

## MINUTES

### **Dartford and Whiteoak Triathlon Club**

**Meeting Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Attended:** Alison Ballard, Craig Ginn, Paul Foreman, James Betteridge, Melody Kane, Danny Pearce, Martin Heap, Heather Croft, Ralph Ambrose, Karin Hofmeijer

**Apologies:** Mark Milsom

#### **Minutes from last meeting-**

Former participants in the club race were to be contacted again and a spreadsheet of postcodes where entrants were likely to come from to be produced.

Paul produced the latest financial statement for the club.

The club marquee suggestion was rejected due to costs.

The lake successfully opened on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April with the Big Chill Race.

Debbie has now stepped down from her role as social secretary.

Martin Nicholls was to be asked about the lake Code of Conduct document which was drafted by him.

The pool and park have been secured for the Go Tri on 26<sup>th</sup> May with Tri England agreeing to fund 6 weeks of training sessions.

Can the club obtain sponsorship to bring people into the sport?

Alison, Ralph and James would look into a canoeing course.

#### **Agenda Topic:** Financial information

**Discussion:** Paul has received some unforecast invoices he would like to discuss.

**Proposed Action:** Dartford Borough Council have discovered we are only paying half of the boat house rental charge and will now increase costs to £1,200, together with the cost of the lake licence. This will bring the cost of the lake to £1,870 without the cost of the water testing.

The Council have also said that we must also have Sh2out accreditation which was not part of the current licence. James is currently dealing with this but said the paperwork was very difficult.

The lake would be pushed as much as possible this year but it must pay for itself to make it viable.

**Agenda Topic:** Club Race

**Discussion:** Is everything in place for the race on 9<sup>th</sup> June? Have the number and medal orders been placed and what is the latest regarding promotion of the race and the goody bags?

**Proposed Action:** Entries for the race are up. We currently have 105 entered for the sprint and 33 for the standard. Heather is to order the race numbers for this as well as for the Go Tri.

**Agenda Topic:** Lake Usage

**Discussion:** 20<sup>th</sup> April will be triathlon training day at the lake. Can we publicise this and then get an idea of numbers who are expected to attend?

**Proposed Action:** Danny is to send out a mailshot for the lake opening times, the training day at the lake, the club race, the Go Tri, race familiarisation day – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9.15-9.30 – and the first Big Swim which will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Swim Secure and Zone 3 discount codes have now been put on the closed Facebook page.

**Agenda Topic:** Grafman Half – 19<sup>th</sup> May and other events

**Discussion:** Can we sort out a list of participants who are taking part in Grafman this year and also can we have a list of other events that people are signed up to, noting whether they wish to have the support of their fellow club members or whether they wish it to remain private.

**Proposed Action:** Danny has done this before on the website and will set it up again.

**Agenda Topic:** Social Secretary

**Discussion:** Monica has too much going on to accept the role. Can we find someone else interested in taking it on or do we muddle through?

**Proposed Action:** Abi and Darren will be asked if they would like to do this.

**Agenda Topic:** Raffle Update

**Discussion:** Alison currently has raffle tickets but usually only makes the Friday lunchtime swim. Can someone who attends more regularly take this on?

**Proposed Action:** John Setford has now donated a place for the Bridge Triathlon into the raffle. Alison will attempt to sell more tickets.

**Agenda Topic:** First Big Swim of the season

**Discussion:** Is this in hand to take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April?

**Proposed Action:** The date for this will now be changed to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.30pm

**AOB:**

The Go Tri currently had no entries, but word was only just getting out. The entry age would be lowered to 15 and anyone entering the race would receive a £5 discount on the main race, to be given out on race day.

The first swim training sessions will start on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 8-9pm lasting for 6 weeks. Two lanes have been booked and Dave Poland is coaching.

**Next committee Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**