

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>	Committee Meeting
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
<b>Time:</b>	8.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Skype

### Attendees:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Richard Fuller	East Essex Tri		
Ashley Nicholson	Discovery Tri		
Jonathan Davies	Born2Tri		
Heather Williams	Cambridge Tri		
Tim Williams	Cambridge Tri		
Rob Lines	Tri-Anglia		
Elisabeth Ross	Tri-Sport Epping		
Carol Macdonald	Triathlon England		
Peter Pain	Triathlon England		

### Apologies:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Malcolm Hooker	Stortford Tri		
Wendy Staines	Discovery Tri		
Natalie Stone	Discovery Tri		
Mike Porter	East Essex Tri		

Item	Notes	Action
1.0	The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true representation of what was discussed	<b>Note</b>
2.0	<b>The minutes of the last committee meeting were adopted and the outstanding items as follows were discussed</b>	
2.1	6 number feather flags have been purchased along with 20 metres of scrim.  Richard Fuller to hold 3 Feather flags and 20 Metres Scrim ( South of The Region )  Rob Lines to hold 3 Feather flags and 20 meters Scrim ( Central to the region )  The Feather flags and scrim is to be made available for members for use when staging events. The First couple of events are to be monitored to see if further branding equipment is required.	<b>R. Fuller</b>

Item	Notes	Action
2.2	<p>This minute relates to a previous minute regarding committee approved funding for Howard Davies for the work he was undertaking with schools within the region. A payment of £2000 was sent by Malcolm Hooker. The committee agreed that a formal update would be welcome on how the funding has been of assistance.</p> <p><i>Richard Fuller has tried to contact Howard Davies but has no response. Carol Macdonald to e-mail for response. If no response RF to write a letter to Howard at its home address and relay the regions disappointed at not receiving a formal update as to the expenditure of the monies made available to date.</i></p>	<p><b>C.Macdonald</b> <b>R. Fuller</b></p>
2.3	<p>Website reviewed and updated – <b>Item Closed</b></p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
2.4	<p><u>League Results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Recap: - RF confirmed that due to some chip timing systems not providing details of the clubs being represented by the athletes, the league placing results would be difficult to assess this year.</i></li> </ul> <p>Details received and agreed – <b>Item Closed</b></p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
2.5	<p>Tri force juniors have requested funding for Turbo's to enhance the training sessions due to an influx of new members.</p> <p>TEER agreed that they provide match funding up to a maximum of £400.00</p> <p><i>Tri –force to provide an update of how the funding has improved training sessions</i></p> <p><i>Has Tri- force taken up the funding and have TEER received a response</i></p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Treasurers Report: - No report submitted.</b></p>	
3.1	<p><u>The following Spend / funding was suggested and agreed by committee.</u></p> <p><u>(i) Quality Officials</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that there was £3300 ring fenced funds for quality officials requirements</p> <p>Spending currently below £1800 JD to involve MH with regards to future expenditure and what he wants to spend it on.</p> <p>Malcolm &amp; Jonathon to confirm spending to date and monies available for future expenditure.</p> <p><u>(ii) Event organisers Course</u></p> <p>MH confirmed that the all the event membership courses had been taken up and there was no more funding this year.</p> <p><b>Note Closed</b></p>	<p><b>J. Davies</b> <b>M. Hooker</b></p> <p><b>NOTE</b></p>

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	<p><u>(iii) Coaching Bursaries</u></p> <p><i>Offer – Available now. 2 Places for level 1 coaches for new affiliated clubs 100% funding Offer - Part funding for Level 1 &amp; 2 courses for established clubs. 1 Application per club. Refund via MH Total Refunds to be capped @ £3000</i></p> <p>MH – To confirm when Capped Refund of £3000 has been reached and advise CM accordingly</p> <p>Note Closed</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>M.Hooker</p>
	<p><u>(iv) Miscellaneous Items for expenditure of Monies</u></p> <p><i>Reported underspend on Event Funding - Proposals are detailed below how monies could be spent to improve race events. :-</i></p> <p>Scrim for TEER Events - Purchased and Being used at events</p> <p>Feather Flags for Events - Purchased and being used at events</p> <p>TEER Banners - RF to provide a quote for the purchase of 4 Banners</p> <p>Race Bibs for Marshalls &amp; officials - JD to provide quote for purchase of 40 Bibs.</p> <p>Swim Buoys for Events - RL reported the following :-</p> <p><b>Shoot for Goal</b> :- 3 m Conical buoys £900 Each</p> <p><b>Ardance</b> :- 2 m Cylinder buoy £350 per pair :- Triangular buoy £500 per pair Branding to Ardance Buoys £180 Per buoy incld VAT Further costs required for Blowers &amp; anchors</p> <p>Rob lines to provide a new full comprehensive quotation for a full package – RL to liaise with MH</p>	<p>J. Davies</p> <p>R.Lines</p> <p>R.Fuller</p>
3.2	<p>Future areas for funding consideration :-</p> <p>Develop the Tri-Star's academy</p> <p>Show interest in hosting a Qualification for Triathlon England within the eastern region.</p> <p>Access to open water and possibly part time employment for instructor for open water skills ( Academy ? )</p>	<p>Note</p>
3.3	<p>All funding is a subject of the Triathlon England Strategy, yet to be issued to the regions</p>	<p>Note</p>

