To do a small run (approx. 20 items) of some non-race items, then if some items prove popular, a larger order can be made.

Intention is to let people who have an idea, go ahead and arrange it. Then if it proves popular, take it to the kit team to produce a bigger order.

Query if it would be better to take the info direct to the kit team, with all the info required to place an order. *This would avoid people working at cross purposes and having a very random selection of kit going round.*

Vests are a priority at the moment – none left at all. **Andy to action or delegate.**

Juniors

Leagues

All going fine.

4. A.O.B

Chris – has set up an instagram account for the club.

Ian - 87 people renewed membership in December 2016 vs 150 in Dec 2015.

This is partly a natural development from the change to rolling renewals. Need to keep an eye on January figures to see if there is going to be an overall decrease in membership income.

Would be useful to know the names of people who do NOT renew, for the next meeting in Feb.

Next meeting for Management Committee is on Feb. 8th