

Triathlon England North West Region Annual General Meeting

Lancashire Manor Hotel Thursday 9 October at 1900hrs

Present: Dave Rigby(Chair), Pete Edwards (Secretary), Andy Rawley (Coaching Coordinator), Gavin Biggs (Treasurer), Lucy Cowgill(Regional Manager), Rolf Cooley (Children's Series), Ian Barnett (Pendle Tri Club), Jill Smith (Cheshire Rep), Mike Myers (Academy coach).

Apologies: Sue Taylor (Officials coordinator), Jane O'Brien (Senior Series), Andy Richardson (COLTS), Sonia Chadwick (Merseyside Rep), Terry Bates.

Minutes of Last AGM. This was held on 10/10/2013 and the previously circulated minutes were accepted as accurate.

Matters Arising: None

Official's Reports:

1. Chair – This report was circulated in advance of the meeting. Discussion took place on the point of allowing Mike Myers to sit on committee as a full member with voting rights. Lucy Cowgill to verify with TE whether this is possible constitutionally. Dave Rigby also proposed to re-brand the Andy Rawley's post as IRC Manager with the possibility of co-opting Terry Bates or Danny Parr to replace Andy's role.
2. Technical Officials - Sue's report was previously circulated and accepted. A discussion took place as to how best to recruit new officials. Questions were also raised as to how to publicise the pathway to becoming a race official.
3. Senior Series – Previously circulated and Agreed. Discussion took place regarding an acceptable pathway between the Children's Series and Senior Series as there seemed to be a considerable loss rate between the ages of 16 to 19. Mike Myers suggested that one reason might be doubts about safety issues for first time or novice road riders.
4. Junior Series – A very comprehensive report was previously circulated by Rolf which was accepted and Rolf complimented on his diligence. Several questions were raised by Mike Myers but it was agreed it would be more appropriate to answer them at a meeting to be held on 19 October.
5. Regional Manager – Lucy provided a very detailed report of all her activities throughout the last year and was formally thanked by Committee for her significant efforts in promoting triathlon throughout the region.

6. Treasurer – Gavin Biggs submitted a detailed financial account for the year 2013/14 and Gavin provided answers to several questions regarding the expenditure listed under the headings of Admin, Regional Events etc.
7. Academy – Mike Myers reported verbally that there have been several significant advances in cycling standards for 7 members this year. 13 of 15 members have improved both swim and run times and there are now 2 paratriathletes under the Academy banner. Mike reported on a proposal to raise the minimum age to 14 with any promising children below that age to be invited on an ad hoc basis. One Academy member has now been confirmed as a member of the England Talent Squad though to other prospects had not been granted trials. The ETS has only 20 members with an ever increasing standard. Mike reported on 3 very talented males who are making great progress. The Academy remains within budget this year despite slightly higher travel costs. Mike reported that he has now been officially confirmed as Regional Head Coach and was congratulated by Committee as such.

A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding proposed changes to distribution of Coaching Course Royalties. The debate centred around whether the system should remain as at present or move to a more centrally based TE admin role. It was decided that this was not a decision for this meeting and further discussion was deferred until further details were available.

Re-election of Committee Roles: All committee members were happy to continue in role and were re-elected without opposition. 2 County Reps post remain vacant as does the post of Publicity/Sponsorship Officer. At the point Ian Barnett offered to step into the role and was welcomed onto the Committee as there were no other volunteers. Coaching Coordinator is now a vacant position as Andy Rawley becomes IRC Manager and it was decided to approach Terry Bates to fill Andy's old position.

AGM 2015 – To take place at the same venue on Thursday 8 October.

Meeting closed at 2130.