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3.4	<p>TEER to make available Year End accounts for review</p> <p>Define how much is ring fenced in the current account</p> <p>Determine the amount of monies received from British Triathlon as Grants and identify how it is to be spent so the funding is not lost or withdrawn.</p> <p>With the number of transactions increasing Monies in and out :- there is a requirement for monthly accounts to be provided by the treasurer.</p> <p>RF and Malcolm to look into on line accounting and add RF as an additional nominated account handler.</p>	<p><b>M.Hooker</b></p> <p><b>R.Fuller</b></p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>League and championship Fixtures</b>	
4.1	<p><u>Adult Relay Race</u></p> <p>The Adult relay was discussed and it was possible that the adult relay race would be dropped from the race schedule. This was very disappointing as it was reported from the regional clubs that the relay were enjoyable.</p> <p>It was suggested that possibly Mark Harman of Born-2-Tri may be interested in staging the race.</p> <p>RF to contact Mark Harman to see if he would be interested.</p>	<b>Richard Fuller</b>
4.2	<p><u>Children's League and Fixtures</u></p> <p>The St Albans children's Relay scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> of May was being the being withdrawn due to construction work at the proposed Venue.</p>	<b>Note</b>
4.3	<p>The committee to review the IRC Qualifying events at a the next physical meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May – committee members are encouraged to submit proposals prior to the meeting for discussion</p>	<b>Note</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>IRC 2012 - 13</u></b>	
5.1	<p>IRC Funding contribution for 2012 was £120.00</p> <p>This year's contribution is £400 which is a 1/3 of the event costs. This was not initially communicated. Now the funding has been explained TEER are in agreement to settle the invoice for 2012 and the future costs for 2013. RF to e-mail invoice so that it can be paid</p> <p>RF to confirm</p>	<b>R. Fuller</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>Academy Update</b></p> <p><b>The Chief Coach's Report: - Submitted by Tim Williams is in the Appendices of these minutes.</b></p>	
6.1	<p>The committee were interested in possibly providing future individual funding in the form of Bursary awards. TW to provide outline annual costs per athlete to attend the academy sessions for review and consideration.</p>	<b>T.Williams</b>

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6.2	An end of year awards dinner was suggested as a future event  Costs and venue to be explored by A.Nicholson for approx. 50 – 60 People	<b>A.Nicholson</b>
6.3	A proposal for academy coaching for Tristars to be tabled at the May Physical meeting	<b>T.Williams</b>
6.4	Discussion regarding clubs being given additional titles ie as Talent Clubs, which is above Club mark & Star mark. Tim Williams to explain further at Physical meeting in May.	<b>T.Williams</b>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Technical Co-ordinator Update</b>  <b>Technical Co-ordinator's Report: - Submitted by Jonathan Davies refer to Appendices</b>	
7.1	JD reported the need to extend the experience and development of TEER officials to enable officials to undertake duties at National and International level.  Jonathan Davies to provide an update	<b>J. Davies</b>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>RPM Update :- Submitted By C. Macdonald refer to Appendices - A summary follows below</b>	
8.1	<u>British Triathlon:- Peter Pain :- Cambridge – Beds – Norfolk</u>  <b>No RPM report is provide as little to report since previous report.</b>  Due to Peter leaving the eastern he is to do a formal handover to Carol Macdonald on the 27 <sup>th</sup> March.  PP – Confirmed that Triathlon Action groups have been arranged to invite Question and answers sessions from clubs to discuss funding and other Triathlon England matters.  Attendance so far is very Hit and Miss	<b>Note</b>
8.2	<u>Carol Macdonald:- Essex – Suffolk</u>  Carol now to cover the whole eastern region CM reported Swim smooth open water event proposed for June / July age for 16's and above.	<b>C.Macdonald</b>
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Any other Business</b>	
9.1	<u>The Eastern Region Strategy</u>  The Eastern Region Strategy for the next few years is to be discussed at the next face to face committee meeting and the persons named below from England shall be invited to attend either in Person are join the meeting via a skype connection.  Morgan Williams Simon Mills Mark Briei James Taylor	<b>R. Fuller</b>  <b>A.Nicholson</b>

