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Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Meynell Valley Hunters Triathlon Club 24.10.05.

The meeting opened at 7.15.

Present: B. Welsh, A. Williamson. Mesdames: D. Arrowsmith, C. Williamson.

Apologies were received from: A. Arrowsmith.

Ms. Chloe Moreley (British Triathlon) was invited but was not in attendance.

Mr. Williamson expressed that there was interest in membership of a triathlon club locally from not only those that resided in the immediate area but also at Living Well where he was a member. However it would take a couple of months to establish a constitution and membership of British Triathlon.

1. **Club Name.** It was decided unanimously that the Club name should be **The Meynell Valley Hunters Triathlon Club**. Discussion took place as to the area of operation. Brian Walsh would advise but there could be an overlap with Derby Triathlon Club and the Amber Valley.
Adrian Williamson pointed out that, after women's football, Triathlon was the fastest growing sport in the U.K.
2. **Steering Committee.**
 - a) Acting Welfare Officer - Alex. Arrowsmith was proposed by Clare Williamson & seconded by Di. Arrowsmith
 - b) Acting Chair - Adrian Williamson was proposed by Di. Arrowsmith seconded by Clare Williamson.
 - c) Acting Treasurer/Membership Secretary - Clare Williamson was proposed by Brian Welsh seconded by Di. Arrowsmith.
 - d) Acting Secretary - Di. Arrowsmith was proposed by Adrian Williamson seconded by Clare Williamson.

It was noted that the above positions would be confirmed at the Club's first General Meeting when the prefix Acting could be dropped. All those present were in favour.

3. **Bank Account.** Those present agreed that a bank account would be opened in the name of The Meynell Valley Hunters and the Acting Chairman had to hand a bank mandate, which he handed to the Acting Treasurer for completion. Discussion took place as to the signatures for banking and cheques. Those present decided that the Treasurer plus one other of either the Secretary or the Chairman would be the signatures on the bank mandate.

- 4 **Membership Costs:** The Acting Chairman outlines his views on the type of membership.
Gold Member - £65.00, which would include full membership and the MVH official triathlon kit.
Silver Member - £20.00. Full membership without MVH Triathlon Kit.
Bronze Member – £10.00 This would be a social membership only.

All of the above would be individual members, other membership i.e. joint or family, would be reviewed at the General Meeting. A full list of benefits would be made available at a later date.

All those present agreed with these proposals.

5. **Training Sessions.** The Chairman proposed that liaison with the Derby Triathlon Club as regards swim sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Run Training. Brian Welsh suggested that Shobnall Sports Club be approached for track training on either Wednesdays or Mondays. Cycling would take place on Sunday with a possible long run on Saturdays.
As membership grows alternatives would be investigated. Regards open water swimming. Alex Arrowsmith was researching a site near Walton-on-Trent and would pass on details. Adrian would

pursue the possibility of Market Bosworth. Other alternatives to be considered were: Repton, Medowside, Esporta, Etwall, Lichfield the Friary and Abbots Bromley School.

6. **Coaches.** A. Arrowsmith and A Williamson would be level 1 coaches. Brian Welsh would oversee training when he could make himself available.
7. **Junior Section.** It was unanimously agreed that there would not be a junior section but the situation would be reviewed after a 12-month period.
8. **Kit.** The Chairman had contacted Prime 8, for ease of cost and order numbers, the colours to be red & black. He was researching sponsorship, which would take the form of patches. Amongst those to be approached were: Just Sweat, The Meynell, and Hoar Cross Hall.
9. **Constitution** The Chairman had, with the help of correspondence from BT, formulated a constitution. This document was thoroughly discussed. The Secretary asked as to the absence of mention of the accounts being audited. She felt that it was considered best practice in all clubs where member's money was the responsibility of any committee that the accounts be audited annually. This need not be costly as any one person who was an accountant, be it friend or member, or any two non-qualified members of the club to undertake this responsibility. It was not necessary to employ a firm of accountants. Those present agreed this be added to the constitution and the Chairman stated that he would amend same.
- 10 **British Triathlon Affiliation.** The Chairman proposed that the club be affiliated to the British Triathlon Mrs. Williamson seconded this proposal and all those present agreed. The Chairman undertook to check into the relevant insurance with B.T.
11. **Website.** The Chairman proposed there be a web page and that sponsors would have a link to the site. Mrs. Williamson volunteered to make in roads in to the creation of such a site. The Chairman hoped that it would be up and running before the end of the year. All those present were in favour.
12. **A.G.M.** The Secretary pointed out that the first meeting would be a General Meeting, which would be open to all members and prospective members. Those present agreed that it was hoped to achieve this within 6 to 12 months. In the mean time officers will meet as and when necessary.
13. **A.O.B.** The Chairman, Mr. Adrian Williamson stated that it was his intention to donate the sum of £500.00 to get the Club up and running and to cover the initial costs of the launch. He added that it could be repaid at some future date as and when it was appropriate. Those present welcomed his generosity and agreed that it be accepted to be refunded at some time in the future.
14. **Date & Time of next meeting.** It was agreed that the Officers would meet as and when necessary.

Signed as being a true record of proceedings. Chairman.....

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