

## TE NW Committee Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### Lancashire Manor Hotel , Pimbo

**Present:** Dave Rigby, Pete Edwards, Rolf Cooley, Mike Myers, Gavin Biggs, Danny Parr, Terry Bates, Ian Barnett, Lucy Cowgill.

**Apologies:** Sue Taylor, Gill Smith, Andy Richardson

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** These were summarised by DR.

**Matters Arising:** MM questioned the naming of the Pre-Academy Skills Courses suggesting it raised expectations of progressing to the Academy and should it be re-titled? MM also queried what the suggested funding would be used for. AR has indicated it may be utilised to provide “kit” ie turbo trainers. RC raised the issue of storage for this kit as well as its potential usage. MM indicated that Tri Wigan had encountered similar problems. RC went on to warn that the next 2 Skills Courses may not take place anyway and that no funding had been formally agreed by Committee anyway and should be formally requested by AR.

**Officers Reports:** Officials - ST was away interviewing for senior positions at TE and her report was summarised by DR. Discussion centered around NW officials officiating at unlicensed events and appearing in TE logo'd kit.

Chair – DR mentioned that the next TE Council meeting takes place on Saturday 16 May. The annual “Workforce Awards” are to be renamed “TE Awards” and that no individual will be awarded the same accolade in consecutive years.

Regional Manager – LC was questioned by RC regarding the number and location of Coach Education Courses. LC provided a comprehensive update as follows: A level 2 course has been booked at Knutsford. Edge Hill cannot promise pool availability before January 2016. It was proposed to book a further Level 1 course and 2 further Level 2 courses with the option to book an extra course of either level dependant on demand. Dates will be confirmed by LC. MM requested a course be run in March 2016 at a venue to be decided as he felt there was sufficient demand for such.

LC requested volunteers to present awards at 2 events in the Senior Series. DR agreed to do so at Southport and DP/PE at boundary Breeze.

Children's Series/IRC: RC explained about the IRC training session to take place at Mallory Park on 27 May. Discussion took place about how to transport the numerous attendees to the venue. RC requested a £200 subsidy towards transport costs as attendees were already contributing £30 each towards the event. This was unanimously agreed by Committee.

RC explained about a very successful Relay Event which had taken place on weekend of May 9/10. There had been an excellent response from many of those taking part with lots of first time entrants to triathlon who will potentially provide a pool of future competitors.

**Skills courses, In Andy Richardson's, Coach Coordinator – In AR's** absence a discussion took place about the payment of coaches from outside of the triathlon community especially when there is a wealth of expertise and experience within regional clubs. DP questioned whether the practise was not devaluing the qualifications of triathlon coaches. It was agreed that Committee will NOT support the payment of coaches from outside of the triathlon community where the same level of expertise exists internal to the region. Support will only be offered for venue hire and necessary expenses. TB proposed that outside expertise be sought for such areas as sports psychology, nutrition etc as this could make a valuable contribution to Coaching CPD. IT was agreed that this was permissible and venue hire and expenses be supported if required.

**Presentation Evening:** Provisionally this has been set for November 14 though it clashes with TE AGM at Loughborough. GB informed Committee that the initial price for a barbecue type event would be almost £20 per person as a worst case scenario of only 150 attending. RC suggested that attendance would more than likely be the same as 2014 ie around 200 in which case the ticket price would be reduced. GB agreed to obtain a firm commitment on price otherwise an alternative venue would be sought.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2130.

**Next Meeting:** Tue 7 July 1900 , Lancashire Manor Hotel