



Chester Triathlon Club AGM Minutes 1st November 2017

Present :

Mark Jones; Chris O'Hara; Ian Jameson; Nigel Waterhouse; Leigh Jenkins; Sue Ellis
Kirsty Outhwaite – BTF rep West Midlands Regional Manager.
Amy Edwards; Hannah Ormerod, Jean Ashley, Simon Ellis, Jacob Waterhouse, Mandy
Turner; Jan Morgan; Susie Woods, Peter Brook, Carol Griffiths, Chris Ashley; Simon
Greenwood, Tony Dooley;
Neil Thomas, Phil Broster, Jenny Broster; Barry Cavanah, Charlie Price, Susie Fourie; Sue
Hubbard; Sharon Plested, Paul Plested; Graham Nellist; Andy White, Janine White;
Rosemary Symms; Arwel Roberts; Peter Timson; Nicola Perrins, Mike Waring; Claire
Sutcliffe; Neil Jenkins; Tony Fisher; Alison Brennen; Alistair Brennan; Sally Napthen; Diane
Duret; Kirsty Seddon, Ian Murray; James Morgan; Kenny Begley; Ciara Murphy; Ian Laird;
Jan Rogers; Sarah Crowley; Lizzie Parker-Mullen; Jess Archer Clowes; Nania Mason; Ian
Ainscough; Karen Smith; Ravi Jayaram, Iain Wood, Alison Leavens, Jo Harding; Hannah
Rayfield.

Apologies

Andy Hamilton, Simon McAllister, Beth Hughes, Neil Rosenburg, Dave Press, Cara
Fishburn, Sean Simmons

Thanks

Mark Jones expressed thanks on behalf of the Management Committee, (MC), to everyone
in the club who has given of their time and support in the last 12 months. Particular
mention was made of the way in which members had recently pulled together to deal with
a bike crash in the Lake District, providing support for Grant Carter-Moore, and each other,
in traumatic circumstances.

Approval of Minutes from 2016

The minutes from last year were accepted as an accurate record.

Annual Reports

The reports were circulated prior to the meeting, so Mark Jones highlighted elements for
special mention: The new 7 member Management Committee worked well together,
providing a sense of unity and shared responsibility. The MC signed up to the SRA
Voluntary Code of Good Governance, and their training session, which was used to guide
much of the committee's decision making and planning. The new website, designed,
delivered and now maintained by Ti-Visual, has been a huge success. An extensive
Development Plan was put together, much of it driven by Vice Captain Chris O'Hara,
which has been used to monitor progress and keep the committee focused over time. It
was stressed that this is a club for its members and thus the strategic delivery plan is their
plan too and that if they wish to see

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development in a certain area or have ideas ,then to please put forward suggestions and the MC would help to deliver them.

Welfare Officer, Hannah Rayfield has been integrated in to the running of the club, and has provided invaluable guidance and assistance along the way.

Race directors were congratulated on their respective races, and it was noted that the upcoming End of Season Party, has sold 110 tickets – a sign of the feel-good atmosphere within the club. Mark concluded by encouraging members to continue to unite under the Chester Tri banner.

Mark also acknowledged that there were a couple of areas which have not developed according to plan. Namely development of our coaches, such that existing coaches are offered and take advantage of opportunities to extend/consolidate their professional skills, and that more new people take the BTF coaching courses and join the coaching team. Peter Brook emphasized that getting involved in coaching is both easily accessible and very rewarding. There is an ample budget available to achieve the above.

Club kit has caused a few headaches, but the way in which the kit is managed has recently changed, and it is expected that some new kit options will appear soon, and the sale process should be much slicker.

Sue Ellis apologized for the fact that the report on the Christleton 5Km race was missing from the printed reports, but confirmed that it had been fully subscribed, and ran smoothly thanks to Sean Simmons, race director.

She also appealed to members to make the most of face-to-face communication, pointing out that the coaches have the most direct contact with members, and therefore discussions, ideas and feedback from members, needs to be fed back to the MC, via the coaches. This is one way in which the members can have a direct influence on the content of the Development Plan.

Treasurer's report.

Ian Jameson presented the summary of accounts for the year. He explained that the accounts are now reviewed by a third party at the end of the financial year, and that payment is now all done by dual signature, electronically.

(Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to see this summary spreadsheet)

Ian is going to Chair a sub-committee in order to review any potential medium & long term ambitions/investments for the club and also look at how the club's cash flow can be utilised better

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Membership Fee for 2018

Ian Jameson put two options before the audience.

1. To keep the membership fee the same @ £40/year
2. To reduce it to the previous level of 2015, @ £25/year

He presented information on the numbers :

“This year we have generated £12500 from 399 members (at £40.00)

In 2016 it was £14739 from 486 members (at £40.00)

In 2015 it was £11517 from 518 members (at £25.00)

If we see no increase or decrease in membership next year we will generate £12,500 at £40.00 or £8865 if we change back to £25.00.

This year we spent 1K more than we generated from the Membership fees, Dee Mile and 10K. My advice would be reduce the membership fee.

If numbers remain the same the club may have to subsidise the memberships this next year but I think it will encourage more people on the fringe so to speak to join if it is £25.00. I think we could look to the Dee Mile and 5K retaining a fair level of profitability and of course we have the windfall of Deva Tri money to use if membership revenue does not increase.”

A vote was taken 41 voted in favour of a reduction, 12 against & 2 abstained.

Motion to reduce membership to £25 carried.

Constitutional Amendment

Proposal to include the following clause in the club Constitution, under the section of Objectives :

“ The club will strive to protect the culture of clean sport ”

This was carried by a unanimous vote.

Items/Questions from the Floor

Susie Fourie reported that she and Mike Waring had been in discussion with the Borders League Committee regarding the running of a race this winter by Chester Tri. They had planned and put forward a course starting from Chester Football Club, for the 12 November. This date was rejected and now the alternative date of 18th February 2018 is being

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considered. However the start would have to be at 9am on request by the police. The outcome is in the hands of the Borders League committee.

Diane Duret announced that she is organizing an event for the club, in early 2018, when Jenny Meadows will present a session on running style, drills & core stability. It is possible that it will be held at Deeside indoor track. This will be a session valuable for everyone in the club, including juniors. Having observed a session that Jenny did for West Cheshire, Diane is confident that it will be a highlight of winter training.

Voting for Officers on the MC

Club Captain : Chris O'Hara – unanimously in favour

Vice Captain : from Neil Rosenburg, Neil Thomas & Charlie Price,
Majority for Neil Thomas

Treasurer : from Ian Aincough & Hannah Ormerod
Majority for Ian Aincough

The remaining positions were ratified by a majority show of hands from the audience, for the existing officers to continue in role.

Thanks were given to out- going Captain, Mark Jones and Treasurer, Ian Jameson, by Chris O'Hara. They were presented with a Wiggle voucher and a bottle of beer in appreciation.

Conclusion

Chris O'Hara concluded the meeting by stating his gratitude to have the opportunity to move the club forward. He stated that he is passionate about developing the club, while continuing to respect its traditions, and giving back to an organization which he loves.

The meeting concluded at 21:20

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