

Chester Triathlon Club Management Committee Minutes

Date : 6th September 2016

Present : Mark Jones, Chris O'Hara, Ian Jameson, Sue Ellis, Leigh Jenkins,
Nigel Waterhouse

Apologies : Andy Hamilton

1. Matters arising

Andy still not notified if vests ordered have been found. Cost £1000, not been invoiced or paid for by club.

Re trial sessions for prospective members – all agreed to make it standard to allow 3 sessions as a non-member. This to be applied across all disciplines, and to be paid -not free. After the 3 trials sessions, for run & road bike, the individuals should be encouraged to join the club, but not mandatory.

1 proposal to amend the constitution. (Chris O) – re a one liner about drug free sport. i.e. supporting BTF Clean Sport Initiative.

Mark to contact Natalie, to see if there is a particular wording that they would recommend.

Also to appear in Code of Conduct.

All need to study Nigel's email with suggested amendments to Complaints Procedure

Hannah still chasing various loose ends on coaches' DBS certificates.

Appears to be a glitch in communication with juniors. Mark has not had a meeting with the Junior coaches as planned early in the year, but has had difficulty getting a response to his emails. Juniors have only been represented at 1 of the 3 full committee meetings this year. **Chris will try to speak to Nania at a swim session.**

Trial aquathlon went well. 22 entries. Good liason with Queens Park High for use of their facilities : Showers, & Jetty. Kay Higgins business manager at Queens Park High, contact person for hire of facilities.

Possibility of storing the club pontoon at Chester Canoe club in future, since Dan is moving house. Jean Ashley discussing process with Canoe Club. At present no money expected to change hands.

Club is borrowing a motor boat from Sailing & Canoe club at present, after the theft of our boat. This means there are no maintenance, storage or

- insurance coasts. Development of a co-operative association between users of the River Dee is a very positive process.
2. Notification from anyone presently on the MC, who does not wish to stand for their position again –Mark and Ian will be standing down from their positions. The others are prepared to stand again.
 3. Preparation & actions required for the upcoming AGM on November 1st
 - * Letter to members giving date etc; invitations for nominations etc
 - * Timetable :
 - 21 Days notice of meeting – **11th October.**
 - Any proposed amendments to constitution? Must be received by **18th October**
 - Proposed & seconded nominations for elected officer positions to be received by Secretary by **18th October.**
 - New nominees to provide a v brief personal resume and photo **to Secretary by 20th October.**
 - * Arrange refreshments with Amy
 - * Confirm time and chair/table requirements with Hoole C Centre.
 - * Ask sections for a written report. **All above actions for Sue.**
 4. Ian updated the committee on the move to new bank account and also showed the new format of the accounts that he will present at the AGM. Ian explained the alteration in account layout, which includes data from the race accounts this year.

It was proposed to set up a working group of people representing the different areas of the club, to look at long term ambitions for the club, and initiate a project/projects for use of the nest egg which has been built up in the club account. **Ian to approach target people.**

The new Unity account is working well.

It would be good practice in future for the Captain to sit down with the Treasurer a couple of times a year, to see how things are working.
 5. Chris discussed the pending meeting the club has with Chester Uni which will be arranged soon and the intent is to form a link. This is also connected with the 20-30AG increase & student membership.

Lizzie is going to arrange a meeting for the club with the Uni . Club could access some of the Sports Science facilities. Also to encourage some students to join the club.

Chris aims to do a professional presentation, demonstrating the club ethos and facilities, and see what develops.

Discussion about a reduced membership for students/U21/unwaged. The actual mechanics of this needs to be worked out before a realistic proposal can be made. Also some differences in opinion over what sub group would

genuinely benefit from a reduced membership fee.

6. London marathon place allocation – review.

Last year we introduced the application process for marathon places. **Sue to look at criteria and see if they can be simplified.** If many of the applicants are deserving of a place , then we could put all those names in a hat and draw , so that the process is less subjective – but equally, people who have not contributed to the club at all, would not get a place.

7. AOB

Pete Brook has emailed - suggesting we produce a local event calendar. Web based.

Leigh will look at how it might work, and on what basis to select what events should appear. To some extent, this is already provided in the newsletter. Also a reminder to people to supply race reports etc for the website blog.

Chris has found a possible alternative hotel for May camp in Mallorca, at a lower price than the previous hotel.

Club hosting a BL race on 5th November. Volunteers will be required.

Oliver contacted Mark to notify us that a new club has been set up by Aaron Riley, called Black Sheep Triathlon. No objections.

Next meeting : 11th October 2017