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9.2	<p><u>Payments for coaches courses</u></p> <p>Currently payments are taking 30 days to clear – for coaching courses.</p> <p>Carol to speak with Malcolm to improve payment as 2 are currently outstanding.</p>	<p><b>C.Macdonald</b></p> <p><b>M.Hooker</b></p>
9.3	<p><u>Norwich Triathlon</u></p> <p>Norwich Triathlon is to merge with Tri- Anglia Rob Lines to speak with CM regarding the procedure.</p>	<p><b>Rob lines</b></p>
9.4	<p><u>CRB Checks</u></p> <p>British Triathlon's Sue Ploughwright reminded that all Triathlon clubs providing coaching for children need to have British Triathlon CRB documentation in place.</p> <p><i>This was a note but there was no action – Is this a TEER responsibility or is this club level responsibility – Do TEER send out a block e –mail to all registered clubs in the region reminding them to ensure documentation is in place !!!!!</i></p>	
9.5	<p><u>Committee Personal</u></p> <p>It was reminded that the current chairpersons' tenure of 3 years will be reached this October and a new incoming chairperson would need to be nominated for consideration.</p> <p>It was put to the committee that the outgoing chairperson be given the opportunity to represent TEER at national committee level. Further discussions at face to face meeting.</p>	
9.6	<p>A schedule of committee meeting dates for 2013 is noted below and provided on a separate page in the appendix of these minutes.</p> <p><b>May 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday - Physical Meeting ( Hilton Hotel location Stansted)</b>  July 10<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday  Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday  Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
9.7	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Physical meeting ( Hilton Hotel Stansted )</p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
	<p>Meeting closed 21.30</p>	

13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 - Regional Committee meeting Minutes Appendices

Treasurer's Report – **No Report Submitted**

Regional Head Coach's Report

RPM Report - Bedfordshire / Cambridgeshire / Norfolk – **No Report Submitted**

RPM Report – Essex / Hertfordshire / Suffolk

Technical co-ordinator Report

2013 Future Committee meeting Dates

Tim Williams – Regional Head Coach report

## Academy Activity

### Swim camp

We had a four day swim camp in Norwich at the start of the year. The camp featured 6 swim sessions and a core conditioning session at the UEA sports park and one at Norwich Girls School. We stayed in a Premier in at the Norfolk showground, and use the showground for running sessions. We had breakfast and evening meals at the Sports Park cafe.

We had 11 academy athletes, plus elite internationals Lucy Gossage and Emma Pooley. The coaching was by me, with assistance from Abbie Thorrington and Simon Brierley. Heather made the pool and accommodation bookings.

The camp went well, the feedback from those who came was good and, best of all, the swimming of all who came has shown considerable improvement.

### Weekend sessions.

Since the swim camp we've had two sessions based at Parkside in Cambridge, and been to two bike race meetings. Of those athletes based in the region just two have not been to any.

### Swimming sessions.

Since the end of last autumn I have had swimming pool time for elite triathletes in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, to which I have invited academy members. Several have been to these regularly – some travelling a fair distance.

### Raceday.

I have made Raceday training software available to all of the Academy athletes. At the moment it is optional and some are making some use of it.

### BTF/Sport England funding changes.

BTF/TE have confirmed the funding and plans for Regional Academies from April for the next four years. Funding will increase to £6K for RHC and £6K for academy activity. There is now a tender process in place, with incumbent RHCs invited to offer their tenders first.

Heather and I had a meeting with Simon Mills last week. BTF/TE are keen for continuity in most cases – the Academy scheme is going well and they would like to it to grow in the same direction.

The majority of RHCs, like me, operate their own coaching businesses, so BTF/TE is expecting us to tender through our companies.



