

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Mid Sussex Triathlon Club
The Bent Arms Lindfield, at 8pm on 5 June 2017

1. Committee for Meeting

Morwenna Hook	- Chairman
Jeremy Paine	-Vice chair (Apologies)
David Ricketts	-Club secretary
Rachel Baker	-Treasurer and Juniors' secretary
Emma Jaffe	-Membership secretary
Kate Eifler	-Juniors' secretary
Stephen Mcmenamin	-Race director
Neil Giles	-Head Coach
Roger Smith	-Press officer
Mike Hook	-Webmaster(Apologies)
Julienne Stuart-Colwill	- social secretary
Jean Fish	- welfare officer
Julie Williams	- Open water swimming
Rob Hoodless	- Member without portfolio

Also

Steve Alden	- Honorary Vice President(Apologies)
Mark Jordan	- Honorary President(Apologies)
Matt Critchley	-Volunteer co-ordinator
Callum Murray	-publicity(Apologies)
Mat Record	
Barry Davids	
Ricci Lennon	

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Mat Record

Mat gave a presentation about the Balcombe Bull Run. This was to ask for the club's help in providing support and insurance for the Bull Run through the club's England Athletics affiliation in future years. The history of the race and the club's involvement were discussed. When he established it, Mark Jordan assisted with the risk assessments and documentation. We also insured the event through the Club's England Athletics affiliation. This year 121 runners took part of whom 16 were from the club. The aim of the event is to raise funds for the PTA and charity (£1000 this year).

Each year, Mat uses the same template to run the event and continues to use the Club's England Athletics affiliation for insurance purposes. Our name is used on publicity and he obtains a race licence in the club's name. We offer a few marshals and a number of club members enter the event. It is part of the Club's BAR competition.

To provide valid insurance the club needs to co-run the event and increase its involvement and responsibility. There are a number of tasks involved in running the race that the Club could carry out. Mat explained that in future years the money to charity could be allocated to MSTC's nominated charity with only the money made in the cafe going to the PTA. Mat has reviewed obtaining his own public liability insurance, which is not expensive. The issue is getting the entrants day race licenses, which requires the EA race license.

Members asked questions of Mat and once he had left discussed the proposals.

A vote was taken and it was decided not to be involved in future:

- the committee recognised the difficulty in running small community races. Helping grass roots events such as this accords with the club's ethos and aim to make sport accessible to all. There was a desire to help if we could.
- We have very limited capacity at the moment in terms of the Committee, all volunteers are stretched and it was not felt we could take on the responsibility of co-running the race. Nor would we be happy to have limited 'oversight' of the race in the background as this would have implications for the validity of our insurance.
- Adding Mat onto the Committee was discussed and rejected as a solution. He has not been an active club member for a number of years.
- We could not assist in this way if multiple members asked us to support their personal events.
- The club runs its own events throughout the year to raise money for charity.
- The race can and will still be part of the BAR.
- Suggestions were made that Mat could increase the entrance fee by £1 or 2 per entrant and use the additional money to register as an Event Organiser with England Athletics so as to obtain his own race license. Alternatively, he could approach local running clubs to go into partnership on the race i.e. Haywards Heath Harriers.

4. Club Coaching

There was a member's request for cycling coaching. We are not able to offer coaching on the open road. Finding a safe closed road or large area for this can be a problem. Neil will look into running some sessions. It could be combined with GoTri - we could use the areas hired for GoTri for an hour before the sessions for cycle training.

It was agreed to get a present for Jake the swimming coach who is leaving to go to university in Leeds in recognition of his fantastic contribution to the club.

It was noted that few women attend the run coached sessions. To address this, it was suggested that Facebook be used to encourage women to attend certain sessions.

5. Juniors

Arrangements are being put in place for the next round of juniors training. The sessions will be held 25th June, 2nd July, 9th July and 23rd July. Hoping to take a break in August then have some more in Sept/Oct tbc.

Kate and Rachel really **need volunteers** to help out at the sessions. If anyone can come along to assist at any or all of the sessions, please can they contact Kate or Rachel.

6. Swimming

- Open water swimming: 189 swims have taken place this year so far. Water quality remains good.
- Brad Williams was thanked for his work on the safety video. This will be available on the club website soon. It will be linked to the written protocols and the briefing summary. There are some inaccuracies on the club website concerning swimming arrangement that need to be corrected. Morwenna has written updated text and Mike will put this on the website asap.
- Swim first were accepted as affiliates for open water swimming after a vote. They are a small club and will not put too much pressure on resources. East Grinstead were removed from the list of affiliates as none have attended in recent seasons. The other affiliated clubs are Burgess Hill Runners, Crawley Wheelers and BTRS. Affiliates pay £6 to swim. They are strongly encouraged to join the club after 4 swims. We need to reintroduce a system whereby affiliates get a code to use in registering for swimming so they can be identified. We need to closely monitor numbers to ensure we have sufficient swimmer/kayaker/spotter ratios.
- Buoys: Better buoys are needed for the Ardingly open water circuit. Steve Mac will look into this and send options to the committee for approval. The Committee agreed it would be better to purchase high quality buoys that will last a number of seasons.

7. Mid Sussex tri race

318 entries so far, these include 30 aquabikes and a blind relay team. Swim first tri will have their own wave. Marshalling numbers are good.

8. Club Kit

Some stock is still available. Bringing this to one OWS session a month may help members to select and buy kit.

9. Treasurers' report

No news reported.

10. Chairmans' Report

No news reported.

11. Social Matters

The awards dinner may get moved to October/November to be closer to the end of the season. Discussions are underway.

Club race and BBQ June 11th 2-6pm at Balcombe Social Club

12. AOB

Membership report from Emma Jaffe 1/6/17

Key Figures for this year:

- 131 paid up members (80 men/51 women). We had 147 members at the end of last year.
- 28 members from 2016 haven't renewed. They have been told that if fees are unpaid at 31/5 they will be taken off the website/googlegroup/Facebook group.
- 93 individual members, 32 couples members, 3 concessions, 3 youths
- 54 paid up for pool swimming April – Sept
- 18 England Athletics memberships (@£5 each cost to club = £90)
- Membership income:

Membership Fees £4,940

Pool Swim Fees £1,830

Total £6,770

- 112 Open water swimmers signed up
- £1,220 swim credits bought this season

12. Next meeting

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