

Minutes of Eastern Region Triathlon England Committee Meeting

Thursday 20th January 2011 – Remote, via Skype

Present

Richard Fuller (Chair) (RF)
 Mike Porter (Secretary) (MP)
 Elisabeth Ross (ER)
 Tim Williams (TW)
 Graham Hart (GH)

	MINUTE	ACTION
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Gavin Passmore, Malcolm Hooker, Carol MacDonald, Paul Dutton</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 15 December were approved</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Email newsletters: these have gone out. RF is looking for confirmation that they have been received and for feedback . TW started discussion on newsletter email download format. RF agreed to review for next issue</p> <p>BTF will be sending out newsletters on our behalf</p> <p>A communiqué from British Triathlon suggested that bike insurance is included in BTF membership; CM confirmed that it is not and suggested that ER members be notified of this in the next (February) issue of the newsletter</p> <p>2010 League Trophies: RF informed the committee that all had now been sent out, 2 of which had broken but subsequently replaced.</p> <p>Open water swimming: RF still waiting to hear from Martin Allen on open water procedures. ER informed the committee that the Outdoor Swimming Society do not appear to take responsibility. The BTF site included a 20 page document which gave some consideration to training aspects but was not very practical.</p> <p>Open water venues in the region for BTF coaching weekend: this was raised in correspondence just prior to the meeting. A number of suggestions have been put forward and CM is to report back at the next meeting. MP to confirm with GP that this initiative also covers his area (Norfolk, Cambs, Beds) and to forward additional suggestions made at the meeting to CM.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>RF</p> <p>RF</p> <p>CM</p> <p>MP</p>

	<p>Development of Clubs: RF suggested that to move this forward the committee consider producing a flyer introducing BTF and TE in the region and offering help. RF to obtain prices for design/print but to also determine who it gets sent to and if CM and GP will be in a position to be first contact and be able to respond and offer advice on starting clubs etc. MP to contact PD to refrain from contacting Royston Runners as previously auctioned.</p> <p>Regional Academy criteria: selection criteria was supplied by TW. This is to be forwarded to the committee and to be published in the next newsletter.</p> <p>Tri-Star Academy graduates: Following discussion on the options, TW and GH are to agree some expansive wording to be sent to future Tri-Stars who do not get selected for TW's Regional Academy.</p> <p>National Youth Panel: RF reported no further communication so no further action at this time</p>	<p>RF MP</p> <p>RF</p> <p>TW/GH</p>
4	<p><u>Chairman's Update</u></p> <p>RF had nothing more to report</p>	
5	<p><u>Treasurer's Update</u></p> <p>MH was on business in India and had not had an opportunity to report on financials for this meeting.</p>	
6	<p><u>RPM's Update</u></p> <p>CM and GP provided written reports which had been circulated to the Committee. All points noted in GP's report including the announcement of a Level 2 referee course to be held at Loughborough University on 6 March but no actions forthcoming.</p> <p>CM reported that the Level 1 coaches courses on 26/27 February and 5 March were full, the Level 2 courses are going ahead on 12/13 February, 12/13 March and 21 May are going ahead as planned and a viable Level 1 course in the east of the region at Southwold on 2, 3, 9 April still had places available.</p> <p>CM is keen to encourage Home Nation membership and the benefits it offers and it was agreed that this would be highlighted in the next newsletter.</p> <p>Herts Youth Games Aquathlon, 18 June: CM is looking for volunteer support from Herts and ER clubs to help make this event successful and asked if Born to Tri/East Essex Tri's chip timing system was available on that date. RF to investigate and confirm</p> <p>RF to publish course dates and details of Herts Youth Games Aquathlon with a request for volunteers on the web but to check up to date information with CM/GP</p>	<p>RF</p> <p>RF</p> <p>RF</p>