My/our tender will be along the lines of the vision that Heather presented to the December meeting

*The Future (HW & TW thoughts for discussion).*

**Vision:**

- Create opportunity for any talented athlete who wants to be a triathlete to achieve their potential.
- Consistently progress Eastern region athletes up the performance pathway
- Provide our regional level athletes with a development programme and environment which develops skills and experience which set them up for life and a long term enjoyment and success in the sport.

**Strategy:**

1. Increased support to regional academy
  - Funding for coach time.
  - Funding for facility hire.
2. Identify and support talent clubs to create an environment to underpin academy
  - Some funding for coach development time (for developing & supporting club coaches)
  - promotion of club development activity (sessions, courses, mentoring)
3. Tristar sessions (not an academy) to expose younger athletes to an academy style environment and an opportunity to train alongside their peers of a similar level
  - 4 to 5 ( 3 to 4 in year one) training days, for athletes meeting a minimum criteria
  - Hosted by talent clubs
  - Opportunity for coach development
  - Some funding for lead coach (ideally an academy coach)
4. In time targeted TID - but we need to create our environments first.
  - Look to promote aquathon in the region as part of larger TE initiative.

**Next Steps**

1. Evolve and agree regional talent strategy and how it fits in to the Regions overall plans
2. Once Sport England funding is confirmed, develop a 4 year outline budget for the region which includes an allocation for talent activity and development
3. Develop more detailed plan for 2013-14

A significant change for athletes in the Academy will be ongoing assessment. Each academy will hold assessment trials for new and existing members in line with the British Triathlon national assessment programme in early September. Those doing well enough at regional assessments will be put forward for the national talent squad.

I plan to introduce the changes to current academy members and their parents at a 'launch' day in May (one of the academy sessions in on the current calendar)

Work area	narrative
participation (events/race starts)	CAF – Chelmsford Super Sprint Triathlon – Sept 2012. Walden Tri 2011/12
Event Accreditation	Chelmsford Off road Duathlon – in progress Maldon Tri – Pass Fambridge Middle Distance – completed, USB to be sent to head office Bradwell Long distance –completed, USB to be sent to head office Hockely Aquathlon – in progress Walden Tri – Accreditation Level one pass Braintree Triathlon – Accrediated Level one
HE/FE promotion	Links made with Writtle College, Chelmsford
Schools comp	
Coach Ed	Level two course planned Basildon November 2012, course already full. Final day March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2013. Attendance has been very good throughout this course. Lord Butler Leisure centre in Saffron Walden will be hosting the next Level 1 course, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2013. Worked alongside Walden Tri in developing this course. Course is full with a waiting list. More planned for this centre Autumn 2013
Coach & Volunteer CPD	
Officials	RTO – New Hall School, Chelmsford – April 2013
Networking	Contact with Active Essex. Telephone discussion with Rob Hayne mainly about Kids of Steel, Essex, June 2012 Sport Essex sent out info about TKOS. Good relationship building there. Attended East Regional Meeting – via SKYPE Next meeting via Skype, face to face meeting May 14 <sup>th</sup> .
OW day	Redricks Lake, Sawbridgeworth – Open Water Swim day planned for June 2013
TKOS	No event in Essex this year.
Membership	
Clubs	Contact with: Walden Tri, East Essex Tri, Tri Sport Epping Tri Club,

	Born2Tri, Discovery Tri, Dunmow Tri, Club forum in development. Meeting with Redcaps Swim/Tri Club – Southend
Club accreditation	In progress with: Walden Tri, East Essex Tri, Tri Sport Epping Tri Club, Born2Tri, Discovery Tri, Dunmow Tri,
Live sites	
Paratriathlon	Walden Tri to go on coach ed in Norwich. Very keen to develop this at their club
Equity	

## GOOD NEWS STORIES / HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Good working relationship with Eastern Committee. Planning for the next four years is underway.
2. Redcaps Swim/Tri Club in Southend have just secured a clubhouse on the sea front. The club wish to expand their swim races to incorporate Aquathlons with a view to expanding them into Triathlons in 2014. Sea swimming can be offered to more novices and local triathletes.
3. Everyone Active – Basildon Centre have been great to work with and we are developing a novice triathlon for local people using their staff and volunteers.

## KEY MEETINGS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. Active Essex – Rebecca Rowley
2. Basildon Open Water venue
3. Basildon Sporting Village

## KEY PROJECTS/FOCUS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. Redcaps Aquathlons
2. New Open water venue in Basildon.
3. Developing Basildon Sporting Village Triathlon and Coach Education for Autumn 2013

## CHALLENGES / PROBLEMS:

1. East Regional Relays taking place this year in Kings Lyn were finally cancelled due to lack of numbers. As discussion was had at the last East Regional meeting and it was decided that Kings Lyn is not very accessible for the rest of the East of England e.g. Herts and even Essex. They are approaching the organisers to run it at Gosfield 2014.
- 2.

