

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Mid Sussex Triathlon Club

The Bent Arms Lindfield, 18-5-15 at 8pm

1. Committee for Meeting

David Ricketts-club secretary
Mark Jordan-President
Rose Ryan-Junior secretary (apologies)
Peter Harris -membership secretary
Stephen Mcmenamin-race guy-(apologies)
Julienne Stuart-Colwill- social secretary part 1
Kay Mcmenamin-social secretary (part 2) (apologies)
Rachel Baker-treasurer
Rob Hoodless
Steve Alden (apologies)
J Williams- welfare officer
Kate Eifler- club kit
Hazel Tuppen- Level 2 coach (apologies)
Jeremy Paine
Mike Hook
Morwena Hook
Matt Critchley
Callum Murray

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Club Coaching

Negotiations are under way (with Dave Jones, Grant and Mark Jordan) to implement the club coaching plan. The coordinators of the coaching activities will be Hazel Tuppen, Neil Giles, Mark Jordan and Grant.

BTF rules require a level 2 coach for each session and we cannot provide a BTF level 2 coach for each club session as there are only three level 2 coaches in the club For some sessions a suggested plan will be given and the session will have a leader instead of a coach being present. This approach has worked with the children's section of the club.

It has been difficult to increase the number of coaches as courses tend to be infrequent and at inconvenient times. Mark will take up the question of coaching requirements with the BTF.

The recent ladies' training day was a great success- Jules and Mark were thanked for their efforts. More training days are planned.

4. Juniors

A six week block of training recently finished with the East Grinstead Kid's Tri. At this event MST won at least 2 medals. Both children and families were enthusiastic about the event. All the MST GoTri coaches marshalled at the event.

For the coaches it has been difficult to coach the 6 week block, We may need to change the system in the future.

GoTri is planned for the weekend of 5/6 July 2015. Help from all members will be needed and appreciated.

At least 2 of the children who have passed through GoTri have joined as adult MSTmembers.

5. Swimming

Ardingly Reservoir: This has been successful due to the efforts of Mike Hook (computer system), Clare Parkinson (DutyMan), Jean Fish (Board), Emma Jaffee (payment session) and Julie Williams (everything else).

To date 101 members have purchased swim sessions at Ardingly for open water swimming- 33 attended the last session. On busy days we may need to double up on Kayaks. To avoid congestion on the pontoon we agreed to trial the system of having the briefing at the lockup at 8:30am, starting swimming at 8:40am and finishing at 10:10 am

Other clubs are interested in joining the sessions. We agreed to charge them £5 per session (£3 to the reservoir, £2 to the club). Mike Jaffee will organise the cashless system.

The 500m buoy is in place and 2 more buoys are needed at a cost of £100 each.

Payments for use of reservoir will be made to Chris in 2 month blocks. New water board management is likely at the end of the year and some delicate negotiations may be required. And end of year report to the reservoir management giving details of the organisation, number of swimmers and income generated might help. Weir Wood remains an alternative.

We need to decide at the end of the year what the charge to swimmers will be next year. Unused credits will be carried over. A new swim waiver is required for each year.

6. Mid Sussex Tri race

Around 300 places are likely to be sold. We need to leaflet Ardingly Triathlon to encourage entries. Regarding the familiarisation day 30 people are likely to attend. Kurt may bring another 10 from Brighton.

All members are expected to offer help with marshalling at the race- a further email has been sent out regarding this.

7. Club Kit

A new order for Endura kit is to be submitted soon. At least 3 are needed of each item.

A new Hoodie order is also about to be submitted.

Dri Robes and buffs may also be available soon.

Moremile tri suits (£20) may be available soon for the childrens' order.

8. Treasurers' report

The club accounts are being prepared. Rachel thanked Julie, Emma, Pete and Clare for their help in setting up the open water payment system.

9. Chairman's Report

Mark Jordan will be stepping down as chairman at the next AGM but will continue in his coaching role and continue to provide advice as past chairman. A new chairman will be needed by the next AGM. For this we will need a written job and person specification circulated to members.

10. Social Matters

Julienne and Vicky have organised the post-Burgess Hill Tri party - Julienne will be unable to attend.

11. AOB

Jamie Goodhead's resignation letter was discussed. AS a result of this we agreed :

- To change the name of 'volunteering' for Ardingly open water swimming to 'duty'
- To have a volunteer coordinator (Matt Critchley). He will need to be co-opted at the next AGM
- Not to have a social membership
- Not to offer free swimming to 'strangers' who were not interested in joining the club.
- This was because the swimming lane costs still have to be met by the club.

Kevin James' suggestion of a hill climb duathlon was discussed. It was thought that this would be on the day before the charity swim and might also be demanding for many members. A less demanding course on a different day was welcomed.

Pete Harris received an enquiry about affiliations with clubs abroad. We have none but many members travel abroad to train and compete. Crawley Wheelers might have some affiliations and also train abroad..

12. Next meeting

Monday 20-07-15

Bent Arms 8pm

