

TE NW Committee Meeting 11 November 2014 Lancashire Manor Hotel 1900hrs

Present: Pete Edwards (Secretary), Dave Rigby (Chair), Lucy Cowgill (Regional Manager), Rolf Cooley (Children's Series), Gill Smith (Cheshire Rep.), Gavin Biggs (Treasurer), Ian Barnett (Publicity), Mike Myers (Academy), Andy Rawley (IRC Manager), Jane O'Brien (Senior Series), Danny Parr (Rochdale Tri), Terry Bates (Prospective Coaching Officer)

Apologies: Sonia Chadwick (Merseyside Rep), Sue Taylor (Officials Coordinator), Andy Richardson (Lancs Rep)

Dave Rigby opened the meeting and welcomed Danny Parr and Terry Bates to the meeting in view of the forthcoming potential permanent roles.

There being no formal agenda circulated in advance each member present was asked if they had anything to raise as detailed below:

Jane O'Brien – Reported that the 2015 Senior Series was almost finalised. There was still some uncertainty about the Standard Distance Race at Bassenthwaite over which organiser would be involved. Southport is an option if necessary. Rolf Cooley offered to make enquiries as to what the current position is. Jane had recently been in contact with Tim Armit and received a positive response though Dave Rigby urged caution as his races may not be permitted next year. Xtramile events were again keen to support the Series. All 2014 trophies had been ordered and engraved ready for the forthcoming presentation evening. **Jane also mentioned that her role will become vacant shortly as her personal commitments do not allow her the necessary time to commit. Volunteers sort to take over Senior Series Coordinator.**

Presentation Evening – Dave reported that Guest Presenter Katie Hewison would only be available till 20:30 hrs due to a race commitment next day. In view of this it was proposed to deal with Junior Series awards first in order to maximise Katie's time and then have food afterwards. Flags, banners etc were required to decorate the hall. A proposal was made to have Katie Photo'd with the IRC team. Any Workforce and Senior Awards could be made later on. It was proposed to e-mail all attendees as a reminder to be prompt to keep timetable on track. Gavin Biggs reminded all present that raffle prizes were required urgently.

Publicity – Ian Barnett asked all present to forward him any newsletters etc so they could be circulated around the region.

Rolf Cooley- Rolf raised the issue of reports and whether they were necessary for every committee meeting. Dave Rigby suggested they should only be forwarded if there was anything significant to report. Rolf also asked whether there should be formal role descriptions for committee members to demarcate responsibilities. Following some discussion it was decided that a sub-group be formed to organise the 2015 Presentation Evening, Volunteers were requested and Ian Barnett, Pete Edwards, Andy Rawley and Rolf Cooley were accepted.

Andy Rawley- Dates had now been agreed and publicised for a series of Junior Seminars which were linked to Academy activities. The first being on 22/11 with a Physiotherapist followed by the next on 2/12.

Lucy Cowgill- Lucy reported on a Head Coaching Course on 6/12 in Lancaster followed by a later one in the south of the region. Various topics would be covered on different dates. There

will be no conflict with the Academy agenda but will be designed to assist with coaches CPD. The followed thorough debate as to whether this conflicted with Terry Bates' new proposed role. TB was tasked to investigate whether these courses could be beneficial without cost to the region as they were provided by an outside commercial operation.

Future Meeting Dates 2015:

Tues 13 January

Thurs 12 March

Tues 12 May

Thurs 9 July

Tues 8 September

Thu 8 Oct AGM

Meeting Closed at 2100 hrs.