

Firstly this is a very short version as I have been given my orders. Over the past year we have again continued to establish and develop a solid club structure, which continues to support growing number of new members. This report will hopefully cover the achievements made by the club as a whole, plans for the coming year and finally to thank all those that have contributed to the success of the club over the past year.

There are 36 BTF affiliated clubs in the West Midlands Region (which is an increase of 10 on 2008) over three quarters of which are smaller clubs than our own.

As a reminder, Rob Bishop is the new direct Regional Development Officer of the Staffordshire area of the West Midlands although Stefan Pearce is the official West Midlands Regional Development Officer. The new format is that areas of the UK are covered by BTF Development Officers rather than individual BTF regions.

Club Achievements in 2009

We currently have 7 level 1 coaches – 3 Level 2 coach and 1 Level 3 coach. We also have 2 members nominated to attend Level 1 coaching courses in the New Year.

We had very successful sessions at the Meadowside pool on Saturday mornings and this has now moved to Repton due to the refurbishment of Meadowside. The shared facility with Burton Athletics club continues at Shobnall fields every Monday evening and this has been extended to Tuesday evenings in conjunction with Burntwood Triathlon Club and private sessions with Warren Simms from Bannatyne's in Burton. The Sunday bike sessions from Barton Marina were very successful and continue to be so. We also attended approx 3 or 4 Audax's as preparation for the season and the IM in France, these will continue in 2010 starting on the 2nd January. The open water training facility had a successful fourth year and has enabled the club to grow and prosper from the training achieved and of course the revenue taken. The Junior Section had a very busy and successful year but I won't steal Grant's thunder from his speech.

We are just about to have a couple of 'Base Training Days' which have been organised by Warren Simms, so thanks to him!

We had two very successful races at Barton Marina despite one of the races being almost washed out and also one very well organised, marshalled and supported Junior Triathlon. We also has a very successful trial Duathlon events which was very well organised by Keith Dunn.

We had a very successful championship and many members attended events all over Europe and thankfully everyone was safe. This year's trip was IM France and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants and supports that made the trip. However, the club also attended various other triathlons en-mass in 2009 including London, Blithfield, Barton etc and we also entered six MVH teams into the National Club Relays.

We had a fantastic BBQ in the summer and to wrap up the calendar this year we will have a great Christmas party and Awards dinner.

Race Achievements

This is now covered by Rachel Hall in her speech:

Club Championship (prizes to be awarded at Christmas dinner):

Senior Championship

Men:	1st:	Paul Jurczuk
	2 nd :	John Shelton-Smith
	3 rd :	Nigel Elson
Women:	1st:	Grace Gadsby
	2 nd :	Melanie Bridgen
	3 rd :	Rachel Hall

Novice Championship

Men:	1st:	Ashley Hurdman
	2 nd :	David Brayer
	3 rd :	Sam Read
Women:	1st:	Sarah Jemmett
	2 nd :	Rachel Craft
	3 rd :	Kay Greig

Veteran Championship

Men:	1st:	Mick Skivington
Women:	1st:	Sylvia Franklin

Time Trial Champions

Men:	1st:	Ashley Hurdman
Women:	1st:	Sylvia Franklin

Time Trial Handicap Champion

Sylvia Franklin

There will also be a Triathletes Triathlete Trophy which will be voted for and presented at the Xmas Party and Presentation Evening. This trophy is an annual trophy for the member who members feel has best represented MVH Tri Club throughout the season (this year being 2009). This is an open trophy and can be presented to anyone by the members. Only the members who attend the presentation evening can vote and only the members who attend the presentation evening can win it! Voting will be organised on the night of the party.

Plans for the Coming Year

As you know Meadowside is now closed for refurbishment and we have found a temporary home at Repton – Depending on a number of factors we may keep this session at Repton.

As you may have heard the Open Water swimming at Barton has now finished. This is due to the amount of revenue that can be generated by fishing. However, since the committee were notified that we could no longer use the lake, we have all been very busy trying to find an alternative andwe have. We have made a provisional agreement with another lake for MVH to control the use of the lake for swimming. More details will follow but the new location has a larger lake, changing & shower facilities and a café/bar.

Note!! - The 2010 Barton Marina triathlons will still take place on the 6th June (Sprint, Olympic & Junior Race) and the 8th August (Sprint & Olympic races). These races will be organised by Chase Race, however, the MVH name will still be attached to the race but only if we supply the marshal's (approx 35). The race on the 6th June will also incorporate the junior race of which we will also require marshal's. Also new for 2010 will be the Rosliston Duathlon, the date of which is Sunday 28th March. The dates have been set as the BTF race notification deadline is this Sunday!

We will apply for further grants. The grants will be mainly used for funding training equipment, however any equipment bought will be of use to all members.

We are hoping to achieve the 'Clubmark' accreditation by the end of 2010.

There are current 2 new coaches going through their Level 1 coaching courses in Feb/Mar 2010. We would like to have more coaches added to the rota on an annual basis and the number will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and funds permitting. It will be great to see more members taking on this very important role as we are always looking for willing, capable coaches.

I would like to have the club attend more overseas triathlon events. As you are probably aware the success of the Ironman events this year and in previous years has injected a great amount of enthusiasm for attending another Ironman event in 2010 (as a club). The race has now been decided and IM 70.3 Belgium, Antwerp will be the race for 2010. For now on the club will alternate between full IM events and 70.3 on an annual basis.

The Christmas Dinner and Awards ceremony will be held on Saturday 5th December 2009 at the Meynell Pub.

We will also ask for feedback from all of you before each of our committee meetings on any issues which you would like raised at these meetings.

Aside from these plans, we will look to continue keeping the good club spirit alive and through each of us and our active participation in club training and social activities maintain the momentum that has taken the club to where it is today.

Credits

On behalf of the whole club I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and dedication over the past year helping running all the important functions that are essential to the clubs existence, especially Grant for his coaching time with the junior section, Keith for organising the Duathlon and warren for organising the Base Training Days.

Thanks to Brian Welsh and Dave Nelson for there work on the coaching, Keith again for helping at the lake and coaching, David & Sarah Brayer for being the chefs at the BBQ this year, everyone who contributed to the calendar (!), The Meynell pub for allowing us to use the pub FOC for the BBQ, Rachel for continually persuading her father to allow us to store our equipment at the farm, also all those who helped marshal and volunteer at the Barton Triathlons and finally, all the other individuals who have contributed to another MVH season If I named them all I could be here all day!

One last thing, we are no longer a junior club; we are a club of honour, fair play and fun. Long may it last!

Many thanks.

Adrian Williamson
Chairman, Meynell Valley Hunters Triathlon Club

P.s. Buy some calendars!!!!!!