

# Minutes of MC meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Present : Chris O'Hara, Ian Ainscough, Neil Thomas; Nigel Waterhouse; Sue Ellis  
Apologies : Leigh Jenkins; Andy Hamilton

## 1. Actions from last minutes

Kit website has changed to Stripe from Paypal, for on-line payments.

DBS – Chris wrote to Linda to ask if there had been any more forms submitted from Chester Tri coaches. Need to retain intention to require all coaches to have DBS, and continue to pursue this aim.

Dan is making some alterations to his data bases, and additions of consent from entrants, to storing of information. It has to be considered how long information will be stored, before being deleted.

No action taken re coaches meeting.

**SE intends to proceed with the plans anyway.** Will be meeting with Emma Brunning (Swim Smooth coach development trainer. ) next week and hopes to arrange a date for 'coaching the coaches ' at end of March.

First Aid – Plan proposed by Ian Laird & Dave Press – cost approved by MC. **Ian to inform.**

COH will consider approaching Dom Miller re his facebook page, from a perspective gained from the club survey. i.e. that it has come from feedback in the survey, that people have found it confusing finding a site labelled 'City of Chester Tri Club'.

COH would like to progress the use of video blogs. **IA will speak to Mike/Nicci about doing something along these lines, and being paid for it as part of the work that they are contracted to do for the club.** A youtube chanel would be a good addition too.

## 2. Progress on the Development plan.

Points made by section leaders from the last meeting to be included, under relevant sections.

Aim is to have it complete before the general committee meeting in April.

**COH & NT will meet separately to make the final adjustments to the plan.**

## 3. Next step with actions from the Member Survey

Feedback is being used to inform the development plan, so both are dove-tailing together. SE suggested a need to identify which points of feedback are realistic and focus on two or three of them.

There have been quite a few comments relating to swimming – new session, longer session, cost etc. Proposal to write a brief explanation in the newsletter, about the rationale behind the cost of swims, has not been actioned. *Perhaps IA could action this i.e. a paragraph from the treasurer ?*

SE suggested that maybe Chris Malpass could arrange a club outing in the summer – to take part in an organised open water event, or do one ourselves. i.e identify one event, possibly organise a bus and target it in the same way that the bike section will target one sportive.  
**Sue will contact Chris and also find out about progress with Kerry-Ann Payne session.**

4. Discussion of the account fraud – input from Ian

Some one called Rita W – probable false name managed to get in to account to set up false Direct Debits using known names like AXA/ Halifax. 6 in total set, up, only 2 were paid out. Unity re-paid. IA asked if Unity could put a block on any DD.  
Nothing since.  
Accounts for the club look fine – no red flags on balances.

Ian J sub – group has been looking at relatively small aspirations, from each of the sections.

5. Feedback via Nigel from the race directors' meeting last Monday.

Looking at having the junior aquathlon at a new venue. Grosvenor Estate may be a possible venue – also for possible Go Tri sprint race. Dan has made a contact there. Fourways Quarry is another venue that can be investigated. Water there is good, but may be restrictions on running due to land being 'Area of Special Conservation.'

Deva Middle sold out. Going to try a rolling start, and will get 2 more blocks for the pontoon. The pontoon will be used for a couple of the Deva training sessions.

Going to do a Sports Relief donation of £2 off all entries received during that week, across all races.

Chester Voluntary action group may be a source of potential help at the Deva race. Nigel will follow up.

Likely to give umbrellas to volunteers – if they haven't already got one. Do draws for volunteers on the day.

Plan to have a picnic at end of Deva Divas. &

Some kind of social event for the volunteers at end of the season.

Sailing club will allow 5 people to join their club, and then have access to safety boats. This deals with the issue that we no longer have our own boat.

SE queried whether the question of plastic bottles for races had been discussed, to see if there is a way of providing water with out producing such a huge plastic waste. Not clear if there is an alternative that would meet H&S requirements.

**Neil to ask Chester Marathon what they are doing this year.**

6. AOB

IA reported that Dave Press has provided info re a discount for mudguards from Bike Factory . Would be £25 (cost price), of which club would pay £10. To try and ensure that all group riders use mudguards in winter. MC did not support, on the basis that it is a benefit to few people and could be abused by people taking the £10 subsidy, but not actually joining club rides.. Prefer to support participation in a Sportive – possibly subsidise entry or something similar.

Nigel will purchase 2 fans for the turbo sessions. – meeting 1 of the requests made in the survey

COH – reported that Spring Camp is ready to roll. 29 people going. Some difficulty in organisational aspects, with people wanting to alter their arrival dates.

**Next meeting : MC – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**