

TE NW Committee Meeting Thursday 15 September 2016 Lancashire Manor Hotel 1900hrs

Present: Dave Rigby, Pete Edwards, Terry Bates, Danny Parr, Andy Rawley, Mike Myers, Gavin Biggs, Rolf Cooley.

Apologies: Sue Taylor, Sonia Carty, Ian Barnett, Oliver Heald.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Previously circulated and Agreed.

Matters Arising: TB informed us that a CPD course for coaches had been arranged for 24/25 October 2016. However Edge Hill can no longer facilitate this course and a new venue was being sought. Liverpool Watersports Centre was likely towards the end of January 2017.

Officials Reports: Chair- DR informed that that only 3 category nominations (Volunteer, Coach and Club Event) had been received for the regional awards. Further nominations were needed for Commercial Event, Official, Children's Coach, Children's event and Young Volunteer.

A previously circulated e-mail about Regional Operations was discussed. MM stated that we already do most it anyway. It proposed that Coach Education course profits should come under TE control and redistributed proportionately to regions. It was felt that this was a disincentive to participate and GB offered Expert opinion that financially the region was far better off under the current system. DR informed that a decision on this would be made at Council on 24 September.

It was proposed to hold a Regional Committee Conference at Loughborough on November 14 however the cost to send all members would be prohibitive unless central funding was available.

Skills School- DP stated that a few individuals had booked onto the 3 confirmed skills schools which were illustrated a regional map distributed to all present. These venues will be used over winter 2016/17 at a cost of approximately £10-15 per person.

Treasurer- GB questioned when the bill for Skills Schools would arrive. DR advised that funds should be set aside but not to expect a bill in the near future.

Academy- MM reported on the results from U21 events at Strathclyde. The region had 1st and 3rd places for boys and a bronze medal place for girls which may result in qualification for European championships. MM suggested that we may be sending 3 boys to the England Talent squad in October. MM reported that 26 youths had recently trialed for the Academy and that overall he was very happy with the progress of the group. MM reported that a new kit sponsor had been found in "Liverpool Heartbeat".

Children's Series- RC informed us that the last race of the season would be on 25 September and that more volunteers were still needed. One potential volunteer has come forward to replace Rolf next year. A general discussion was held about filling vacant committee positions.

The Awards night will be on 21 January 2017 at Lancaster again.

Facebook “likes” around the Children’s series had increased significantly since May 2016.

IRC- The team had finished 7th overall at Strathclyde due to a combination of bad luck and some poor individual performances. However we had achieved a 1st place in the T2 class. AR suggested that indications for 2017 were very good however. Thanks were offered to RC for some great organisation, sponsorship had seen an increase and as a result feedback from parents had been very encouraging.

AOB: None

Next Meetings: AGM 13 October 1900 hrs Lancashire Manor Hotel
Ordinary Meeting 8 November 1900 LMH.