

MINUTES

Dartford and Whiteoak Triathlon Club

Meeting Date: Wednesday 11th September 2019

Attended: Craig, Paul, Alison, Mel(!), Danny, James, Mark, Karin

Apologies:

Minutes from last meeting:-

Paul agreed to provide a full budget for October's meeting in readiness for the AGM in November.

DBC would be approached with regard to usage of the lake outside of the current terms of the licence and members were to be asked at the AGM their views on under 18s swimming at the lake.

Southwater was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Membership numbers are up. We were looking to flyer the Bridge Estate and possible have a digital flyer at the bus stops around the estate.

Karin agreed to promote the next 3 parkruns.

Members would be contacted to see if anybody was interested in the role of sub Treasurer.

Monica would be asked to consider organising this year's Christmas party.

Agenda Topic: The Lake

Discussion: If we are to keep the lake for the 2020 season then we need to reduce our outgoing costs to Dartford Borough Council. As we are leasing the lake from the council is it their responsibility to carry out the water testing? How often is the water testing now expected to be carried out? If we are to carry on paying for the water testing, the club will agree to no more than 2 tests per season.

We have also been asked to provide a lightning conductor for the container that we also lease from them. Is it also our responsibility to do this?

The committee agreed that the lake had been closed prematurely and unnecessarily due to very small traces of blue green algae that had been found, levels which would have been permitted under both the BTF and Sh2out guidelines. There is clearly little point in paying for the Sh2out accreditation if the council are going to overrule their guidelines.

We have not been able to complete the Sh2out accreditation this year anyway because the council would not even allow us into the lake for a few minutes to carry out the casualty recovery test.

Proposed Action: Craig, Alison, James and John Setford would like to arrange a meeting with Tina and Steve Jefferson from DBC to clarify the points raised and will gather as much information as possible before November's AGM where the members can ultimately decide if we should continue to use Dartford lake for our open water swimming. It is acknowledged that the lake is a massive asset to the club as well as an important social hub for members.

Agenda Topic: Lake finances

Discussion: Paul provided a cash summary for 2019 and a 2020 budget build. The premature closure has obviously impacted up the lake finance figures for the year.

Proposed Action: Paul will provide a full budget update at next month's meeting in readiness for the AGM and said that the club's funds as a whole we looking positive for the end of the year.

Agenda Topic: The Website

Discussion: Some information on the website is out of date. The club members can still train with Swanley AC if they wish but there is no track session on a Monday evening. Entries for next year's triathlon on 7th June would not be open until @ October time.

Proposed Action: Danny agreed to do some work updating the website and said that he may try the events calendar again. The noticeboard at Whiteoak was to be updated too.

Agenda Topic: Christmas Party

Discussion: Monica currently had bookings held at Brands Hatch Place and Birchwood Golf Club for consideration. Craig had been given an invitation from Seeds to join them at Princes Park on the 14th December. It was agreed that joining Seeds seemed the best option.

Proposed Action: Mark was to email the members with the flyer and Mark and Monica were to gather numbers.

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

Discussion: 28th September would be relays, night swim and bbq at St Andrews lake and Craig would resurrect the brick sessions at the lake from October to see if there was any interest.

Holkham 70.3 on 28th June had been agreed as a club race. Entries open at the end of the month.

A swim/run and a swimathon would be arranged at St Andrews.

Oysterman would be considered as a club race.

The Ramsgate to Broadstairs 3 mile sea swim was also popular.

Proposed Action:

AOB: Brian Downton has agreed to 'softly' take over from Paul as Treasurer.

Long time member and former lake manager Martin Nichols is leaving 😞

Next committee Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 7.30pm