7	<p><u>League & Championship events for 2011</u></p> <p>RF had copied in the committee on correspondence regarding the Children's races, in particular the issue of the clash of race dates for the Cambridge junior and Norwich Junior Triathlons.</p> <p>At the Meeting RF identified the races that would make up the series and the championship events.</p> <p>RF suggested scrapping the key events. TW said that this would result in less head-to-head racing which is important. A single championship race was an option but the issue of IRC qualifying events would remain. RF to sound out the organisers of these races regarding Tri-Star and Youth Championships.</p> <p><i>Subsequent to the meeting the race calendar was agreed and published in the February newsletter</i></p> <p>TW confirmed that the 2011 IRC's will be held on 4 September</p> <p>Lakeside Triathlon on 19 June is confirmed as the 2011 Regional Junior Championships race.</p> <p>Adult's League: RF confirmed league races – East Coast, Braintree, Lakeside, Walden, Norwich, Culford, NiceTri, Cambridge, Clacton, Dunmow, and Bedford Autumn Sprint. Simon Edwards had confirmed that Fritton Lake is happy to pay a contribution of £200 for their event to be the Region's Sprint Championship race for 2011 and Graeme Knott had done likewise for Harwich to be the Standard distance event.</p>	RF
8	<p><u>Academy & Tri-Star Academy Update</u></p> <p>TW reported that the Academy had held a training session the previous weekend, is due to hold the next one in Cambridge in February, and will probably have two more during March, including bike/circuit racing. The National Duathlon Championships are in the diary for the end of March. TW will be selecting the races to recommend the academics enter.</p> <p>Academy kit: TW has been dealing with this through ImpSports but is keen for someone to take on the responsibility of selecting, ordering, buying, distributing the kit. Discussion was held on what kit should be supplied, whether kit should be extended to the Tri-Stars, and if this should be part-funded by the Region. RF agreed to initially take on this responsibility with a view to arranging for a cycle jersey and polo top for each of the 20 Academy members. RF to investigate suppliers (although Imp Sport has already been paid the BTF £1000 fund), talk to Simon Mills on this, and discuss regional funds availability with MH to provide polo shirts for the Tri-Star Academy members. It was noted that TW would prefer to spend regional funds on training venues rather than kit.</p> <p>GH to provide shirt sizes to RF</p>	RF GH

	<p>GH reported 14 current members of the Tri-Star Academy, 1 lower than 2010. Two sessions have so far been held, Dunmow and Redbridge, and he is keen on some of his sessions being held alongside TW's Academy sessions to encourage the Tri-Stars. At least one open water session was planned.</p> <p>The committee agreed that it is important to raise the profile of the Academicals and their achievements on the website and the possibility of a group or individual image together with some descriptive text is to be investigated. However it was noted that privacy laws and BTF guidelines on identity etc would have to be abided by. MP to confirm with Rob Bishop at BTF.</p>	MP
9	<p><u>Academy & Tri Star Academy Update</u></p> <p>TW informed the committee that he was finalising session dates for 2011 but was finding it difficult to avoid direct clashes with regional swimming championships.</p> <p>He attended a regional head coach meeting the previous weekend at which the youth/junior issues previously raised were discussed.</p> <p>The regional sessions were made up of a core of about 15 triathletes and he is keen to keep the door open for athletes with potential from the discipline sports. He was currently considering the creation of an alumni for those at the top end of the academy age group.</p> <p>TW is in discussions with the manufacturers of the academy kit as some of the kit is unsuitable and does not meet expected safety levels. BTF are contributing £1000 to the cost of the kit. It may be necessary for the region to fund any difference.</p> <p>GH to be requested to supply a report from the next meeting onwards</p>	RF
10	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>No items</p>	
11	<p><u>Confirmation of Date & Venue of next committee meetings</u></p> <p>RF suggested that the next meeting be held towards the end of March or beginning of April and asked for proposals of suitable venues around the following locations: Dunmow, Bishops Stortford, Epping/Ongar, Chelmsford.</p>	