

Committee Meeting:	4 th September 2024
Attendees:	Ina Morris, Charlie Price, Ian Ainscough, Jonny Girvan, Alison Leavens, Anna Woolgar, Mike Waring, Nicola Perrins, James Morgan, Ian Wedge
Apologies:	Gemma Reilly, Susie Woods

Agenda

1. Minutes from previous meeting not reviewed.
2. Section Updates
 - a. Bike – JM expressed some disappointment with the overall number of club rides this year. Group 2'ish happened reasonably regularly on Thursday evening. Feeling was that members are tending to ride with their own group.
 - b. Social rides once per month is potentially a way forward over the winter.
 - c. Zwift pricing has reduced numbers for the racing league participation.
 - d. Velodrome entry numbers are increasing and JG may release another 15 places once the first 15 have been taken
 - e. A Juniors velodrome visit is unlikely due to rising costs although tagging onto a another local club Marsh Tracks visit is possible.
 - f. TOCW numbers are lower this year but still providing good feedback and raising money for Bren Bikes.
3. Run – MW.
 - a. Suggested publicising the Wirral MT with the juniors. MW will pass details to AL. Noting that EA membership is a prerequisite.
 - b. Mental note made to publicise EA to juniors in April.
 - c. Can we make Tuesday night formal runs into becoming informal non coached. Discussion over the insurance aspect if we still publicise on our media etc. CP will follow up with BTF.
 - d. Tattenhall are hosting a Border League race this year and we have agreed to help them – historically something we always provide.
 - e. MW said we potentially could host the end of season BL relay race but that is unlikely now due to the Tattenhall race help.
 - f. Club vest championship schedule is ready for publication in the next week or so.
 - g. MW provided an example of a biodegradable cup – an example of how the club are hoping to improve our enviro footprint etc.
4. Juniors – AL
 - a. Membership remains healthy with a largish waiting list.

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- b. The number of races available for juniors has dropped – possibly due to increased paperwork and costs
 - c. Junior coaches qualification are now processed and able to help the existing coaching team.
 - d. The new TE NW series is coming next year and TE are asking clubs if they wish their event to be considered as one of the events. Initial thoughts were that it may impact our own race if we are not included. Requirements for inclusion initially seemed aligned for commercial races. This years junior event has already adopted some of the prerequisites. AL has applied for our event to be included. WE should hear back officially in the coming weeks.
5. Kit - MW/NP – more run vests have been ordered and also some additional tri-suits. IA highlighted that expenditure has outgrown the income over the last few months. Kit team noted this, but hopefully we have stock now which will cover 2025 requirements. MW highlighted that several members indicated their intention to pre-order a Tri suit on FB this year, but did not actually pre-order/purchase one before the kit order window closed. Therefore the decision was made to order 4 extra (3 men's +1 woman's) to hold in stock which we are confident will eventually sell.
6. . Agreed that we may need to take deposits next year to cover this type of incident. It was
7. Mallorca cycling trip – IW and TF wish to organise another trip in 2025. Committee agreed to this provided they are both club members.
8. EO SP – date and venue agreed for the Cornerhouse in November.
9. AGM date set for Nov 13th. IA will liaise and will confirm the venue and check the club guidelines for the event.
10. Question raised ref. who cancels track if required. CP suggested it is probably LJ.
11. Deva Divas went well – NP/SW will organise 2025 with SN mentoring. Some minor issues with portals noted. NP raised that a transwoman has asked to be allowed to enter next year. Discussion around how this could be done i.e via having an open category and could it create a situation where men would/could enter the open category and the race could lose it's identity. CP will discuss with the BTF and all agreed we need to discuss further.
12. Christleton 5K – committee thanked IWedge for a successful and profitable event. IW has some suggestions for further improvements including the potential for closing roads fully. Another suggestion was to increase entry numbers. IW will forward his suggestions in the near future.
13. CP highlighted the need to improve our events profile and suggested a budget to cover this.
14. CP lead a discussion on the Deva Triathlon 2025 – moving forward we have 2 options- either let a club subcommittee run it or we have a partnership with Active Leisure(AlE). AlE are prepared to take on full

financial liability but we would provide swim and transition equipment and volunteers and be paid £7000 per annum for this. IA highlighted we have lost around £8000 this year and funds are now down to £12000 in the Deva Tri account, which could cause serious financial issues for the club. ALe provided comment regarding the ownership of the Deva 'brand' and it's worth. Discussion around the fact that the event provides the club with an important identity and status. CP has applied for the event to be national qualifier. We have had a good response from members to form the managing committee but the problem lies with volunteers on the day etc. Entries are low but costs are rising. Decision made that we need a steering group, including people who understand the legal position, to represent the club in this and we need further discussion with AL. CP will contact ALe and try to arrange a meeting where we can have a frank and open discussion - asap.