

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Mid Sussex Triathlon Club  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 24/3/20 (16/3/20) 8pm**

<b>Committee Online Present:</b>  Angela Murray- Chairman Jeremy Paine- Vice Chair Esther Clutton - Club secretary Clair Hunt -Treasurer Jason Brown -Membership Secretary Neil Giles- Head Coach Julie Williams -Open Water Swimming Jo Fleming-Race Director Callum Murray- Juniors Hannah Droscher- Social Secretary Steve McMenamain-Volunteer coordinator/Kit Martin Shoemsmith-Member without portfolio (TriFest/BAR) Paul Richardson-Member without portfolio (TriFest)	<b>Committee Apologies:</b> Jean Fish- Welfare Officer Mike Hook- Webmaster Roger Smith- Press Officer Ricci Lennon- Member without portfolio Mark Jordan Honorary President
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**2.Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meetings were agreed

**3.Member Services and Coaches Expenses Policy – March 2020** Angela

Murray/Jeremy Paine

This policy follows on from and expands the policy agreed in April 2018, which dealt with Coaches expenses.

The Club is an amateur club and non-profit making, with all income and gain reinvested into the Club. The model under which the club operates is one where members delivering services to the club, whether as part of the training delivery or its administration, is provided voluntarily and without payment. Action-Provisionally parked. To be discussed/approved at the next face to face Committee meeting.

**4.Nick Cook Appeal** Steve Alden/Jeremy Paine

*'Some of you will be familiar with a campaign which a few of us have just launched to help a good friend of ours - Nick Cook, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2004. The aim is to convert his house in Uckfield to facilitate ground floor living and allow him to remain living there. There are plans to do the build in July 2020 but before we can we need to raise resources in the form of money, labour and materials.'*

*Nick was a former Triathlete and early member of our club. The Mid Sussex Triathlon Club is integral to his story and we would ask your permission for the club to be integral to the campaign to raise awareness and resources. We are asking that:*

- *The Club be associated with the campaign*

- *The Club is part of the story and if, as we hope, there is publicity, the club is happy to be named.*
- *We can run (some of the) events through the club and members to raise resources and awareness.*
- *We appeal to members for help with all of these aims*
- *This campaign features through our Facebook page and on our website*
- *Nick is a current member of the club, although cannot undertake training, and perhaps the committee could consider making him a form of honorary member for next year (this does not need to be forever - just while this campaign lasts)*
- *I believe this could be very positive for the club. Nick's campaign is not a charity, however arguably this is very much the sort of campaign we should get behind and be proud to help.*

The situation has changed and no events, including fundraising events can be run.

Decision: MSTC is sympathetic to and supports the campaign but is not, as a club, able to do anything practical. Honorary membership was not supported.

### **5.HH Lions Swimathon Contribution/Donation West Sussex North Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.**

The event has now been postponed. Roger Smith

### **6..Coaching and Training Matters Neil Giles**

All sessions are now cancelled. Neil Giles will post session ideas via Facebook and email. A virtual spin session to be made available to members delivered by Barry Davids. PPT sessions have ceased but members have been given access to online training sessions. A link has been forwarded to club members. The PPT contract is due to finish at the end of March in any case and a decision on whether we want to pick it up again next winter will be taken in due course. Decision-MSTC will not renew the contract until Covid19 outbreak is under control.

### **7.Juniors Callum Murray**

An initial brainstorming meeting was held @ 10.30 am on Saturday 14 March 2020, at the Dolphin Leisure Centre. Present: Callum Murray, Angela Murray, Jean Fish, Mark Jordan. Decision- The Juniors section will launch next year in light of Covid19 outbreak.

**8.Welfare** - Jean Fish sent apologies. Nothing to comment on.

### **9.Open Water Swimming Julie Williams**

The reservoir is closed until further notice. DutyMan system is on hold.

### **10.Events (Duathlon/Trifest/BAR) M Shoesmith/ P Richardson**

The Duathlon which was scheduled for 10/5/20 is cancelled. The 5,3,1 swim is in doubt as the reservoir is closed, although given that it is scheduled for July there may be a glimmer of hope that it can be put on.

As things stand we hope that the TriFest will still go ahead in late August.

The BAR is cancelled.

Members to be refunded for events they have paid an entry fee for.

### **11.Club Race Jo Fleming**

Jo has re-booked the club race for 13/9/20 at the Triangle. He has been approached by East Grinstead Tri with the possibility of the two clubs working together -- as there are likely to be so many

events pushed forward to the autumn this idea may be worth exploring. Jo will check feasibility.  
£1300 outlay so far committed to 2020 medals.

Options to consider in light of cancellation-Full Refund/ 2/3 Refund /roll over credit for 2021.

Majority favoured a full refund.

Decision- Full refund to be offered. On the issue of further spending and whether it can go ahead in September (with or without EG Tri) we should sit tight for 4-6 weeks.

Action- Joe To investigate joint event with East Grinstead Triathlon club.

**12.Volunteers** S McMenamin - No action

**13.Club Website** Mike Hook - Action - Update notices re Membership fees and Event cancellation.

**14.Membership** Jason Brown

Renewals slightly down. Swim subs - to be refunded to the 12 that have signed up.

Decision taken to reduce membership fees by 50% for this season. They will now be:

Individual member - £20 (£40)

Couples membership - £17.50 per person (£35)

Concession (Youth, student, unemployed) membership - £10 (£20)

**15 Treasurer Report** Clair Hunt

£18,000 in the account with £8,000 in reserve.

Action- Jeremy Paine to follow up on Ardingly College swim session refund.

Action-Spin cancellation refunds

Action-Inland Revenue update

Action-Bank mandates changed from Emma Jaffe to Angela Murray

Julie Williams left @21.03

**16 Social Matters** Hannah Droschler

Liane will not be re-joining the club this year so will, sadly, have to step down from her role as Social Secretary. She has done a brilliant job, with Hannah, of running the Annual Awards Dinner earlier in the year. We would like to find another club member to join Hannah in running the social side of the club. Any names, please pass them on.

**17.Club Chair Report** Angela Murray

This is already turning out to be an extremely challenging year in ways that we could not possibly have foreseen. Thankfully we are well funded but it is clear that our income for this year will be significantly reduced. We will need to think carefully about future spending plans. However, perhaps more importantly, with training brought to a virtual standstill we need to think carefully about other ways we can keep in touch with each other. Keep morale up and keep in contact.

**18 AOB-** Once swim training resumes -swim lanes to be reviewed.

**19 Next Meeting-** 27/4/2020