

# **Agenda of the Committee Meeting of the Mid Sussex Triathlon Club**

**The Bent Arms Lindfield, 4-3-2-19 at at 8pm**

## Committee for Meeting

Angela Murray	-Chairman
Jeremy Paine	-Vice chair
David Ricketts	-Club secretary
Clair Hunt	-Treasurer
Emma Jaffe	-Membership secretary
K Eifler/R baker	-Juniors' secretary (apologies)
Jo Fleming	-Race director
Neil Giles	-Head Coach
Roger Smith	-Press officer
Mike Hook	-Webmaster
Vicky Vonderlinden	-Social secretary
Jean Fish	- Welfare officer
Julie Williams	- Open water swimming
Steve McMenamin	- Volunteer Co-ordinator
Matt Critchley	- BAR Co-ordinator and Summer Tri Fest Race Director.(apologies)
Steve Alden	- Honorary Vice President
Mark Jordan	- Honorary President (apologies)
Callum Murray	

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without change

## 3. Club Coaching

- The turbo training sessions at Burgess Hill organised by Barry have been a great success. On a Monday 21 members usually attend.
- The aim is to set up a booking link on the website
- Coaches' T- shirts will be provided by the club.
- Emma Smith is doing the the Tri-Activator course on 17-3-19
- There have been no new additions to the coaching team and with some expected turnover of staff new coaches are needed.

## 4. Juniors

- Angela met with the juniors' section coaches to discuss the future. Any continuing Mid Sussex Juniors section must be linked to the club for insurance and governance.
- The coaching team have set a high standard with coaching each alternate weekend.
- The current coaching staff may leave the club in April but may offer to continue coaching
- An appeal for new staff has had only one response so far, from Callum who currently helps out at Juniors' training occasionally
- The future options of the section are:
  1. Callum to act as a go-between with the existing coaches and maintain the status quo, but represent the Juniors on the Committee
  2. Separate the juniors section from the club (it would continue but not as part of the club)
  3. Shut the juniors section
- The committee considered an offer of free membership to members running the Juniors as an incentive. However, this was dismissed on the basis that members working in other capacities are not in receipt of the same benefit.
- Callum Angela and Jeremy will discuss this with the existing coaches and present a solution to the club committee.

### 5. Swimming

- Open water swimming policies are being updated (drills, wetsuit policy for hot weather)
- Julie and Jeremy need to meet with Chris to discuss arrangements for the current year (costs of testing and dates of season)
- Prices will remain at £4 a session and £6 a taster session
- The current arrangement regarding a minimum of 10 swimmers on a Tuesday will remain
- Claire Parkinson will not be able to run the dutyman in the future and a volunteer is needed to do this. A club wide email will be sent out, targeting people who mainly use the club to swim.
- Jo Fleming will liaise with Weir Wood to see how they manage their open water swimming.

### 5. Mid Sussex tri race

- The numbers of applicants so far this year (100) is back to the normal levels after last year's dip
- Of the 100 2/3 are male and 1/5 new to triathlon
- Of the applicants 30% heard about the race from friends
- 350 medals have been ordered
- The run route has been changed to allow a finish that avoids the road
- In the future section heads will be asked to store their own kit.

### 7. Club Kit

- There have been delays in ordering which may have led to poor order numbers. Gunter later pointed out that there are a variety of other reasons too (cost, people race in non branded kit, the kit doesn't need replacing that often and the demand isn't high)
- Gunter spoke to Halo and they are changing their suppliers to meet the 6 week or less target
- They have offered a fitting event so we can try the new kit.
- Organising the kit was recognised as a demanding job
- The status of the member organising kit was discussed. It was suggested that the relevant member be invited to attend cttee meetings as a full member of the committee

- John McTear is organising the hoody/£20 voucher which was recognised as a benefit of membership rather than an incentive to join.

#### 8. Treasurers' report

- A summary of the accounts was circulated
- Cash reserves are up £1200 this year
- Claire Hunt and Emma Jaffe now have bank cards and signing rights for the club.
- A tax return has been submitted
- The yearly cycle of costs is being assessed (so far £500 out, £540 in, juniors breaking even)

#### 9. Chairman's Report

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##### Fund to support members doing Events

It was agreed to set up a yearly fund of £2k open to applications from all members. This would be to support age groupers who are entering their first event (already having qualified) (£100) or for big group events (5 or more members) such as Ragnar or other swim/cycle /tri/run events (£250 maximum for the event). Other criteria may be developed as applications are received. The money can be spent as the applicant or team captain chooses.

- Jeremy proposed and it was agreed that this will run from 1st April 2019 and promulgate to members nearer the time. He will receive applications and present them to the cttee

#### 10. Social Matters

- Vicki is stepping down as social secretary and she was thanked for her great efforts
- One more event is being organised for 22 March
- Applicants have been invited for this post.

#### 11. AOB

- Neil Giles: The regional BTF rep has stepped down and the current arrangements need to be clarified
- Clair Hunt: As other clubs support us by participating in the Bar we ought to support them by coordinating participation in their races. In the past we have done this and had 47 athletes in their own wave to the EG Tri
- We resolved to ask Steve Mac if he could help with this
- Sea Swimming: those interested should contact Steve Mac

#### 12. Next meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May