

Firstly this is a very, very short version as I have been given my orders.

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.

Club Achievements in 2010

We currently have 9 level 1 coaches – 3 Level 2 coach and 1 Level 3 coach. Our membership currently stands at 181.

We are currently having very successful sessions at Repton Pool. 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 several Audax's and Sportives in preparation for the 2010 season. The open water training facility moved to Manor Park Sailing Club and we had a successful fifth year and have enabled the club to grow. The Junior Section had a relatively quiet year but this may be expanded upon by Grant.

We completed a further 'Base Training Workshop' which was organised by Warren Simms, so thanks to him!

We had a very well organised, marshalled and supported Junior Triathlon.

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 70.3 Belgium 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 2010 including Dambuster, Blithfield, Barton etc and we also entered seven MVH teams into the National Club Relays.

To wrap up the calendar this year we will have a great Christmas party and Awards dinner.

Plans for the Coming Year

Firstly we will stay at Repton Pool for the foreseeable future.

Secondly I must start with some bad news. We have lost the OW swim venue at Manor Park Sailing Club. This is wholly down to the associated fishing club and the fact that Hanson's do have a blanket swimming ban on their entire sites and this has now been enforced. No doubt this will have an effect on the membership.

The good news – As one door closes another one opens. The 2011 Barton Marina triathlons will now be called the Waterfront Sprint and the Waterfront Open Water Junior Aquathlon and these will take place on Sunday 17th July. These races will be organised directly by MVH Triathlon Club and we have calculated that we can generate as much income on one day as we could throughout the entire OW season. We will need volunteers and marshals but this will be our race and we will live and die by its standard. A further sub-committee needs to be formed and this will be our main focus for 2011.

I am still looking for a site to hold a spring Duathlon, so if anyone has any ideas then please let me know.

I have booked the Manchester Velodrome for Sunday 13th March 2011. Details of the lottery will be forwarded in January.

After recent conversation with the BTF I will be applying for further grants. The grants will be mainly used for funding further training workshops

I would like to see the club continue to attend more overseas triathlon events. As you are probably aware the success of the Ironman event this year and in previous years has injected a great amount of enthusiasm for attending another Ironman event in 2011 (as a club). The race has now been decided and IM Regensburg, Germany. Don't forget we did decide to alternate between full IM events and 70.3 on an annual basis and therefore voting for the 2012 event will start early in the new year!.

The Christmas Dinner and Awards ceremony will be held on Saturday 11th December 2010 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 and Warren for organising the Base Training Days.

Thanks to all the coaching staff, everyone (volunteers) who helped at the lake, Mika and Paul Butler for loaning us their boat!, 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!

Finally, clubs aren't really judged on how good the website is or how many trophies are won, they are judged on the standard of members that are in it, and we are very lucky to have such a fantastic group of like-minded people who not only are working hard to fulfil their own potential but also work hard helping other members achieve their goals. This is just one of the reasons why people join our club. Well done and thank you to all.

Many thanks.

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