

## Committee meeting 6/08/18

### Venue: Wellsprings Leisure Centre

#### Attendees.

##### Committee:

Anthony Heaton Jones (AHJ) -chair

Jo Carritt (JC) – vice chair

Frankie White (FW) – swim list coordinator/junior race organiser

Tanya Lewis (TL) – social events coordinator

Max Sauter (MS) – head coach

Chris Higgins (CH) – welfare officer

Susanne Crane (SC) – event marshals coordinator

Caroline Haywood (CrH) – [stand in] club secretary

##### Club Members Present:

Nick Smith

Gill Smith

Louise Evans

Caro Wedgwood

David Snell

Max Sauter

Chris Higgins

Megan Atkinson

Bill Atkinson

Biancs Marton

Chris Perring

Sian Gallagher

Nigel Callun

Andy Crane

Emma Braithwaite

Jo Quick

Bianca Marton

Mirella Fox

1. Circulated minutes from AGM 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Can also be found on the website and your email/spam inbox if anyone needs a cure for insomnia.
2. Committee appointed CrH as secretary (possibly not an ideal candidate....no IT skills to mention and literacy varies on a day to day basis depending on how many hours worked...) ACTION: CrH/JC to contact BTF and enlist/enrol Crh as the SRCTri minute maid.

3. GDPR: AHJ- Data protection policy is already available on the website. FW reports that when new members sign up online there is sufficient GDPR provision available to prevent any unnecessary legal involvement. FW reports no permission obtained from club members to use 'mailchimp' with regards to contacting people about the upcoming triathlon/aquathlon races with respect to GDPR. JC advised mailchimp only holds club members email address, not any other delicate information.

ACTION: An email will be sent allowing people to opt out of 'mailchimp'(JC/FW)

4. JC advised she has completed the majority of the required website updates but will require content to be provided for any further updates. DT is aware the club kit page is out of date. JC will need to speak to DT regarding details of the new club kit providers and update the relevant details.

ACTION: DT and JC to arrange new club kit section on website.

5. Richard McLaughlin (club member) has offered a bike safety talk to the club as a result of the recent bout of biking accidents (possibly provision of bike stabilisers maybe more appropriate...). NS advised that he has heard this particular talk and feels it may not be specific to our club as the recent accidents weren't directly due to poor group riding safety. NS advised bike skills session maybe more appropriate. MS advised there were more bike related accidents in the club over 10 years ago. JC suggested group leaders of the Blackbrook and Development ride to take control and ensure rules of the ride are obeyed. NS suggested it may be hard for group leaders to tell their friends what to do on a ride such as the Blackbrook ride. NS reports that 'Rules of the ride' are available on the website for members to read and learn. N Callun (who had been on the club rides when accidents occurred) didn't think a 'group riding safety talk' would have stopped the accidents occurring. After discussion it was generally agreed that provision of a bike safety talk by an external provider may improve awareness of how to ride in a group safely (although it was agreed that it wouldn't have prevented the most recent bike related incidents).

VOTE: Richard McLaughlin talk approved. AHJ to Speak to Richard and suggest a location.

CP suggested the Blackbrook Saturday morning ride might need to split into A and B rides and this had started to happen over the last few weeks. GS advised Blackbrook B is too fast for the Development ride attendees and there is a need for a continued Development ride. GS advised she would not be available to lead the Development ride each week. GS advised some new ride leaders maybe required for the Development ride.

ACTION: Volunteers needed to lead Development ride.

First Aid refresher training: It was agreed that first aid refresher training should be provided for members that undertake an active role within the club and its training sessions.

ACTION: AHJ to look into First Aid training providers.

Spinning: 21 fully operational spin bikes in small sweaty room available at Wellsprings again this year. Total cost to the club: £900. £41/bike for 20 weeks. Cost £45 to our

members. First session: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October (tbc).

NS advised that the spinning session needs alternative advertising arrangements as it was over-subscribed last year and there were several disgruntled club members when it was advertised via facebook. It was a 'first come first served' basis but some people did not have access to facebook at all or access during work hours. FW offered to email everyone and ask club members to express their interest in the session to gauge subscription rates. If the session was over-subscribed again this year then perhaps a ballot system would be utilised. Chris Higgins suggested two separate blocks of 10 weeks to accommodate everyone who wanted to participate in the spinning sessions.

ACTION: FW happy to ascertain a 'notice of interest' from club members via email regarding spinning sessions initially prior to further discussion.

6. CG not available for an update of the latest from the treasury. Bills for Hammett Associates have been settled.
7. FW advised new swimming session payment system definitely better. New system 'flushes out' non payers. 116 people signed up to club sessions however this is not covering the costs of pool use. FW advised in order to keep swimming at £3/session it would need 177 people signed up to swimming sessions. JC advised this figure should also take into account open water (OW) swimming funds, as these sessions may provide some surplus funds. JQ advised £3/session is very cheap and there is scope to increase this. FW advised if the club raised fees to £4/session the club would only need 130 people to sign up. NS advised 226 paid up club members. NC advised swimming attendance is seasonal and suggested the club could restrict the number of sessions for the summer as fewer people participate during this sun filled period. FW advised that it had been decided to stop the Wednesday night swim session at Blackbrook from 8-9pm due to low attendance and this should reduce outgoings. Potentially Tuesday night Taunton pool session maybe stopped or potentially only half the pool hired out to accommodate the lower numbers seen in recent weeks. After discussion it was agreed that FW would assess 'expression on interest' via email towards the Tuesday night swim from September 2018.

