

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Somerset RC Tri 15 Jan 2018

Present: A Heaton-Jones, S Redman, F White, C Higgins, D Thompson,
M Sauter, N Smith, C Gunn, J Carritt, S Crane

1. Prior minutes of meeting 13 Nov 2017

Chairman reviewed last minutes of meeting in detail with attendees:

- AGM date to be changed as it schedule on a bank holiday
- Clubs web site has been updated by J Carritt with further details of coaching team
- Website is outdated with regard club kit, D Thompson is now on board and is in communication with club with current offerings
- Bike rides, proving very popular, with upwards of 33 members taking part. Noted that group leaders may need to encourage members to move up a group standard level as their fitness and proficiency improves. The club rides includes: Development, Blackbrook and ad-hoc member lead rides.
- Prior Minutes approved

2. Club Financial Accounts

As club treasurer, C Gunn is compiling and submitting clubs accounts for the prior financial year. Accounts will need chairman signature before 31 March 2018 submission deadline. Accounts for the club AGM scheduled for April will need to be presented, in advance of this meeting **C Gunn** agreed that he would email to the committee a draft of the presentation.

3. Club race events

J Carritt as event manager reported that Feb Aquathon is going as planned. She has concerns that whether sufficient marshals will turn up to support the event, and will ask the club for all assistance in this. As an inducement the previously agreed 25% percent reduction in race entry fees for those club members that as prepared to marshal has attracted a number members. Publicity poster were handed out to meeting attendees to

J Carritt is moving ahead with the sprint Triathlon event and will keep committee informed of progress. Again the agreed 50% reduction in race entry fees to marshals will be offered to club members.

James Paull, (Race captain) was absent from meeting, details for the club race series of events for the forth coming season need to be publicised

4. Coaching Report

- a) Running: M Sauter/S Towler have been reviewing the possibility of track sessions at Castle Field, they are of the present opinion that economics and track availability at suitable times may be an issue. The RFE group make use of the track at the prime times that the club would need, and their cost to its members is £2.50 per session. The club is likely to have lessor numbers; accordingly, the fees we would have to charge would be in the £3.50 range. M Sauter/S Towler will be keeping the track option in review, but for now, the recommendation is for club members attach themselves to RFC. S Crane substantiated that her arrangement of an informal Tuesday night training run is not widely taken-up.
- b) Pool Swimming. As reported in prior meeting the allocation of spare slots in pool sessions was in need of better management to prevent possible crowding/disruption. In conjunction with the session coaches and swimmers, this is now more controlled and has leading to a better coached session environment.
- c) OW Swimming. M Sauter reported consensus on balance was that the "Lower Lake" facility was preferred over the Huntspill River. The Lake provides a better experience for intermediate distance swimmers for the

whole of the OW season. The Huntspill Rivers is preferred for longer distance swimming, but does suffer from weeding during the latter part of the season. It was agreed the M Sauter will go ahead with planning to the Lower Lake as the prime OW session, he will also ascertain if the club would still have access to the Huntspill River via the enclosed field so that targeted Long distance swims could be planned

- d) Autumn Swimming. F White reported the New Year swim sessions at Wivey Pool was well attended by the club and liked. The Wivey Pool management (a charitable organisation) are looking for ways to better utilise the facility by perhaps keeping the pool heated and used beyond the September date when it would be closed. **M Sauter/F White** to review and solicit opinions from members if autumn sessions would be of interest to the club.
- e) Sea Swim. N Smith mentioned Lyme Regis sea swim happens on Fri evenings during summer. Day/Timing of the session can be thwarted by road traffic. He agreed to look at other possible options with the club to see if less busy road traffic day/time could be arranged. to replace or in additional to the Friday session. Subsequent to mtg Nick confirmed day will be changed to a Thursday and will start at 6:15pm

5. Club Social events, annual awards

T Lewis reported that she is already looking ahead for the next annual event. A questionnaire will be sent to the club to ask for input to the planning. Initial feedback was that The Cosy Club venue was seen good option for future events with a few minor adjustments to music and menu.

6. Club Booking and Payment Systems

As reported previously, one of the major challenges the club faces is managing booking and collection of monies for club organised sessions such as swimming. Put simply, the current system is too time consuming to administer and is prone to errors. **F White** is now progressing further with the chosen system of choice; a mock-up system will be tested before it is turned on and used by the club. As a very busy person and holiday commitments Frankie is uncertain as to date system would be readied by.

It was agreed at the meeting that the membership renewal system (EntryCentral) would be kept active for the 1st March new membership year should new replacement system not be ready in time

7. Club Kit

Dave Thompson reported that sale of old style kit has gone well and much of this stock is now cleared, he noted that some members even preferred the slightly more vibrant colour of the old kit. His next task is to work with the club website managers (J Carritt/L Macklin) to update web pages with new kit style and pricing information. As a reference point for those attending the meeting, Dave confirmed that typical pricing is £62.40 for a Tri-Suit and £55.20 for a cycle jersey. These costs represents the cost price to the club.

Stock levels of the new kit is quite extensive and will be sufficient for the start of the new season and membership.

8. AOB

- OW Swim changed from Monday to Tuesday – **M Sauter** to confirm
- Look at alternative club challenges to complement the 100 mile Summer Cycle. E.g Strava Challenge, Running event challenge, long swim challenge etc. **A Heaton-Jones** to review
- Review Lyme Regis Sea Swim. Day/Time – **Nick Smith**
- Huntspill River continued access costs – **Max Sauter**
- Pool Swim sessions are mostly at capacity. But check 2nd session on Sunday. Add additional improver swim sessions at Blackbrook as demand outstrip supply 8pm Tue or Wed night option? **F White/M Sauter**.
- Wivey Autumn and channel swim challenge. **F White**

- Safe Guarding, **C Higgins** to supply web suite managers with revised content. **A Heaton-Jones/ C Higgins** in discussions to ensure “Bronze” accreditation is achieved by Nov 2018 in-line with new released BTF guidelines.
- Fuller details of next annual event to be presented at next meeting: **T Lewis**
- Special on-off talk from Pro-Cyclist. **A Heaton-Jones** has contact with David Millar, costs involved needs consideration: venue planned and extending invitation to outside groups. 200 – 500 attendees
- Election of officers at AGM: S Redman indicated that after serving 3 years as secretary he would be standing down, J Carritt indicated she would be interested in swapping to this role. Other committee officers indicated they are planning for re-election.

9. Next Meetings

AGM Wed 4 April

Committee Wed 4 July

Committee Thr 11 October