

Minutes of the Triathlon England Eastern Region Committee

Thursday October 6 (By Skype)

Present: Richard Fuller (RF), Elisabeth Ross (ER), Paul Dutton (PD), Jonathan Davies (JD), Tim Williams (TW)

	Minute	Action
1	Apologies: Mike Porter(MP), Wendy Staines(WS), Graham Lee (GL), Graham Hart (GH), Carol MacDonald(CM), Gavin Passmore (GP)	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved	
3	Matters Arising	
3.1	Feather Flags for Region – the committee agreed to release up to £800 for 4 feather flags	RF to investigate suppliers
3.2	The option of the pop up exhibition stand was dropped as it would be not be suitable for outdoors. Similarly, the gantry idea was dropped for the time being.	
3.3	The committee approved £2000 of Herts Ring Fenced funding to be released to Howard Davies for the work he is undertaking with schools in the region in line with the objectives and predicted outcomes he supplied to the committee	MH to make payment to Howard
3.4	There remains £1500 of ring fenced funding for the Junior/Youth academy. The committee approved TWs request for winter jackets for the academy	ER and TW to follow up and place the order
3.5	Race Official ring fenced funding. It was agreed to purchase polo shirts for the Eastern Region for all officials. These could be generic shirts useful for officials and committee members.	RF to investigate prices and printing / embroidery options.
3.6	Race Officials level 2 course is on hold while the BTF decide which ITU rules they choose to adopt. It is likely that the level 1 / level 2 term will become local and regional official respectively	
3.7	St.Luke’s Charity Triathlon – concern has been raised by JD regarding the experience and planning for this race and whether there is a clear understanding of the safety obligations. He has asked Pete Bryan of Born2Tri to look at the race and if he finds the safety issues are not properly addressed will recommend the BTF withdraw the sanction certificate and no BTF official will attend the race	JD
3.8	MH confirmed that there is not sufficient funding for	

	making £5000 available as bursary's for clubs. However, clubs can bid for funding for specific activities if they can demonstrate clear goals and outcomes for the request. A key requirement will be that the funding will lead to an ongoing sustainable activity that is self financing.	
3.9	MH has completed all Banking process work; MP and RF are counter signatories on the accounts	
3.10	MH confirmed that expenses for the IRCs had yet to be paid	TW to place claim and remind Geoff Jones to do likewise
3.11	RF confirmed the venue of Milton Country Park for the AGM (7:30pm, 7 November)	
3.12	RF to contact Mark Barfield regarding the Triathlon Live initiative during the Olympics. He will express interest in it coming to an Eastern Region city.	RF
4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>MH provided an update of the current funds available. He mentioned that the positive position of coaching courses was misleading as some of the funding came from previous years and there are expenses yet to be received.</p> <p>The committee were content with the accounts as presented</p>	Accounts
5	<p>RPM Update</p> <p>Both RPMs provided updates on their current activities.</p> <p>GP has assisted in the creation of a club in Leighton Buzzard, an area bereft of clubs previously. He has requested some funding to get the club underway. It was agreed that the committee would provide two free places on a Level 1 training course and pay the 2012 BTF club subscription. Further funding for an event will be based on some further information about plans and outcomes for the club.</p>	GP Report CM Report
6	<p>Sport England Funding 2013-16</p> <p>CM asked the committee for ideas on spending Sport England funding. TW mentioned the plans to turn Milton Country Park into a sporting centre including rowing, canoeing, triathlon, cycling and BMX. This is an exciting initiative that has planning permission but not funding.</p>	RF to ask CM for update on the next steps if the committee were to propose this.
7	Regional Academy Report	

7.1	TW is planning to run a triathlon camp in the spring for the youth/junior academy. The committee agreed in principal that this is a good use of the academy ring-fenced funding and TW could start looking at options for this.	TW
7.2	TW has confirmed that Geoff Jones is keen to take over the Tristar academy. He has put Geoff in contact with GH for a handover of responsibilities.	
7.3	TW is clearing out the academy mailing list and dropping those who have shown little engagement. He has 12 athletes who will continue and is expecting 3 further applications from the tri star academy. RF agreed to push the academy on the web and in the October newsletter.	RF
7.4	TW will plan dates for training sessions but not until he has confirmed dates for course training (he is now a course tutor).	RF
7.5	The BTF are expected to announce further funding for the academy to focus on 1 to 1 training sessions.	
7.6	The current academy is formed from a lot of evenly matched individuals and 10 have been regularly performing in the national super sprint series with a lot of top 10 finishes. George Schwiening has performed excellently with a 2 nd place in the National Duathlon champs and a 4 th in both the European and Worlds. She also participated in a senior team that came 2 nd in the World Relay Duathlon champs. Sean Watson came 3 rd in the National Aquathlon championships.	
8	IRC Report An excellent performance by all Eastern region athletes; if all 14 scores counted we would have finished 2 nd but as only 12 count we came 4 th , but only 12 points from first. PD noted that for the 3 rd year running the results had been mucked up and thought that the BTF should be investigating how this can be resolved for the future.	
9	Herts Youth Games The committee received a request for funding for this event, both for the event itself and the work leading up to it.	RF to email Howard Davies with the outcome

	<p>Whilst the committee is content to maintain the current funding level (£500) this is the maximum that they would be willing to spend as they could not support higher on a sustainable basis (or for other counties).</p>	
10	<p>Regional Relays</p> <p>Rights to host the event have been put out in a tender and responses are due in 23 October; of 6 organisations contacted 4 have requested the ITT.</p> <p>MH, JD and RF will be the reviewers.</p>	
11	<p>AGM 2011</p> <p>The date and venue has been arranged (Milton Country Park, 7 November at 7:30pm). A donation of £50 will be made to the park and they will provide tea, coffee and biscuits.</p> <p>We will ask Milton Country Park if they would talk for a few minutes on the centre, TW to provide an update on the academy. JD will contact Brandon Lewis, MP for Yarmouth and Waveney and MP responsible for Triathlon if he would come to say a few words.</p> <p>In terms of roles for 2011, MP has stated that he will stay on the committee but will stand down as secretary. Graham Hart, having stood down as TriStar academy coach has decided to stand down from the committee.</p>	
12	<p>Meeting closed 21:53</p>	

Richard Fuller

Chair