AHJ advised it might be worthwhile swapping the OW swim from Tuesday to Thursday so that there was no clash between Tuesday night session at Taunton pool v's muddy puddle swim at Lower lakes.

ACTION: FW to speak to Paul Shergold regarding OW income and include these figures in the total. Increase of swim session fees to £4/session as of September to reduce deficit. FW to email club members and ascertain interest in Tuesday night swim at Taunton pool for September.

8. DT emailed the committee and advised that club members ordering club kit should pay a

50% deposit upfront to prevent non-payment. SC wondered what would happen if the purchase did not fit having paid a 50% deposit? MS suggested utilising an online system to cut out the need for a kit manager. AHJ thought this would be easier although NS advised this would be more expensive. It was generally agreed that the new kit was more expensive than the old kit.

Water bottles: Barry Pollard knows a man...who knows a man...who can do the club a deal on purchasing club logo-ed water bottles. Offer of £10 per bottle. Minimum order of 25 required. It was suggested bottles could be provided as prizes. AHJ stated that wiggle do water bottles for £2.50. ACTION: AHJ will discuss further with BP and his geezer mate.

9. Viability Tuesday night session (see point 7).

10. Club 100. It was agreed that the Club 100 was another huge success with approximately 40 club members taking part on the day. NS suggested renaming the 'Club 100' as the 'Club Summer Social Bike Ride' so as to not discourage new club members from attending. FW advised that the date will be on a different weekend next year (due to being rather busy representing GB in sprint triathlon far away in Russia! Good Luck Frankie!!) FW will need to speak to Mark Baker regarding date and organisation of this awesome event.

October aquathlon: 7<sup>th</sup> October- Queens College, Taunton. FW advised that the event is 'live' on BTF and entries are now available. FW advised AE might run the event 'on the day' as she is unavailable. MS advised he can be pool manager. SC advised she will not be available on the day and a 'marshal co-ordinator' will be necessary for the day duties (anyone?). FW will send the aquathlon flyer via email and encourage dispersal of said flyer to local schools and childrens clubs that may be interested.

11. TL: November's social night booked at Vivary Golf club (new venue). Seats up to 130 people. £6.50/head, vegetable/vegan options available in buffet style food. Date 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018. SC/AC suggested photos and quiz during the evenings frivolities. ACTION: LM to pin event on FB.

12. AE Next year will be the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the club triathlon. AE is keen to make it bigger by including a junior aquathlon. This would require the use of Wellington Rugby Club's field. However, this may not be possible due to the WRC holding a marquee event on the date in question.

on AHJ reports that Wellington sports centre has requested the club 'set up' transition racking Saturday afternoon (in previous years has been done on Saturday morning) to prevent customers using the car parking facilities getting somewhat grumpy when asked to move their cars so racking could be arranged.

JC advised provisional club triathlon date: 12/05/19. JC: Bridgwater and Taunton college (formally known as SCAT) keen to sponsor the club's triathlon event but it may need to be re-branded.

ACTION: Club triathlon set-up on Saturday afternoon.

13. MS: Coach meeting due in the next few weeks (date tbc). MS reports that the coaches are looking at availability of sessions. Track run: MS still trying to fit a track session into the club schedule. Chris Perring and Adam Tuaima are keen to join the ranks of club coaches.

Changes to coaching: Steven Lord will not be coaching at all next year. MS can't coach the Friday night swim session.

MS advised that he is arranging re-affiliation to BTF (bronze club mark) as this is a requirement for hosting children's events. BTF will need to send an assessor to a club session.

MS: Childrens session on Sunday includes 1hr land training and 1hr swim training- very popular but there is now NO waiting list. TL hoping to do Level 1 and 2 coaching. Gary Bell and Stuart Towler are finishing Level 3.

ACTION: Coaches meeting to be held Monday 20th August at Blackbrook Leisure Centre at 17.30pm.

14. NS: 70 people on FB not current members (lapsed club members). NS advised potentially need more than one FB administrator. A lot of club members NOT on facebook. FW advised new database can perform email function very efficiently. MS advised removal non members from FB group when lapsed.

ACTION: Increase number of facebook administrators to spread the workload and remove lapsed club members from the closed FB group. Subsequent to meeting Emma Braithwaite has offered to join LM and become a facebook administrator.

15. AOB: Next meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (please put it in your diaries and attend:)

NC asked about club financial report and AHJ advised that financial report is still outstanding from the AGM in April 2018. The committee is waiting for a full report from CG.

SG advised that at Honiton tri had a rolling start and was more friendly for newbees and suggested the club triathlon may benefit from this approach.

AHJ advised that with regard to the club triathlon AE wishes to do a competitor briefing 'en masse' rather than individual wave briefings that are rather time consuming. AHJ advised that there may be scope to have a separate organisational meeting for the club triathlon this year to assist AE with the upcoming event. AHJ thanked JC for doing race director job.

TL: Enquired whether the cake stall was beneficial and a good adjunct to the club triathlon and it was agreed that it was.

AHJ advised that after discussion with his contact regarding organisation of a talk by David Miller, it was agreed that David Miller was far too busy, important and expensive to come and speak to us about his life of drug fuelled bike racing.

CONGRATULATIONS on reaching the end!! You have shown exceptional resilience and as a reward have earned a place at the next club committee meeting. Well done you....and see you there...and bring a mate (or two) :)