

Triathlon England North West Committee Annual General Meeting

10 October 2013 Lancashire Manor Hotel @ 19.00

Committee members present: Dave Rigby(Chair), Pete Edwards(Secretary & Moto Officials Coordinator), Rolf Cooley(Children's Series), Gavin Biggs(Treasurer), Mike Myers(Publicity Officer),

Regional Manager Lucy Cowgill

Members Present Alan Cronin, Gill Smith, Andy Crawshaw, Rodger Wilkins, Terry Bates

Apologies: Arron Riley (Cheshire rep), Sonia Carty (Merseyside rep), Andy Richardson (Lancashire rep), Andy Rawley (coaching officer), Sue Taylor(Regional Officials Coordinator), Jane O'Brien(Senior Series Coordinator)

Welcome: The meeting was opened by Dave Rigby at 1915 and all present were welcomed to the 2013 AGM.

Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting: This meeting was held on 17 October 2012 and a brief resume of the minutes was given by the Chair (DR) and agreed as accurate by the other members. Proposed PE, Seconded MM.

Matters Arising: None

Committee Reports: These had been received from Chair, Children's Series Organiser, Officials Coordinator, Treasurer, Senior Series coordinator and Regional Programme Manager and previously circulated. There were no questions arising.

Election of Regional Committee Members: All existing members indicated they were happy to continue in current roles as listed above. Others not present at the AGM but also continuing in role: Andy Richardson (Lancs), Sonia Carty (Merseyside). Vacant roles include Cumbria, Cheshire and Greater Manchester reps.

Project ideas for regional funding: Previous ideas have included First Aid and Lifeguard courses. Further ideas included the purchase of Chip Timing equipment for use at events within the region. It was also suggested that 2 individuals be trained to use this kit and pay them a sum of £100 per event to operate it. It was suggested Clubs make a contribution to the cost as it would ultimately benefit them. An enquiry has been made with Xtramile events who are selling off their existing kit. A reply has been received offering the kit (without chips) for approx. £8k. This has been passed to Chair and Treasurer for consideration.

It was also suggested that a contribution be made towards defraying the cost of training days run by Rolf Cooley at venues including Salt Ayre and Capernwray.

Filling vacant committee places: Deferred due to lack of volunteers.

Items raised by Regional Members: None

AOB: Gavin Biggs asked all present to promote both Level 1 and 2 coaching course. They have proved to be a good source of income for the region in past years.

Mike Myers mentioned that the Regional Academy remains a good arena for talent spotting good runners and swimmers for progression to National level. The Academy is currently run by Mike who will remain in post until at least April 2014. Mike continued with a report outlining the purpose of the Academy as an arena to feed into the England Talent squad, a group of about 14 athletes who are funded to attend training camps. Coaches role to is promote athletes into this programme. From the NW region Leah Peploe has benefitted this year with hopefully 3 or 4 others next year. £6k funding has been received from TE. Mike asked the meeting to consider allocating a further £3195 to enable expansion of the programme. Mike provided a detailed explanation of where the money would be spent ie open water sessions, track cycling, travelling expenses, competition kit and other equipment. General discussion followed on the worth of this extra funding. A decision to allocate was deferred until future income from coaching courses was clarified.

2014 AGM: To take place in October 2014, venue and date to be decided.

2013 Presentation Night: A proposal was made to make a special presentation to this year winning IRC team. Ideas were sought as to how to mark this achievement, for instance a team photo on canvas signed by an elite athlete or glass stand for all team members. Ideas for raffle prizes are also required.

Meeting closed @2100.