

Agenda of the Committee Meeting of the Mid Sussex triathlon Club

The Bent Arms Lindfield, 12-1-15 8pm

1. Committee for Meeting

Mark Jordan-President
David Ricketts-Club Secretary
Rose Ryan-Junior Secretary
Peter Harris -Membership Secretary (apologies)
Stephen Mcmenamin-MSTC race
Julienne Stuart-Colwill- Social Secretary part 1 (apologies)
Kay Mcmenamin-Social Secretary (part 2)
Rachel Baker-Treasurer
Rob Hoodless
Steve Alden (Apologies)
J Williams- Welfare Officer
Kate Eifler- Club kit
Hazel Tuppen- Level 2 coach (apologies)
Jeremy Paine – Press and publicity
Stuart Iles
Dale Moore
Matt record
Mike Hook

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 2014 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Club Coaching

Plans are being initiated for when Dave Jones moves on from being the lead coach for the club. A debrief meeting is planned, together with an agreed format for developing the coaching system and the annualised plans. Grant will continue to coach. He may be completing his level 3 qualifications. Barry Davis is planning to join the coaching staff. We will seek assistance to pay for coaching courses. As ever more volunteers to join the coaching staff are needed.

4. Juniors

TriHub will run from April to May 17th with support from EG Tri. GoTri will be on 4th and 5th July. We will run our own junior race in conjunction with HedgehogTri. Paul Hedger has kindly offered a discount to participants: see the item in AOB below for full details.

From January, juniors membership will be available. Membership will be included as part of the fee for GoTRI. This means juniors will get a copy of the club newsletter and will have access to the AGM. Plans will be put in place to ensure privacy, confidentiality and safeguarding and certainly in respect of email access.

MJ has discussed sponsorship with The Nuffield. A sum of £2000 to support juniors' club activity has been agreed. This is intended for branded capital items (which can also be used for the main section of the club) Members of the committee were asked to submit ideas to MJ on how best to use this money. (ie: trophies, kit, cones, racking, buoys, stretch bands).

5. Swimming

Julie Williams and Mark Jordan plan a meeting with Chris at the Ardingly reservoir to agree activity for 2015.

Open water swimming at Ardingly may start on 28 March 2015 if conditions permit.

6. Mid Sussex Tri race 14 June 2015

The race mark from the BTF is still awaited.

For the 2015 race there have been 60 entries so far. New ideas for the main gift (last year it was the popular bell) are needed (ie: rattle, training diary). Ideas, please, to Steve Mcmenamin.

Sponsorship ideas are also needed. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED PLEASE TO HELP EMMA SMITH.

As agreed sat the AGM, marshals posts will be allocated from the club membership and will need to opt out if they are unable to attend.

There are likely to be two other local cycle events on the same day as the race.

Efforts will be made to get a PA system and commentator for the finish line.

7. Club Kit (Kate Eifler)

Two kit orders have been completed in the last few months. Points of interest are;

1 - Endura was very slow and the men's 2-piece tri-suits were far too small. KE & GE have managed to convince them to remake them at no extra cost but are still waiting for the replacements.... these should be with us within the next two to three weeks.

2 - SPIUK kit was spot on. The turn around was much quicker and they have advised that they don't require a minimum order as we are a valued customer. The fit also appears better though we still have items to be collected.

3 - We now have a good level of stock.

4 - The contact details on the website have been updated and we are in the process of updating the stock details.

5 - Payments have been received by all who have collected their items but have do have a few uncollected items so will be emailing again. Future payment is likely to be via an automated system.

6 - We are proposing to do two orders a year, one in March/April and one in Oct depending on demand.

7 - We are thinking about getting junior kit advertised on the Junior website. Endura don't actually do a Junior kit so we can use SPIUK for this by ordering extra smalls unless we find another option. This could be a good opportunity to investigate a new company to supply Junior and SNR kit? The Nuffiel may help with branded kit.

8. More buffs will be ordered.

8. Treasurers' report

There are no anticipated problems at this stage of the year.

9. Chairmans' Report

Mark Jordan has an interview for the BTF board on Friday 16th January. Good luck!

Other matters were dealt with under AOB below.

10. Social Matters

Menu with Jeremy's about to be finalised

11. AOB

From Simon Barton

I'd like to know if my daughter can join the club to swim open water at the reservoir. She will turn 16 on 21st May and is an experienced open water swimmer having competed and swum at Dorney lake, Shepperton and Weirwood. Currently she has no interest in the other disciplines of triathlon but who knows where we might end up.

The committee's reply was: Athletes aged 16 and above can swim at open water sessions. They must be a member of the club, have parental consent, comply with the usual rules, pass a competency test and signed the waiver

From Steve Mcmenamin and Julienne Stuart-Colwill

A different way of distributing awards was proposed. Only so many awards can be accumulated by one person before they are rolled down to the next finisher. Also some community awards ie spirit of triathlon

This is now in hand. Awards will be in 4 categories and have been voted on.

