

Triathlon England North West Committee Meeting

5 September 2013 Bolton Arena @ 19.00

Members present: Dave Rigby, Sue Taylor, Pete Edwards, Lucy Cowgill, Rolf Cooley, Gavin Biggs, Andy Rawley, Sonia Chadwick, Andrew Richardson.

Apologies: Arron Riley, Mike Myers

Minutes of Last Meeting: This meeting was held on May 13 2013 and a brief resume of the minutes was given by the Chair(DR) and agreed as accurate by the other members.

Matters Arising: The Regional Academy was to have been run by Mike Myers until October 2013. This tenure has now been extended for a further 6 months and a new budget submitted to cover this extension.

Rob Bishop's low cost triathlon project has been re-branded as "Go-Tri" due to patent issues with previous names.

Officer's Reports: Chair – DR reported that a survey had been conducted by Overs & Co. to address issue linked to triathlon participation. DR also made mention of the moves at National level to increase the profile and usage of Motorcycle Officials through appointment of Regional coordinators as already exist in NW and Y & H regions.

Treasurer: GB circulated to members present 1st drafts of the 2013 accounts which were agreed. AR raised a question regarding coaching course costs. GB asked about providing a subsidy towards the recently successful IRC team. DR proposed it should be utilised to support the teams attendance at the Annual Awards Night. AR proposed the subsidy be utilised to provide some form of printed kit for the team members as a memento of their success.

Adult Series: A report had already been circulated by Jane O'Brien and noted by members.

Children's Series: RC previously submitted an circulated his report. In addition RC raised to specific negative issues. Firstly the granting of a permit to the Fleetwood Tri bearing in mind previous safety issues with the children's race there. Secondly there had been an instance of a child being bullied by a parent at Blackpool Tri. DR informed committee that the offending parent had been written to and left in no doubt as to their future behaviour. AR explained a similar incident involving the offensive behaviour of a parent.

Coaching: AR and LC explained to committee that they were in collaboration on the provision of quality coaching courses.

Officials: Report for ST had been previously circulated and agreed. There remained serious issues over the Fleetwood Tri which meant officials were very loath to get involved. DR reported that he was prepared to act as Chief Official for this year and asked for support from 2 others if possible. On the subject of this event LC reported on the work Triathlon England had done with Tim Armitt. There was an agreement in place that safety improvements must be made and guaranteed for next year or the event would

not be granted a permit. A general discussion followed regarding this years Fleetwood Tri which resulted in the proposal that a Chief Official from outside the region be brought in to provide a fresh viewpoint. Rosa Teagle was suggested for this role if available.

Motorcycle Officials: PE reported that 4 new Motorcycle Officials had qualified in 2013 and had all integrated well into the team. This meant that more events could be resourced and in greater depth. A further 3 are progressing through the qualification process though it is not expected they will complete sufficient shadow events until early next season. PE reported that a measure of the esteem the Regional Motorcycle Officials were held was reflected in the fact that 5 had been asked to spend 4 days in London at the ITU World Finals the following week.

IRC Report: AR had previously submitted and circulated a report regarding the extremely successful winning team participation at the IRC event at Eton Dorney. AR was extremely thorough in his praise of all involved and provided an full explanation of the plans for next years event and defence of the title. Discussion followed regarding the type of presentation that should occur for the team at the Awards night in November.

Regional Manager: LC had previously submitted and circulated her report which was noted. Discussion took place amongst those present regarding the future prospects for CPD courses.

Presentation Night: This is planned for Saturday 30 November at the Lancashire Manor Hotel, Skelmersdale. Discussion took place regarding the format of the evening, raffle prizes, Children's Awards and Workforce Awards. Sophie Carson was suggested amongst others as a possible Award presenter. Food and entertainment options were discussed and it was agreed to have 250 tickets printed.

AGM 2013: To take place at 19.00 Thursday 10 October 2013 at Lancashire Manor Hotel.

AOB: LC circulated leaflets for all to distribute advertising participation in triathlon.