



Committee Meeting

DATE: Wednesday 14th January 2009

ATTENDING MVH -Adrian Williamson (AW), Clare Williamson (CW), Grant McKinlay (GM), Rachel Hall (RH), Melanie Bridgen (MB), Simon Billson (SB) & Keith Dunn (KD).

AGENDA

1. **IM/70.3 Target Races 2010**

A number of enquiries for 70.3 races to be the club target one year rather than an IM. Next years race will be out to the membership vote and will then alternate between 70.3 and IM.

MB suggested that the list of races to choose from might be better being shorter. This was discussed and the decision taken that a full list will be offered and voted upon, results due end Feb, then a short list will be put out for the final vote, resulting in choice for following year by end of March.

CW asked if it was just "competing" members who could vote.
Vote is open to ALL MEMBERS.

2. **Winter Dip!**

This needs some more in-depth planning including what day it should be held on and if it should be just a club "event" or make it an open event and involve a charity.

First things to do are to speak to Barry and check if he would be ok for this to go ahead. The other is to check on other clubs who offer this type of event and find out what they do to cover themselves re insurance/liability. How much does a disclaimer cover us for?

RH will speak to Barry and investigate the cover aspects with other clubs.

Adrian to provide RH with details of contact from a local amateur swimming association (Paul Alderson).

3. Kay Clarke & BCAT

Kay Clarke has confirmed that BCAT is to fold at some point this year, date to be confirmed. BTF has withdrawn coaching support. Adrian will speak to Kay re her continuing to coach the juniors at Saturday morning swim as part of the MVH coaching rota and as an MVH coach.

Unfortunately this will mean that the Tuesday evening run sessions at Shobnall will be cancelled.

MB informed that the Burton Athletics Club provide athletics coached sessions for juniors on a Monday night at the same time as the senior run sessions. AW to communicate this to the membership.

4. MVH Aquathlon (J Cresswell)

Jim Cresswell has approached AW re holding a mid week tri from Barton Marina this yr. AW has said no due to safety of cyclists.

They have discussed the possibility of an Aquathlon and agreed that this would be a good idea.

Proposed date is the 5th August and it would be a closed club event for local clubs, (i.e. DTC, Burntwood, Stafford etc)

AW was hoping to combine this with a BBQ which would be arranged through the Waterfront. It was discussed whether it would have to be on a weekend but was decided that this was not necessary.

The MVH summer BBQ will still go ahead on a separate date at MB's.

Date discussed and agreed on 16th August. Will be a sub committee meeting closer to the date to discuss who needs to do what. Raffle will happen this year.

5. MVH Duathlon (Rosliston)

MVH Duathlon at Rosliston Forestry Centre has been under discussion with KD, AW and the centre. The H & S guidelines will be sent from the centre to let us know what we need to fulfil.

KD is to meet with the centre contact to sort out the bike access as this seems to be causing a bit of a safety issue.

Rosliston are going to let us know what dates are available but we are going to aim for October.

6. Racing – Senior & Junior

22 races in list.

KD commented that he felt having this number of races diluted the clubs impact at events and that if the choice was less then the numbers attending each race would be greater. Reason that the choice is so high is that we are trying to accommodate all members however it was

agreed that the list would be less next year. We will aim for a pyramid structure with 1x Ironman down to the Sprints/Super Sprints at the bottom plus Duathlons.

One of the dates for a junior race is wrong on the website. AW will amend.

All juniors who complete 2 or more races off the list will get a medal at the end of the season.

7. Coaches (Staff) & Training

Coaching rota seems to be working but if Kay leaves the swim coaching then the Sat's will be doubled for the existing coaches. This rota finishes at the end of March and AW will send out the new one soon.

KD was concerned that the level of coaching responsibility was not evenly distributed. AW explained that there were some coaches who were not qualified when this rota was drawn up and were not comfortable coaching prior to this qualification being confirmed. The next rota will include all qualified coaches.

AW will ask the newly qualified coaches if they might volunteer for a couple of additional session between now and the end of March. This will be done when Kay lets us know about coming over to MVH.

The April rota will need additional support due to there needing to be 3 responsible staff on duty per open water session.

8. Kit

New kit is now available and in the brochure to order. The new tri kit is much improved on the old.

AW has had samples of the kit for people to try for a couple of months now and needs to send it back so this Sat will be the last time it will be available.

9. Clothing

New lines of clothing has taken longer than anticipated to sort and the 2009 prices have only just been received from the suppliers but the brochure will be available as a pdf link on the website within the next week.

10. Items to Purchase? Vote?

Gazebo with sides, logo and carry bag, 4m x 3.5m = £1000+vat

Sail Boards are from £199 - £350 depending on size and base choice.

It was voted on and decided that we would go this way.

MB's work has bought a gazebo and she will find out where so we can check prices.

KD volunteered to look after the information finding.

11. Discipline

Due to the possible amalgamation of BCAT with MVH, our Code of Conduct was reviewed with particular reference to equality and all principles will be rigidly enforced.

12. AOB

KD recommended the TT only be on a Sat – all agreed

KD recommended a new format for the TT championships – all agreed to the format and details will be published shortly.

KD suggested once a month structured sessions in the lake – all agreed and thought that a Wednesday would be better as it is more concentrated. Full details will be published shortly.

KD said that transition training will be arranged through the season within the OW swim sessions.

GMc stated that the Junior Thursday night sessions at Etwall will commence on 30th April.

13. Next meeting will be 18th March, venue and time to be announced.