

TESE AGM AND AWARDS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday 28th October 2023 1600hrs – K2 Crawley

Present: Santi Brage (SB), Liz Scott (LS), Jackie Hunter (JH), Tara White (TW), Train (JT) and 30+ other participants from across 14 clubs.

- a) Apologies for absence
- b) Approval of minutes of the previous year's AGM
- c) Matters Arising
- d) Chairperson's Report
- e) Treasurer's Report
- f) Election of Officers
- g) Resolutions (if applicable)
- h) AOB

	Apologies - Mark Milsom Dartford & White Oak Tri, Nicola Ocean Lake Tri, Terry Crittenden Maidstone Harriers
1.	The AGM commenced at 1600hrs. The quorum required was 20 and 3 regional clubs so we were well within the required numbers and the meeting started. All participants were welcomed and there were no matters arising.
2.	<p>Chairperson's Report - SB welcomed everyone to the AGM. First 'in person' AGM since Covid. Thank you to everyone for attending and for the work of the volunteers on the committee.</p> <p>SB provided some of key points from the chair's report.</p> <p>There are open vacancies on the committee – especially the comms/social media role. One of the key objectives of committee was to have a key connection to the clubs. Anyone who is interested to put themselves forward and they can be co-opted on to the Committee in-between AGM's</p> <p>SB made everyone aware of the Chairs whatsapp group which has been a useful tool for communicating with the region: https://chat.whatsapp.com/HaZMk5i5011AihKHIH9pvk</p> <p>SB highlighted the strength of both the adult and junior series in the region and thanked Dave Pearson and Liz Scott for their role in the continued success.</p> <p>For the Senior TESE races: 24 clubs registered points in this year series. There were 495 unique performances across 5 events.</p>
3.	Junior Series - LS spoke about how life has become difficult for race organisers. Thank you to Ocean Lake for bringing a new event into the series.

	<p>Thank you to the parents for supporting the young athletes and bringing them to all the events. We had more participants than we did in the previous year.</p> <p>A skills school and mini camp were completed – thanks to Steve Hunter, Stuart Hall and Claire Hitchings for coaching at these events.</p>
4.	<p>Regional Managers Report – JT highlighted that Triathlon seems to be stabilizing, numbers seem to be stable and numbers seem close to 2022 with race licenses increasing.</p> <p>There has been a revamp to coaching courses which have just started to be delivered.</p> <p>The expectations for 2024 are growth in both club and race numbers.</p> <p>2023 – GoTri ended, SBR (swim bike run) launched</p> <p>Oct – Chichester ran first SBR event 105 participants.</p> <p>48 clubs in SE</p> <p>1 new club</p> <p>3760 TE membership</p> <p>51 events in 2023</p> <p>4892 race licenses.</p> <p>497 coaches and activators in SE (MALE/FEMALE)</p> <p>Coaching courses coming up – Chichester/Ashford.</p>
5.	<p>Regional Academy Report – SB mentioned that TESE is one of the best run academies in the country. They have held regional events and camp in Portugal.</p> <p>International honours.</p> <p>International honours:</p> <p>We had some standout performances throughout the academy year.</p> <p>Youth Girl Lauren Mitchell qualified again for the Youth European championships.</p> <p>Beth Cook qualified for the Junior world championships.</p> <p>Michael Gar also qualified for the Junior European championships</p> <p>Domestically:</p> <p>We had some stand out race performances. Annabelle Souter, who won the Youth A super series, with several wins throughout the season</p> <p>Alex Dack, Jude Clayton and Finlay Goodman are 3 athletes who have had a good race this season</p> <p>A message we do need to get out to the junior clubs who are bringing young athletes through. Swim focus is essential and ideally they will be in a swim programme, developing all strokes and swimming regularly throughout the week.</p>
6.	<p>TO Report – JH reported that we were asked to support 43 events, some events don't want a TO at events normally because they are smaller.</p> <p>Thank you to the event organisers and all of the technical officials for this year. We have about 23 TOs across SE, there are about 9-10</p>

	<p>people regularly attending. If you want to get involved please speak to JH (jackie.l.hunter@btinternet.com).</p>
7.	<p>Treasurers Report – TW presented the TESE accounts for April-Sept. Finances are in good order we will have access to the regional innovation pot if we reach criteria.</p> <p>This year we will operate at a loss as we did last few years and we expect this trend to continue for the next year. We have built up a surplus of cash over the last 15 years which will now supplement our expenditure for the next few years. Our current assets, this is cash in the bank after expected expenditure, totals £10k.</p>
8.	<p>Election of Officers - The existing committee members have confirmed they are happy to continue in post and in accordance with the constitution are in place for a further year. All committee members nominated by JP Brophie and 2nd by Simon Wickam – a unanimous vote was conducted in favour.</p> <p>Chair – SB, Treasurer – TW, Secretary – GW, Junior/Skills – LS, Reg TO Coordinator – JH, Senior Series – DP, Academy – SC</p>
9.	<p>AOB- Question JP Brophy– Gear Restrictions for children’s bikes, is this outdated? Reviewing gear roll out charts seem a bit outdated with modern bikes – tyres and gears are very different. JT will feed this back up.</p> <p>Paul Hedger – raised question re. TE awards – JT said that this will be run in February, Paul Hedger requested that the format remains the same rather than constantly changing</p> <p>Andy (East Grinstead) When will TESE race calendar be announced? SB – nominations will be reviewed by the committee and be announced by end of the year.</p> <p>Various attendees raised the point that Race Organisers are puzzled by race licenses. JT – will provide documentation but final decisions haven’t been confirmed by central as yet. Explained that from an insurance perspective, BTF needs to know who they are insuring. SBR licenses are include in entry.</p> <p>Steve (Mid Sussex Tri) – race providers will have a system to integrate race licenses through BTF.</p> <p>Paul Hedger – Race pass is £8. Is there a separate rate for swimming? JT will find out what’s happening</p> <p>Simon Mann (7Oaks) – for SBR to they need to be a member of club or TE? JT – NO, has the format is designed to encourage anyone to attend</p>

	<p>Andy (East Grinstead) – Query re. SBR. JT explained that it’s a mechanism to encourage new people into triathlon and to join clubs. SBR could take a while to gain traction but should help reduce barriers into the sport.</p> <p>Simon Wickam (Brighton Tri Club) – Coaching qualifications. In the medium/long term Foundation coaches is going to cause problems as they cant coach without a L2 in the venue. This is going to cause an issue as sessions will need to be cancelled</p> <p>Mark (East Sussex Tri) – What consultation was completed to change the coaching courses. This is a big change to deal with at a grass roots level. JT – a project called Project21, was completed where current coaches were invited to participate. We can provide more information on the process. Please voice opinions and feedback to (coaching@britishtriathlon.org)</p> <p>Victoria Butler - BT member (disabled athlete) – had a a serious accident and wished to thank you BTF so much for the insurance included, it helped her so much.</p>
10.	Meeting closed 1640hrs with next AGM date TBA