

## Minutes of Meynell Valley Hunters AGM – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008

1. **Chair's report** - See separate document attached.
2. **Secretary and Membership Secretary Report** – Membership at the end of 2007 was 44. At the time of writing we have 102 members broken down into 61 adult male, 27 adult female, 8 junior female & 6 junior male. We already have 2 new members for 2009.
3. **Treasurers Report** – See separate spreadsheet. Note that the treasurer's report did not list the clubs assets, (bikes, turbo trainers, swim equipment). This list will be made available to members either through an addition to the report or as a separate listing.
4. **Junior Report** – An update was presented by Grant McKinlay.
5. **Club Captain** – A few words from Rachel Hall encouraging more people to go for representing GB. Make more of the talent we have coming through the ranks now. Along side the events co-ordinator Rachel believes that together they can maximise this talent and opportunities for all. Rachel suggested that a bullet point guide on how to go about representing the country should be put together.
6. **Election of 2009 Committee** – Grant McKinlay returned as head of the junior section and welfare officer, Adrian Williamson returned as Chair, Clare Williamson returned as membership and general secretary, Simon Billson returned as treasurer and Rachel Hall returned as club captain.  
New roles to be voted on this year are training and events coordinator and social secretary. Brian Welsh had put himself forward for the role; Keith Dunn also put himself forward at the meeting and was voted on. No one volunteered for the role of social secretary. The Committee needed an odd number for fair voting so requested a seventh committee member with no specific role and Melanie Brigden stood and was voted on. The responsibilities of social secretary will remain with Clare and Adrian but with support of Melanie and Rachel.

**New committee members** were offered to join the existing committee at the table.

7. **Constitution** – To add junior and senior citizen to membership section. Officers need to be updated. Financial year stays the same, runs 1<sup>st</sup> Nov to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. The cheque signatories have changed so that Adrian and Clare cannot sign the same cheque.
8. **Club Championship** – A contentious issue this year. Adrian started by explaining why certain decisions were taken regarding the championship and the points awarded. After this explanation, it was generally agreed that these decisions had been made for the long term benefit of the club.  
It was suggested that Nigel Elson should receive joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Nathan Hughes. This was put to the vote and agreed.

Note: Without exception, only members entering and racing under MVH will qualify for championship points going forward.

There were 3 issues arising which were put forward for change:

Ironman weighting should not be included – this was voted on, the majority voted for it to stay.

Olympic distance to qualify for the championship should be removed – this was voted on, the majority voted for it to stay.

Novice status should not be taken away if winning a place in the novice championship – this was voted on; the majority voted that everyone would remain a novice for 2 years regardless of being placed in the championship.

Simon Billson will be looking after the Championship in 2009.

9. **Membership Costs** – Current costs are £20 for adults and £5 for juniors, students and senior citizens.  
Adrian and Simon both confirmed that there was no reason for the subs to increase and it was decided that this would stand.  
It was put forward that DTC offered free junior membership for second season if the parents were members. This was discussed but the majority felt that it was fair to ask £5 per year regardless. This was voted in.
10. **Training Sessions** – Meadowside will be closing next year and therefore we may have to find a new pool swim location. We don't have the venue and dates at this time.  
Adrian welcomed ideas from the membership for any new training sessions they would like to see on the timetable.
11. **Coaches** – Sam Johns, Warren Simms and Keith Dunn have completed their Level One course. Grant and Clare are booked onto the Level Two course in the New Year. We are still looking for more volunteers to become coaches over the next year/s. We will be approaching companies for sponsorship and applying for more grants through 2009 in order to finance this training but anyone becoming a club funded coach must be prepared to be part of the rota and take their share of sessions.
12. **Junior Section** –The only additional comment was that the Junior Triathlon race will be taking place again in June 2009 at Barton Marina and we will need race marshals on this day.
13. **Kit** – New kit brochure now available and this has been designed by a new specialist team at manufacturer level from advice from triathletes.
14. **British Triathlon Affiliation** – The club will renew its affiliation in 2009.
15. **Website** – Adrian will continue to manage the website for 2009. He has had conversations with one of our IT literate members regarding a new notice board, we will keep you posted.

16. **AGM** – The 2009 AGM will be planned for a similar time of year in 2009 and date will be published with at least a month's prior notice.

17. **AOB** –

- a. Summer BBQ is going ahead, details to follow as to location and costs.
- b. There is approximately £1500 available in funds to use on training items for the benefit of club members. Please email Adrian with suggestions which will be taken to committee meeting for discussion and decision.
- c. X3, new supplier of supporter's kit, T-shirts, hoodies, fleeces etc. There is an MVH specific brochure which will be available as a link on the website and by email from Clare or Adrian.