From Mike Hook

Mike presented a new club membership form for online use. Links for this will be sent to the committee members so they can be assessed. Payment options will be via automated services if possible. (GoCardless) A trial of this system for swimming, administered by Pete Harris was proposed.

From David Ricketts

I would like to try running the AGM and committee meetings as follows:

1. Before the meeting I'll ask each 'section head' to email me their summary. This needs to make clear any problems listing the alternative solutions.
2. I'll produce a draft agenda and discuss this with the President and prepare the paperwork so it is all clear to everyone before the meeting.
3. At the meeting the section head presents their piece, followed by discussion (mainly to see if we have missed any other way of sorting out the problem) and then vote
4. As always the President to summarise and have the last word.

From Steve Alden

There was a tie in the voting for the following club categories: Spirit of triathlon, Improvement

Additional confidential voting was undertaken by the committee to decide these categories.

From Paul Hedger

To Fellow MSTC club members

As the Director of Hedgehogtri and a fellow club member I would like to recognise the help club members have given to both the adult and children's events organised over past years.

There has been offers of help for the Haywards Heath Triathlon and the Ardingly Triathlon events in the past and I would like to offer **club members a discount of 20%** on all race entries for all events in 2015, as a thank you.

In 2015 I hope we have a continued close working relationship and I thank those that have offered help already at both the adult events 19th April(HH Tri) and 31st May(Ard Tri). In recognition of this I am offering the club **ten free Relay Triathlon Sprint places** in the Haywards Heath Triathlon, for one team to cover one marshal position along the course.

Also in the Ardingly Triathlon event I am offering **four free places in the Sprint (pool) event**, in exchange for counting the lengths of other competitors, then going off at the end of the swim starting.

Also we have opportunities for **discount of up to 70%** to any persons that can give up time the day before the race to help rig the site(3 to 4 hrs). No code required for this, please see drop down menu.

Those that can assist with volunteering at one of the events this year, or if you have more time available, perhaps join the Hedgehogtri Team to help put on some of the adult/ children's events. I can offer free race places in future events.

Finally regarding the children's triathlon events (Kidstri) I would like to offer **20% discount on all races for 2015 to all MSTC Tri Hub members**. Again I thank the club members and coaches for all their assistance in previous events.

At Great Walstead School in 2015, for the Go Tri weekender, Hedgehogtri will be there to bring a novice race at the end of a successful two days of coaching, a further example of working together for our sport.

Please can you pass this release, and the codes below, on to you club members and I look forward to working alongside Mid-Sussex Tri Club during the coming year.

- CODES
- All club members 20% discount for 2015: **56207AFDE94831BC**

- Haywards Heath Relay entries- FOC for covering marshal position: **4BDF52E891C7A360**
 - 4 free swim count positions Ardingly Tri 31st May : **EB0DC81F73A96452**
 - Tri Hub 20% discount on entries for 2015: **F9DE84A02B3C7615**
 - Please note to get discount you MUST use the code. Entries not using the code cannot be refunded.
 - To Enter go to www.hedgehogtri.co.uk for the adult races. www.kidstri.co.uk for children's events.
- Kind regards

From Pete Harris

The only thing I needed to cover was the position on subs. I know I need to go out to everyone to request first half year swim subs @ £30 (due for period 1 Jan-30 Jun) and that the £40 membership fee isn't due until 1 April. However, I need to understand the position on Wednesday night turbo and Thursday night classes. I believe we've set these at £20 for each 6 month period and just need confirmation that the first period will run from Apr-Sep (covering Spin & Core) and the second period will run from Oct-Mar (Spin, Core & Turbo)? Also, I assume members will continue to pay £1 per night up to end of March 2015 before we move on to the new system?

The committee confirmed these arrangements.

From L Wintergold

Lawrence will be unable to attend the Tri Club Dinner but is happy to support other members in writing a speech. This may fall to Steve Alden, Mark Jordan and Steve Mcmenamin.

From Matt Record

Following his experience organising the Balcombe run in 2014, Matt gave a brief summary of the problems getting insurance cover for single discipline events. Insurance is not required to be comprehensive and normally covers negligence by the organisers. The BTF will only cover multisport events.

Fortunately England Athletics will cover single discipline events. Documents are available on their website with guidelines. A £2 levy per participant is usual. The organising club must be registered with EA. There is no age limit.

The Balcombe run is planned for 22 March 2015 (7.5 Km, off road, details via next club newsletter, over 12's welcome)

NEXT MEETING : 16 March 2015. 8pm, Bent Arms, Lindfield.