

Minutes of the TE NW Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2014
1930 hrs at the Lancashire Manor Hotel

Present: Dave Rigby (Chair), Pete Edwards (Secretary), Gavin Biggs (Treasurer), Mike Myers (Academy), Andy Rawley, Jane O'Brien (Senior Series), Rolf Cooley (Children's Series), Gill Smith (Cheshire Rep.)

Apologies: Sue Taylor, Andy Richardson, Ron Skilling, Sonia Carty, Lucy Cowgill

Minutes of Last meeting: Previously circulated to all members and agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Officials Reports: 1. These had been circulated to all members for information. In addition the following was verbally reported by DR and PE. New radios had been purchased and successfully used at Wilmslow. Motorcycle Officials had also tested new radio kit which will be refined in coming weeks. Some additional kit will improve performance, expense to be borne by individuals. Waterproof notebooks and hi-viz jackets had also been distributed and were a big improvement on previous versions. 3 new motorcycle officials should be fully qualified at Deva Tri on June 8. It was agreed to give an amount of £100 to each on successful completion of qualification and officiating at regional events.

2. New Format of Senior Series: JO'B had previously circulated a report on a proposed new format. Questions were raised about the number of prizes available. It was questioned whether race organisers would offer free race entries to series races in 2015 at this year's presentation night. It was suggested that every effort be made to ensure equality of standards between series races ie flat/hilly course, open water/pool swims. The new format should encourage competitors to visit the TE NW website and also encourage Clubs to take more of an interest in the Senior Series. 13 races was seen as about the right number to base a championship on and all members were encouraged to take the new format back to their Clubs to urge participation.

3. Treasurer: GB presented an interim account which was still subject to income analysis with Regional Manager Lucy Cowgill. GB explained there has been a significant increase in Regional Event costs. MM questioned whether the Academy grant should be £6k as only £3k had been received so far. GB offered to explore the discrepancy and report back.

Formal thanks were offered by all members to Lucy Cowgill for her excellent work in increasing income from course whilst simultaneously lowering costs.

4. Children's Series: RC previously circulated his report, no questions arising. AR added that bike speeds were significantly increasing particularly within Tri Start, Tri Star groups which was seen as a testament to children learning from both coaches and older athletes.

5. Academy: MM reported the establishment of a Para-tri Academy under his supervision. So far 5 athletes had enrolled and had met at Blackpool recently for their first coaching session. MM suggested it would be beneficial to combine these sessions with able bodied ones. Within the

Academy MM reported that psychologists were becoming involved to investigate and combat the drop-out rate amongst females in their mid-teens.

6. Regional Manager: Previously circulated and agreed. DR asked for suggestions from members for CPD events ie First Aid, Swim Analysis, Nutrition, Officiating at all levels. Any ideas need to bear in mind that costs should be minimised.

Presentation Evening 2014: This will take place on November 15 in the Great Hall at Lancashire Manor Hotel. It will follow the format of previous years. It was agreed to make this a formal agenda item at next meeting to sort out details.

AOB: AR reported that he had been quoted the sum of £875 for coach transport to the IRC event at Holme Pierrepont. This was agreed as acceptable by all present.

Next Meeting: Thursday 10 July 1900 hrs at Lancashire Manor Hotel.