

Minutes of full committee meeting 5th September 2018

Present: Chris O'Hara, Ian A, Andy Howarth, Neil, Leigh, Susie F, Amy, Iain W, Charlie P, Ciara, Jess AC, Jo H, Aaron, Nigel

Apologies: Sue E, Sally, Nania, Dave Press

Matter arising

- Open water swim was a success, feedback from members is that coaching was brilliant
- Technique sessions – Andy has been posting on Facebook and has changed the session to have 2 lanes of swimming for people not yet ready for inters and the others as technique lanes
- Age group reps – 5 people came forward (1 female). Committee discussed having just 2 reps (1 male 1 female) rather than reps for each age group. **Chris** to proceed.

Confirmation of Andy Howarth taking over as Swim lead, and feedback on how that is settling in.

- Andy has settled in to the swim lead role well
- All sessions have been coach in the last month (excluding Sunday as these are generally not coached)
- Coaches are keen to be involved in swim again
- As always, more coaches would be nice

AGM

- 7th November at The King's School, Wrexham Road. 7:30 pm
- **Sue** will progress plans when she is back from holiday

Finance

- Not donating to NW Ambulance this year as we are donating money to buy defibrillators for motorbike referees
- Deva is up £2800 on last year, waiting on Dan to finalise the accounts (with the caveat that nifty entries for next year are already coming in)
- Money for turbos is still earmarked – **Iain Wood** is going to help organise the storage room, and **Aaron** is in touch with square one about how we might amend the room to make it easier to store the turbos, then we will buy new ones
- Everything else is fine

Coaching

- Swim smooth CPD booked for **15th September**, with the aim of standardising session structure across our swim programme. Coaches will still be able to organise their own sessions, but will use the SS structure. Most swim coaches are attending this session.
- Coaches are now using the coaching calendar and Aaron will give a demonstration at the coaches meeting
- Wattbike sessions start **16th October**
- There was a junior coaching meeting on **26th August** – Jenny Meadows has been booked for a separate juniors session. Puncture repair/bike maintenance session being organised for juniors

Run

- Pacing masterclass organised for 26th September
- We are hosting a Borders League race this year on the 27th January using Tattenhall runners course
- Cross country begins 14th October
- Hoping to organise the Saturday morning off road runs again this winter

Kit

- New kit has arrived and is on the website
- Organising a session to try it on, probably at the AGM
- Amy looking at alternative storage locations for kit. It is currently in the shed at the community centre, so we are unable to insure it. **Amy and Ciara** to look at the possibility of using the room at City baths as we have sole use.

Canoe club:

- Iain Wood brought up the idea of offering associate membership to the canoe club as they provide us with so much support over our events. The committee agree in principle, **Iain to discuss practicalities of it with Jean** and come back to us with a proposal.
- **Jo and Jess** to look at canoe club to see if there is a possibility of using it for events

Winter league

- Committee agree that the winter league in its current format does not work. **Iain** scoping out new ideas and will send a proposal.

Welfare

- DBS checks in process for those who need it
- **Charlie** drafting a letter to coaches who are missing DBS checks
- Everyone coaching juniors regularly is now checked

Volunteers

- Discussion around attracting more volunteers for next year, a working group to be formed to continue the discussion.

Social

- Christmas part confirmed for 8th December at Storyhouse. Ceilidh band is booked for this year again
- Organising a social orienteering event for 10th November on the meadows – will be options for families and the more competitive
- No mulled wine party this year
- Will organise a social evening before Christmas

AOB

- Jo Harding showed us the ID card used at Chester Road runners where runners can 'clock on' to a session so leads know who is on them and emergency information etc. **Leigh to investigate** whether the club could make use of something similar.
- A proposal for committee meetings to be less frequent. Instead, the development plan could be completed soon after the AGM so people can work on implementing it. There could then be 3 full committee meetings per year, with the exec meeting every 6 weeks. **Chris & Sue to discuss.**
- Spring camp is live – good update already. Will open up to Wrexham tri in a couple of months if places aren't filled by our club.

Next meeting is management committee on 10th October 2018.