Work area	narrative
participation (events/race starts)	<p>Meeting held with Sports Space, Dacorum to discuss a new event taking place at Tring School, July 2013. Indoor triathlon to be developed and training sessions in the lead up to the event. Further site meeting took place with the local Triathlon club Shires Triers and Sport Space.</p> <p>Meeting with Hercules events – they are currently providing Welywn Garden City Triathlon. Event is small but they wish to grow to 1,000 race starts in 2014/15. Lake usage has been a problem in this area but due to triathlon the council are very keen on opening up the water for open water swimming.</p>
Event Accreditation	Duck and Dash – Freedom Tri, in progress but little contact has been made by race organiser despite several e-mails.
HE/FE promotion	Active University project, lead by Howard Davis
Schools comp	<p>Herts Youth Games was lead by region this year.</p> <p>Meeting with Mike Jubb, British Triathlon Foundation Trust to discuss his plans for junior development.</p> <p>Meeting held with Mike Jubb and Herts Sports Partnership,</p>
Coach Ed	<p>Level One Cedars Upper School – course went well, full attendance</p> <p>Level Two Cedars Upper School – course going well, still in progress, attendance has been poor, those that have fast raked have struggled with this course.</p>
Coach & Volunteer CPD	<p>Time to Listen Course, Hertfordshire University – 5 people</p> <p>First Aid Course – Hemel Hempstead Cycling Club</p>
Officials	<p>Places on the Essex Official course has been offered to all Herts clubs and also CAF funded projects. Uptake low.</p> <p>LTO course – planned 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Hemel Hempstead Cycling Club, Herts. Course is filling up nicely.</p>
Networking	<p>Herts Sports Partnership</p> <p>St Albans sport development team</p> <p>Active Universities</p>
OW day	CPD day organised June 2013, Redricks lake, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. TBC
TKOS	No KOS planned for Herts

Membership	
Clubs	In contact with: Shirers Triers, Hemel Hempstead Cycling Club, Team Tri Sports, Freedom Tri, Watford Velo, Tri Force, Hoddesdon Swimming Club, David Lloyd Watford,
Club accreditation	
Live sites	
Paratriathlon	
Equity	

## GOOD NEWS STORIES / HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Meeting with SportsSpace and Shirers Triers was exciting due to potential new event for 2013. New novice event will take place with lead up sessions in the Gyms in Dacorum.
2. Good meeting with Hercules Events.
3. New and exciting links with White Water Rafting Centre, Broxbourn. No frills project to be based there along with local club involvement and potential regularly open water swimming.

## KEY MEETINGS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. Herts Aquatic Officer – to work closely together with swimming to develop future triathletes and provide more swimming coaching for existing triathletes.
2. Redricks Lake to develop CAF project and event for 2013/2014
3. White Water Rafting Meeting to continue project.

## KEY PROJECTS/FOCUS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. White Water Rafting Centre
2. Meeting with Hercules to develop plans
3. Meeting with Sport Space at Tring School to finalise Novice Triathlon Race.

## CHALLENGES / PROBLEMS:

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Work area	narrative
participation (events/race starts)	CAF1 - West Suffolk Triathlon. Project with West Suffolk Wheelers started April 2012. – Meeting held to discuss project and to start development with key club members. CAF2 – New project with Beccles Triathlon. Novice event with pre race taster sessions. OTHER – West Suffolk Wheelers Junior and youth support project Ipswich Tri club development project
Event Accreditation	Beccles Tri to register
HE/FE promotion	Links with Ipswich College
Schools comp	
Coach Ed	Level 2 course organised for Feb 2012 held at St Felix School, Southwold. 16 candidates attended. Level 1 organised for March 2013 to be held at Saffron Walden – course already nearly full. More courses to be organised for end of the year.
Coach & Volunteer CPD	
Officials	RTO officials training offered on 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Networking	Suffolk County Sports Development Team – meeting held September. Working with the team on club forum, they will be supporting the event and coming along to discuss issues with clubs. Meeting took place with Kathryn James to up date her on TE.
OW day	
TKOS	None in this area
Membership	
Clubs	Contact with West Suffolk Wheelers, & Ipswich Tri Meeting held at West Suffolk Wheelers regarding CAF project and general club development. Club forum took place on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November held at West Suffolk Wheelers. All clubs invited along with potential new project, Beccles Tri Club. Attendees included, Hadleigh Hares, West Suffolk Wheelers and Stowmarket Striders (new tri section). Kathyrn James for Suffolk Sport came to update all the clubs about their initiatives.

