

TE NW Committee Meeting 1900 12 March 2015

Lancashire Manor Hotel, Pimbo

Present: Dave Rigby, Pete Edwards, Rolf Cooley, Andy Richardson, Andy Rawley, Gill Smith, Gavin Biggs, Mike Myers, Danny Parr, Terry Bates, Sue Taylor, Lucy Cowgill.

Apologies: Ian Barnett, Sonia Chadwick

Minutes Of Last Meeting: Previously circulated. DR gave a brief update regarding the HMRC situation. LC recently attended a workshop on the subject and will circulate guidance shortly. DR gave a brief resume of the last meeting's minutes.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer's Update and Proposed Regional Expenditure: Interim Accounts were presented by GB and thanks from the Committee were extended to LC for her efforts in raising considerable funds from the coaching courses. There was further discussion about the costs and funds for CPD and LTO courses that would be split out in the future accounts.

With regard to the purchase of gazebos and arch it was agreed to seek references from existing owners to ensure we were buying good quality. LC volunteered to look after these items after purchase and arrange for their loan to and return from club events.

Andy Richardson gave a detailed explanation of his proposal for Pre-Academy Skills Courses for young athletes as indicated in his previously circulated report. These would utilise as many appropriately skilled personnel from within the region. It was proposed that all course fees be routed via regional accounts and that any losses be underwritten by the region. DR pointed out that there were official rates for reimbursing tutors on such courses. However it was pointed out that to treat coaches likewise may incur tax issues and a discussion followed on how to resolve this.

Andy Rawley proposed a ceiling of £15 cost per delegate with provision of a small budget to get the project moving. Furthermore AR offered to market these courses via NW Senior Series advertising material. These courses were designed for T2 athletes and upwards though more mature T1s might also be considered. They could also be publicised via the NW Region newsletter.

Mike Myers expressed reservations about this project. Sue Taylor made the proposal that all interested committee members should get together and return to next meeting with a firm proposal for consideration.

Officers Reports: Chair- DR reported that Nuffield Health were providing triathlon days at their city centre gyms. Club coaches were being engaged to provide expertise. This formed part of the company's sponsorship towards TE. DR continued with brief details of a restructure of personnel and responsibilities at the top levels within TE.

Officials Coordinator- ST reported that 7 new LTOs had recently attended a course, only 1 remained to complete their knowledge test.

Terry Bates reported that the May 3 Duathlon will not now take place. It had not been possible to identify an alternative venue or date but was hoping to piggy-back this event onto an established club event.

Children's Newsletter and Social Media Effectiveness: So far only 1 individual had subscribed to the Newsletter. A protracted and detailed debate followed regarding the style, content and effectiveness of the previous issue. Several alternative proposals were put forward and discussed regarding a regional newsletter. LC proposed inviting a Social Media expert to advise on how to make a regional newsletter more relevant and effective.

RC expanded on the Children's Newsletter. It was proposed to run it for a period of 3 months (assisted by Danny Parr?) and then conduct a review.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 May 1900 Lancashire Manor Hotel.