

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Mid Sussex Triathlon Club
Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 24/8/20 8pm**

Committee Online Present: Jeremy Paine- Vice Chair (meeting chair) Esther Clutton - Club secretary Clair Hunt -Treasurer Jason Brown -Membership Secretary Jo Fleming-Race Director Steve McMenamin-Volunteer coordinator/Kit Julie Williams -Open Water Swimming Martin Shoesmith-Member without portfolio (TriFest/BAR) Hannah Droscher- Social Secretary Ricci Lennon- Member without portfolio	Committee Apologies: Angela Murray- Chair Neil Giles- Head Coach Callum Murray- Juniors Mike Hook- Webmaster Jean Fish- Welfare Officer Roger Smith- Press Officer Paul Richardson-Member without portfolio (TriFest)
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2.Minutes of previous meeting. Accuracy and matters arising

The Minutes of the previous meetings were agreed

3.Coaching and Training Matters (Neil Giles -apologies)

Neil is standing down as Head Coach and Steve McMenamin will take up the new role. Many thanks to Neil for his 5 years in the Head Coach position. It has been very much appreciated by the Committee and all members of MSTC. Neil will be continuing as a coach.

Coaching model to be reviewed -to encourage new coaches through the system. Some members have come forward more recently.

Question mark over the Triangle/Dolphin opening and availability. Swimming lanes will be limited. Unknown at the moment.

Action- Jeremy to speak to link person at Dolphin Leisure Centre and Ardingly College, and Jo to speak to Lianne regarding Monday evening Spin slot at the Triangle from the 1st September..

Action- Jeremy to contact PPT gym regarding the possibility of running a session a week for club members during the winter.

Discussed-Possibility of running some day time runs/trials in the area.

Discussed-Possibility of running informal sea swims on Tuesday evenings once Open Water swimming closes down for the season. Principle welcomed.

4.Juniors (Callum Murray- apologies)- Nothing to report

5.Welfare (Jean Fish -apologies)- The First Aid kits have been renewed by Martin Shoemith who has very kindly covered that cost for the club. Thank you Martin.

6.Open Water Swimming Julie Williams

'It has been a challenge to manage OWS responsibly during the pandemic. The 45 minute waves have worked well in regards to social distancing & lack of any facilities at the AAC. Pre-booking has made it easier in terms of numbers/possible contact tracing. Numbers are now dwindling & we are working on a week by week announcement from Chris, given the heat, water quality & forthcoming building works that will all affect our end of season date. Debbie Ware has kindly offered to take on the role of OWS coordinator next year.'

This season 92 of the 141 members have made use of the Ardingly OW Reservoir Swimming.

2x45 minute swims are still in operation and this system has been agreed by the committee as the system that will continue through till the end of the OW season.

Decision: To maintain OWS availability to current members only was carried by the majority.

7.Events (Duathlon/Trifest/BAR) M Shoemith/ P Richardson

The Duathlon and TriFest have been cancelled. Many positive emails were recieved by Martin and the club thank him for persevering and trying to get the Trifest up and running. Martin will be stepping down from his role as organiser of the Trifest/Duathlon/Bar.

There were some suggestions as to how the BAR could adapt in the 'new world', and this will be given some thought.

Action: Ricci Lennon to talk with Steve Mac.

8.Club Race Jo Fleming Cancelled. Review in Spring regarding 2021 Club Race.

9.Volunteers/Kit S McMenamin - Club Kit bags are being investigated by Steve. Cost is limiting options. **Action-** Steve to continue with kit bag research.

10.Club Website (Mike Hook -apologies) Many thanks to Mike who has put in filters to avoid the increasing number of spam emails from spam bots.

11.Membership Jason Brown -There were 4 new enquiries since the last meeting with 2 related to swimming specifically.

The MSTC Facebook page has had several requests from non members to join. The Club FB page is a closed group and only open to MSTC members. **Action:** Jason to take non members off the Facebook group.

A decision was made by the committee to open membership again from the 1st October. Annual Membership will be reduced to £10 for last 6 months of the 2020/2021 season.

Swim Sub renewal is suspended until further notice.

12 Treasurer Report- Clair Hunt

Currently- £8,500.00 in reserve and £19,733.23 in the bank.

The main activity has been swim credits. First month of OWS has been paid.

Spin Credit @ the Triangle is outstanding

Action-Jeremy to follow up money owed by Ardingly College.

13 Social Matters Hannah Droschler

Action- Hannah to email Julie with regard to organising end of season OWS breakfast.

A system is in place for members to put forward a bid to the Committee of up to £250 from a £2k fund to help with the cost of facilitating a group event.

Events discussed included overseas events and local events like Hever that offer multi distance and multi disciplines.

We do not know whether we will be able to hold an AGM or Club dinner.

Action- Hannah to discuss options with Adam Bee, and also invite him to assist with organising future social events.

14.Club Chair Report Angela Murray (Apologies)

15 AOB

Hannah suggested, in light of the restrictions we have faced, we revisit the principles of the Club with regard to inclusiveness, in order to try not to stray too far from them.

16 Next Meeting 28th September 2020

Meeting closed at 21.11 hrs.