Club accreditation	
Live sites	
Paratriathlon	
Equity	Beccles project has identified this area of work as key.

## GOOD NEWS STORIES / HIGHLIGHTS:

1. New links to Stow market Striders. Very positive meeting regarding Quality mark and general club development, new club end of 2012, looking into running an event.
2. New CAF project going well with Beccles Triathlon
3. Club forum went very well on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Although only 3 clubs attended it was very worth while for the clubs to meet me, Suffolk Sport and discuss clubs issues around training and events. Sportivate was discussed and two clubs were interested in putting in a bid for sessions that culminated in an event for 16 -25 yr olds.

## KEY MEETINGS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. West Suffolk Wheelers progress update
2. Sport Suffolk one to one meeting to develop relationship between NGB
3. Meeting with Stowmarket Striders to discuss event for 2014.

## KEY PROJECTS/FOCUS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. Investigate a new location at a stately home for an off road triathlon, lake within the grounds.
2. Closer working with Sport Suffolk in order to identify a new CAF project, either an event or development project.
3. Continue to develop Suffolk Triathlon with Kate Bryson – Beccles Triathlon and West Suffolk Wheelers.

## CHALLENGES / PROBLEMS:

1. Travelling times within the area make development difficult
2. Only one attended Eastern region AGM

Race Officials Coordinator Report  
March 2013 TEER Committee Meeting

Overall Summary

This year we have around 90 races registered with the governing body of which about 70 have asked for a race official to be present. At the time of writing all races which have requested an official have one allocated to them although I do expect some organisers to realise that when I say I don't send chase emails after the three in January, February and March I really mean it and will put later requests in.

Race Officials Conference

The recent race officials conference in Solihull focused on some of the prevalent issues we saw in the region in 2012 with positive action planned towards unruly parents and supporters at junior races including issuing leaflets for goody bags, asking each race organiser to put in a mandatory statement in their race instructions and having a system in place to remove race licences from athletes whose parents or supporters misbehave. The conference also saw the launch of a new course for motorcycle officials as well as a membership discount for active race officials who meet certain qualifying criteria. Each official in the region has been emailed by TE HQ to ask them to confirm if they meet the criteria, which will be checked against records, and then they are given the discount code which reduces membership to £16.00 per annum for those who are also club members. Several changes to the rules were also discussed to bring home nations closer to ITU rules (the most prominent being that tri suits must be zipped all the way up) and overviews of the three new officials courses were delivered, the Local Technical overview being given by me.

Race Officials Fleeces

Triathlon England Easter logo fleeces (the same as the polo shirts) have now been ordered at a cost of around £850 which will be a welcome addition to the kit officials have.

National Technical Officials (NTO) Courses

Two courses have now been held in Loughborough with Kevin Gregory, Sean Baker and myself being attendees. Kevin and I will be officiating at the Cambridge Duathlon as our domestic qualifiers and will be qualified at that level within a week of that event in April. Sean will be progressing through his events as the year goes on.

Kevin and I will be qualified and declared to the ITU as qualified (all being well) after completing officiating duties at the World Championship finale at Hyde Park in September.

NTO Grants

Eastern Region was one of two in British Triathlon to be awarded funding to support the qualification of officials to NTO level and being declared to ITU as new Technical Officials. This award of £1500 is currently limited to up to £300 per candidate and is ring fenced but not time sensitive. It is likely that £900 of this will be awarded in the 2013/14 financial year



for the three candidates above. I will administer payment on receipt of expenses of travel documents for Sean and Kevin and Richard will do likewise for my application.

#### Local Technical and Regional Technical Officials Courses

Speaking to Carol earlier in the week via email it has been decided to cancel the two courses planned for March and April this year due to a lack of numbers. Carol can advise more on this and as to when and if further courses are planned for this year however these cancellations do not materially affect us in this region as we have sufficient officials to cover the races in the region as it is.

2013 Regional Committee meeting dates for 2013

May 14th – Tuesday- Physical Meeting ( Hilton Hotel Stansted Airport )

July 10th - Wednesday

Sept 11th - Wednesday

Nov 13th - Wednesday