

MINUTES

Dartford and Whiteoak Triathlon Club

Meeting Date: Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 7.30pm

Attended: Craig, Alison, James, Paul, Mark

Apologies: Danny, Karin, Mel

Minutes from last meeting:-

Craig and Alison, together with John Setford had a meeting with Tina from Bridge Estates and Steve Jefferson from DBC on 25th September, the minutes of which have been distributed to committee members. The meeting had a positive feel to it and we felt encouraged to continue swimming at the lake for 2020.

Paul was to provide a budget for October's meeting.

Danny was to update the website

It was decided that we would join with Seeds for the Christmas party at Princes Park on 14th December.

Various ideas were put forward with regard to next year's club races.

Agenda Topic: Club budget

Discussion: Paul to provide a current budget for the club.

Proposed Action: Paul emailed committee members with a predicted budget summary for next year based on last year's figures and allowing for the same percentage increases.

Agenda Topic: The Lake

Discussion: Craig, Alison and John managed to secure a meeting with Tina and Stephen and Alison has already forwarded the meeting notes to the committee members for their consideration.

Proposed Action: It has been decided that we will continue with the Dartford lake for the foreseeable after an encouraging meeting with Tina and Stephen.

We need to get at least 6 people to undergo a kayaking course to help with the long term costs. A few people have expressed an interest. We also need to look into a better data collection system for new open water members to be put into the system. It was suggested that we could look into a wristband system. Alison [Dave] will look into the business requirements of NOWCA swimbands and see whether they would be suitable for us.

We also need to appoint a lake manager for next season.

Agenda Topic: Sh2out Accreditation

Discussion: James would like to discuss the next steps towards securing the accreditation.

Proposed Action: James is to sort out a recovery of a casualty procedure day as soon as the lake is open as this remains the only obstacle to us being granted Sh2out accreditation. James will design a rescue system to practice. We would also like to receive the interim accreditation confirmation in order to get on Sh2out's website as soon as possible.

James would also enquire whether us using our own water testing kits would be acceptable to Sh2out.

DBC were willing to try and get the cost of the Sh2out accreditation taken off of the licence fee.

Agenda Topic: Open Water Swimathon for 2020.

Discussion: James would like to discuss putting on a Swimathon at the lake next year.

Proposed Action: James said he had been having difficulty in contacting the organisers.

[Since the committee meeting James has heard from the organisers of Swimathon who have agreed that we will be able to host one on either 7th or 8th September 2020]

Agenda Topic: Club Annual Awards

Discussion: The awards up for grabs this year will be Male of the Year, Female of the Year, Most Improved Male, Most Improved Female, Most Determined Newcomer, Parkrun handicap most attended and Parkrun handicap most improved. Please could we all give these categories some consideration and come to the meeting with ideas of who we would like to nominate.

Proposed Action: It was decided that the awards this year would go to:

Male of the Year – Mark O'Brien

Female of the Year – Chris Childs

Best Newcomer – Doug Beesley

Most Improved – Colin Stannard

Most Determined – Abi Moss

Mark was to speak to Ralph about the Parkrun awards.

There would be a trophy or roll of honour for those completing their first ironman.

Craig was to get the trophies engraved.

Agenda Topic: Race poster

Discussion: Karen has drafted a poster for our 2020 race which has been distributed to the committee for their additions/amendments.

Proposed Action: The poster had been approved and has now gone live as have the entries to the 2020 race.

Agenda Topic: Club Kit

Discussion: Should we reduce the price of the club kit again?

Proposed Action: It was agreed we would have a kit clearance at the end of November, with Paul's target being £500 for what is left.

Nigel (and his team) are looking into the design of a new kit.

Agenda Topic: Kayak course for members

Discussion:

Proposed Action: See above

Agenda Topic: AGM

Discussion: Communication needs to go out to members advising of the club's AGM which will be held on Wednesday 20th November.

Proposed Action: EVERYBODY needs to do a short report.

AOB: Paul has suggested that Race Familiarisation day be held on 16th May with the Go Tri being held on 24th May. Danny has updated the website with entries to next year's club race opening on 10th October.

Next committee Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm