

Triathlon England NW Region Committee Meeting 10th July 2014 1900 hrs Lancashire Manor Hotel

Present: Dave Rigby(Chair, Pete Edwards (Secretary), Gavin Biggs (Treasurer), Sue Taylor (Officials Coordinator), Rolf Cooley (Children's Series), Mike Myers (Academy), Gill Smith (Cheshire Rep), Lucy Cowgill (TE Regional Manager), Sonia Chadwick (Merseyside Rep), Andy Richardson (Lancs Rep)

Apologies: Andy Rawley, Jane O'Brien

Minutes of Last Meeting: Previously circulated and agreed by all present

Matters Arising: GB mentioned that the accounts presented at the last meeting were still an interim version as he was still seeking clarity from TE regarding the sum of £3000 which he is not sure whether this is due to the Academy budget or no-specific Regional grant. GB is pursuing this issue at HQ level to clarify.

ST mentioned that the radios purchased for use in transition by event officials had met with mixed reviews. PE added that the radios purchased for Motorcycle Official use were experiencing similar issues but that a training day for as many as could attend was planned for the near future in order to identify best practise for their usage.

Reports: Chair – DR Reported on moves at National level to changes membership rules and qualification levels. Consultants had been hired by TE to report on this but had yet to submit their findings. DR also reported on work being done with regard to withholding race permits which was now at Board level for ratification.

Officials – ST had already circulated a report for consideration. Sue reported that there was possibly a permit issue with the Salford Triathlon on 17 August. It has since been clarified that a race permit has been applied for and approved. PE reported that 4 new motorcycle officials had recently completed their qualification process and were now actively engaged in NW regional events.

Senior Series – JO previously circulated her report but not being present had asked for feedback on its options for a new format. GS had circulated it with Chester Tri Club and submitted written feedback on the options. Further discussion took place amongst committee members and it was agreed to go ahead with the new format proposed. It was recognised that there would need to be work done to identify and engage with event organisers regarding the new format. LC agreed to work alongside JO to achieve this. It was also agreed that JO should formally thank Chester Tri Club for providing the valuable feedback on the new format.

Coaching Changes and Courses: DR Reported that henceforth Level 1 coaches will only be allowed to continue coaching unsupervised for a maximum of 4 months before the need to report progress towards Level 2 qualification. This is due to insurance restrictions. Due to shortages of Level 2 coaches there was an urgent need to provide a Level 2 course before September. LC stated this

could be done at Edge Hill University providing it was guaranteed to be full to capacity. LC stated it was very difficult to pick a date that suited everyone. AR enquired whether it was possible to run regular quarterly courses. LC will check with Edge Hill on date availability. In order to ensure that more Level 2 coaches are qualified this year it was agreed that the Region will subsidise any course up to the sum of £1000 should it have to run with less than 12 attendees. LC stated she would aim to run the first course beginning January 10 2015 until June 2015. GB asked whether mid-week courses were viable, LC to investigate and report back.

IRC: RC submitted a detailed budget on behalf of Andy Rawley for this year's event. The total was £150 less than 2013. AR asked whether it was possible to have the coach leaving from, say, Carlisle and pick up on route to the south of the region. RC said he would make enquiries to see if this was possible, providing there was no more than £200 increase in cost.

Academy: MM reported on a collaboration to take place on 29 July with E. Midlands region. This will take place at Mallory Park for prospective IRC candidates. This will also involve some para-tri athletes. There will be a cost of £30 to each candidate on the day with any overall deficit to be made up by James Taylor. MM also reported that 4 Academy athletes will be attending the same venue on July 17 in preparation for a race in Geneva. The Para-Tri Academy had now been established with 4 members but looking to expand. It was agreed to provide a Regional budget of £3000 to support the Para-Tri Academy plus reasonable expenses for MM in running it. LC reported that A Giant Para-Tri coaching day was taking place on 21 March 2015. MM mentioned that one of the para-tri academy members Andy Grant was a very real prospect for Rio in 2016. The link below shows his full-time activities.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEIX83aDw>

Presentation Evening : This will take place on 15 November 2014 at Lancashire Manor Hotel. It was agreed to run it in the same format as previous years. AR reported feedback that the evening was all about the Juniors with little of interest for Seniors. DR stated he would ask Katie Hewison to attend to present prizes. LC suggested inviting the Rio prospect Para-triathlete Andy Grant as an inspirational speaker for Juniors. GB suggested the evening's activities need to be more mixed up. It was agreed to dispense with the DJ to save on costs. In line with inflation food costs will increase to £10 per head.

New Committee Rep:– DR reported that a rep for Greater Manchester had been found. This was Natalie Woodford who some would know from her previous position as Regional Manager.

Meeting Closed 21.00

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 September 1900hrs Lancashire Manor Hotel.