

Dartford and Whiteoak Triathlon Club

Meeting Date: Wednesday 13th February 2019

Attended: Craig Ginn, Alison Ballard, Dave Ballard, Martin Heap, Paul Foreman, James Betteridge, Melody Kane, Danny Pearce, Ralph Ambrose, Debbie Hazletine, Mark Milsom, Karin Hofmeijer

Apologies: Andy Walpole

Minutes from last meeting – See below

Agenda Topic – Implementation of Notes from Previous Meeting

Discussion: James has looked into the club's Data Protection Policy and will now liaise with Danny, Mark and Ralph to set up GDPR. James will rewrite the Data Protection Policy and clear with Paul, Mark and Alison. There will be a link on the website and on membership renewal forms. Danny has instigated Mailchimp to contact @1,500 previous race entrants.

Mel has gauged that about 10 people so far are interested in Southwater.

Karin has now received the race report from Brian Downton and Danny has a race report from our last race to give to the BTF.

Ralph has been looking into options for funding for a defibrillator to use at the lake. He has emailed Paul with the various options.

Mel handed Alison a copy of all the coaches' contracts for her to hold on file.

Proposed Action:

Agenda Topic - Coaches' discussion on additional run/bike plans

Discussion: Are we in a position to pay for these plans? Can we offer BTF courses to any members

Proposed Action: It was agreed we can purchase two of the Swim Smooth plans and Craig will copy and laminate them.

Agenda Topic – Marquee

Discussion: Karin had mentioned that she had a spare. What colour is it and can we get a panel for Velcro fixing to the sides?

Proposed Action: Karin will bring her spare marquee to the next committee meeting and we can get a panel or banners that maybe Julie could stitch on to it.

Agenda Topic – Collation of Information

Discussion: Plans, health & safety, emergency contact numbers, allergies and contact information from every member for the file box. Box now purchased.

Proposed Action: Mark has agreed to collate the information.

Agenda Topic – Endurance X nature web link

Discussion: Can we do this maybe as a sponsor? Leopard print sponsorship? Has this been sorted?

Proposed Action: Craig will contact sponsor to discuss. Any links on the club website will have to be paid for.

Agenda Topic – Club Race

Discussion: Get the race flyers out there.

Who can we get to attend in as stalls in the car park?

Spin bike challenge

Ice cream van, Endurance X Nature, burger or pizza van? Probably need to agree with Whiteoak.

Cycles UK, Bridge Triathlon stall, swim stall, massage stall, leopard print stall, sponsors stall (JD),

meet the coaches stall, fundraising stall, t shirts, raffle.

Craig has purchased some raffle items for club members' raffle. When can we do this?

Proposed Action: We would have to talk to Whiteoak about outside food and drink suppliers. Mike and Michelle would get first refusal to do the massages. Dave P has agreed to do a meet the coaches stall and was also dealing with Erdinger and La Santa promotions.

Debbie agreed to start selling the raffle tickets, but no date was agreed for the draw.

Agenda Topic – Lake race dates and invites

Discussion: Can we send an invite out to other tri clubs for their members including a deal if these have over 10 entries?

Second race – awaiting return of council member who is on sick leave.

Craig has met with Tina and the lake papers are filed with the council. He has asked that Tina considers non wetsuit swims all year round in order that we may be open to the Open Water Swimming Society. These are accomplished swimmers.

Proposed Action: Ralph agreed to contact other clubs. Craig has spoken to Dean at Medway Tri Club and he is very keen. These will need to be classed as training days to avoid unnecessary bureaucracy.

Debbie is going to put this out to the Open Water Swimming Society.

Agenda Topic – Membership renewals risk assessment

Discussion: Mark has been carrying out a report on membership renewals which shows a traffic light assessment of individuals and their feelings towards renewal.

Proposed Action: There are currently 68 full time members. 50 are definite renewals, 7 are maybes and 2 are nos with 9 members still left to contact. Mark will continue to monitor.

Agenda Topic – Newsletter

Discussion: Karin has some ideas for a newsletter that she would like to discuss.

Proposed Action: It was agreed to let Karin run with this via Twitter and Facebook with newsletters containing stories and pictures and “wise words”, probably from Craig 😊

AOB:

Paul is sorting the Go Tri at Whiteoak for the 26th May. We will have 2 lanes of the pool. The race will be a 100m swim, 10k bike and 2.5k run, costing £15 per entrant. This will be advertised on the Tri England website.

There will be ‘breast stroke to front crawl’ classes starting on 18th April costing @£40-50. Dave P has agreed to coach.

Ralph has sorted out the parkrun handicap events which are as follows:

Orpington – 23rd February
Dartford Heath – 9th March
Maidstone – 6th April
Shorne Woods – 4th May
Lullingstone – 15th June
Thurrock – 13th July
Bedgebury Pinetum – 10th August
Greenwich – 7th September
Foots Cray Meadows – 5th October

Debbie would like to step down from her role as social secretary. Monica will be contacted to see if she will take on the role by herself, if not a message will be put out to all members.

Mark and Paul are to get the Early Bird membership set up.

Next Committee Meeting – Wednesday 13th March 2019

Craig is away for the next meeting so James will need to chair. All committee members will agree an agenda.