

## MINUTES

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

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Attended:** Alison, Craig, Mark, Danny, Paul, Melody, Ralph, James, Karin

**Apologies:**

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

June's committee meeting was solely for the purpose of discussing the club's annual triathlon, people's personal views on the event and what improvements could be made.

**Agenda Topic:** A budget update from Paul

**Discussion:** Paul provided a copy of his projections to the committee. Overall, the position looks positive. There are currently 17 new members from the lake, up on last year and the overall number of swims has increased.

**Proposed Action:** Paul will provide a full budget for October's committee meeting in readiness for the following month's AGM.

**Agenda Topic:** Update on Sh2out accreditation and the lake licence

**Discussion:** James believes we are at the intermediate stage of being accredited. A sticking point has been the retrieval of a casualty to the bank within 3 minutes but he was waiting for somebody from Sh2out to come down to the lake and go through the casualty situation. There would also have to be a training session put on for the kayakers.

Realistically, we are looking at next year for the accreditation.

All non wetsuit swimmers must use a tow float and the lake safety team will be advised that this is as from 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Ralph raised concerns about the use of the lake for non club members regarding tax liabilities and the DBC licence. He also questioned why under 18s could not just be open water members. Craig advised that BTF rules would then be needed as we would be regarded as having a club youth section and this would involve a bigger commitment than the committee can currently undertake but the situation has been briefly discussed with Heather.

It was agreed we need to get the Sh2out accreditation in place before thinking about under 18s.

**Proposed Action:** DBC would be approached for feasibility of lake use outside of the current licence. Members would be asked their views on under 18s swimming at the lake at the AGM.

**Agenda Topic:** Southwater Relays

**Discussion:** What is the up to date situation with regard to Southwater?

**Proposed Action:** Cancelled due to lack of interest. We will possibly hold a Big Swim at the lake on 31<sup>st</sup> August instead, with a social afterwards.

**Agenda Topic:** 2020 mob attendance race

**Discussion:** Holkham 70.3 had been suggested. Craig has already contacted the organisers with regard to a group discount. Alison suggested the Grays sprint triathlon too but there were concerns that the 2 dates might clash.

**Proposed Action:**

**Agenda Topic:** Membership numbers – Mark to provide an update of membership numbers

**Discussion:** There are currently 26 members that have paid for the whole year, 40 people pay on a monthly basis, 15 open water members renewed and there have been 14 new open water members, together with 6 senior members the total came to 101.

**Proposed Action:** Membership is up from last year. Should we flyer the Bridge Estate and could we look into a digital flyer at bus stops around the Bridge Estate?

**Agenda Topic:** Brainstorm ideas for next year's enthusiasm

**Discussion:** Swimathon?

**Proposed Action:** September's meeting will be used to discuss the year ahead and the Go Tri.

**Agenda Topic:** Parkrun – Ralph to provide an update of Parkrun

**Discussion:** Ralph felt that having put the date out there on social media once he was not prepared to do so again to remind people. There had not been much interest in the last couple of club Parkruns but this was always going to be the case once the tri season gets underway.

**Proposed Action:** Karin will promote the net 3 Parkruns.

**Agenda Topic:** The Committee

**Discussion:** Will Paul be stepping down as Treasurer?

Who will take over from Mel?

Can we find a social secretary?

**Proposed Action:** We will see who's interested in the role of sub Treasurer to work alongside Paul for a handover period.

**Agenda Topic:** Christmas Party

**Discussion:** Debbie had forwarded a copy of the Christmas 2019 brochure from Brands Hatch Place. Do we want to return or shall we look into another venue such as Birchwood Golf Club?

**Proposed Action:** Monica would be approached again to see if she would be willing to sort this. We also need to check the Christmas party dates of DRR and Seeds.

**AOB:** The next Go Tri is to be sorted asap – possibly 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Update of lake following meeting**

Craig has spoken to Tina with regard to putting forward the club's proposals for the changes to next year's licence, which currently are:

- the inclusion of under 18s at training sessions;
- non wetsuit optional with a tow float and at the discretion of the lake managers;
- Swimathon date to be agreed

James is working on this at present and will discuss with the committee asap for agreement and additions.

**THERE WILL BE NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST**

**Next committee Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**