



Committee Meeting

DATE: Wednesday 9th April 2008

ATTENDING MVH -Adrian W, Clare W, Grant Mc, Rachel H & Keith Dunn.

ATTENDING Non MVH – Sarah Smith (Waterfront), Fiona Campbell (Burntwood Tri Club)

APOLOGIES – Simon Smith, Caroline Kerr & Simon Billson

AGENDA

1. Barton Marina Aquathlon

Barton Marina and the Waterfront Charity Aquathlon agreed for Saturday 16th August.

- This is a Waterfront event not a tri club event. Burntwood and MVH are supporting only.
- BTC & Simon Smith will provide any equipment required for the race.
- Martin is lead organiser and will not run the event unless it is registered with the BTF. Waterfront must have insurance cover so the event will be registered.
- **CW to speak to TFN re them having a stall and perhaps providing wetsuit hire on the day.**
- Need to check with Martin re entry fees, (to be done at sub meeting)
- Distance will be 750m open water swim & 5k run around the lakes.
- Entries agreed to be on a pre registration basis and then 1 week before the event a view will be taken on entries on the day depending on the number already entered.
- **All to think of what charity.**

- Sub meeting required with Martin to go through exact requirements from all sides. This sub committee to consist of 1x MVH, Sarah S, Caroline Kerr & Martin Lewis.
- Fiona asked about de-weeding the lake prior to events but it was decided that as we are back in the big lake this year and if we plan the course correctly there would be no need.

2. Update on Barton Triathlons

- Barry is concerned about the finishing times for the events not being known for the pub to plan for. The main event for the Sprint on the 1st June has not been set yet but the Kids race is set for 12 noon. 20th July has been set to start at 8am with the fastest finishers being done at about 10.30 earliest. **Sarah would like times from Simon Smith asap in order to plan the pub staff and opening to be able to make the most of the people.**
- Question raised over the need for Porta-loos. All agreed definitely yes.
- A section of the grass will be needed for transition which will be set up on the Saturday pm.
- **Waterfront need times and itinerary ASAP from Simon Smith. Adrian to contact Simon and ask him to call Sarah in order to sort this out.**

3. Marshalling Requirements

Cannot do without Simon Smith.

4. Open Water Training Sessions & The Waterfront

- The idea has been put forward for The Waterfront to provide a "supper" for the swimmers at the Wednesday night training sessions.
- All agreed this would be a great idea and Sarah will arrange for a simple menu for us to push containing pasta, burger and chips and similar.
- Sarah will need numbers and times of arrival. These will be coordinated at registration and communicated to the pub immediately.

5. No AOB issues from Waterfront or BTC

6. Junior Section Update.

- Grant Mc confirmed that BTF East Mids will head up 3 sessions for juniors per week. This will be a combined MVH, DTC and Burton Caribbean Club session.

- Session 1 – swim Sat am 0730-0830 @ Meadowside taken by BTF Steve
- Session 2 – track Tues pm taken by BTF and Burton Caribbean
- Session 3 – yet to be confirmed, Thurs pm at Etwall School taken by Grant +1x MVH and DTC. This is still in negotiation so cannot advertise yet.
- BTF will coach the sessions but will need holiday cover from us.
- BTF coaches are only available for 12 months but the vision is that we can then split into 3 separate successful youth/junior sections.
- AW does not want to lose the Meadowside session on a Saturday and so proposes to run through the summer as an alternative/additional training for all members as well as the juniors.
- GMc will approach Burton Caribbean re funding swim costs through the summer.
- AW showed the MVH bottles which are to be given as part of the junior membership package.
- GMc was asked to give some thought to a junior Championship & how that might work. Based on "having a go" rather than races.
- All to give some thought to junior Xmas "do".
- Rachel offered her parents farm for summer BBQ again although not with a marquee this time! Date suggested 3rd August. Rache to check with parents for ok.

7. OWS opening dates & swimming requirements

See No 6 but looking to start 26th April depending on temp.
CW to get thermometer to check temp.

8. Coaching Benefits

- All agreed that the coaching team should have some form of "thanks" for giving up their time. It was discussed about free membership but this has an effect on the club funds so it was proposed and all agreed that they would receive free open water swimming through the season.
- Fiona C asked if we had a "contract" for our coaches. This is not something we do at the moment but might be an idea to introduce in the future. AW will look at it in the future.
- KD suggested that if 2 coaches cover the open water sessions then 1 watches while the other swims then swap so no one misses a session.
- Dave Nelson has offered to take coached open water sessions.
- All agreed that the minimum expectation of support from each coach would be 1 session a month.

9. **Coaching Staff**

- Keith Dunn is unofficially taking some of the novice Sunday rides and as a "lead cyclist", does not need an official qualification.
- Aw offered KD a place on the 2008 booked Level 1 course which KD accepted. KD is willing to be a part of the MVH coaching team and "on call" when needed.
- AW explained that by the end of 2008, the coaching team will consist of:
Grant Lvl 2, possibly Lvl 3 (Grant to see what happens through this yr!)
Adrian W Lvl 2 (not Lvl 3 as no benefit)
Keith Dunn Lvl 1
a.another female Lvl 1 (yet to be decided)
Clare W Lvl 2

10. **Accounts Update**

Non to report as Simon absent.

11. No AOB