

## **Minutes of Meeting 17.09.08**

### **Junior Section**

**General** - Grant reported that this year we have been using Etwall School (John Port) unofficially but if we wish to continue next year then it has to be on a formal basis. This will cost us £8 per week which means that the rate per person will have to be increased to £2 per person per session.

There were 11 juniors in total, 7 of which stayed through the whole season. The age group who stayed were aged between 8 & 12. The 4 who did not stay were 13 – 16. Grant had advised that the 16 year olds attended the adult training sessions as they were more than capable.

Grant had collected £44 which he intended to keep to spend on equipment such as cones and running ladders. Adrian reminded Grant that there was still funding from the BBQ last year available. This was in the region of £190. Grant said he would bear it in mind but didn't really need too much kit.

DTC are happy to continue with the joint junior sections for 2009.

Etwall new pool will be finished for the new season.

These sessions to start again last week in April 2009 through to last week in September and that DTC will provide a coach 1 in 4 sessions. Grant is happy to continue taking the other sessions with the support of MVH other coaches if he needed to miss.

The juniors were all given a DTC T-shirt at the end of the last session.

**Open Water Race** - All agreed that the junior open water race should be held again next year. The aim is to again hold it on the same day as the Sprint (first) Barton Marina race.

Numbers will be restricted to 12 people per wave, (max of 84 in 7 waves). We will try and time it so that as the last cyclist finishes in each wave the next wave swim starts. In order to achieve this safely we will need a minimum of 24 marshals.

**Open Water Junior Charge** – All agreed that the cost for junior members, (including DTC & BW), to open water swim during training 2009 should be £1; non member juniors will be £2. This will be announced at AGM and set for 2009.

**Junior Championship** – MVH junior championship is to be decided on 1 race and this year it is to be the Burntwood Aquathlon in November. Grant will liase with Ann Brook to arrange. **AW TO SEND GRANT ANN'S EMAIL ADDRESS.** (This covers point 4 also).

2009 junior championship will be at the open water race at Barton.

**Burton Caribbean Tri Club** – Adrian stated that following a conversation with Stefan Pearce, the BCAT , (ethnic minority club set up in Burton by BTF), may fold and that he had been approached by the chair person to merge the junior sections but call it the BCATs in order for her to still claim funding as Burton Caribbean. CW was concerned that the MVH cubs and foxes would lose their identity if the name was changed. All agreed that we wanted to keep the MVH junior name. Simon

was concerned that this might constitute fraud, obtaining money by deception. Adrian explained that Kay (BCAT Chair) was concerned that the BTF would take the equipment she had purchased for the club through funding. All agreed that if the equipment was bought using funding given to the club from sources other than the BTF it belonged to the club and NOT the BTF and so she could do what she wanted with it.

Adrian is to meet with BTF and Kay and discuss further.

### **Audax**

Grant explained that it would be a great help to know the full schedule of Audax's to be targeted by MVH. Adrian knows the schedule from now to July but in order to get the full calendar, someone needed to join the Audax Association (?). Simon B offered to find out costs and will join, funded by the club, then publish the full calendar when he has it.

### **Xmas Do**

Clare spoke to Caroline regarding the Xmas party. Caroline asked why we were not going to the Waterfront for the party; she knew that we had booked into the Meynell. CW explained that when she called she spoke to Sam and was told that there was only 1 date available, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov and that there was 2 ways of booking, pay £10 per head on a given number immediately or book for exclusive use minimum of 80, pay £200 deposit to hold but whatever the shortfall of people, we would have to pay for in full. CW explained that either way we could not afford this. We are a non profit making club and do not have the funds available to do either of these things. The date did not suit many members and that the general opinion was that it was expensive. Caroline asked what the Meynell had offered. This was explained, exclusive use for 60+ and deposits and confirmation of minimum numbers not due until the end of October. £25 per head, 3 course meal and disco. Balance due by end of November. Date booked was 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Caroline said that she and Barry were disappointed that we were going to the Meynell and really wanted us to go there. She would speak to the manager and see what she could do on dates and prices. All agreed that if the cost was the same and the deposit could be taken later then we would go to the Waterfront. Caroline to email Clare tomorrow.

**Open Water Swimming 2009** – Clare added that the OW swimming would be finishing in 1 weeks time and that we were hoping we would be able to come back next year. Caroline said that Barry and she were delighted that we were here this year and that they have no problem with us coming back next year. Barry has stocked the lake with fish but had also spoken to the “man” concerned with the fishing who had said swimming was no detriment to the fish so both could happen 2009. CW said that the plan would be to start April/May depending on temperatures and run through to Sept again.

**Races @ Barton 2009** – Caroline and Barry are keen to have the races again next year and 2 would be great. All agreed that 2 races was better PR than 1. Adrian said that Simon Smith would be in touch soon to book dates as the sooner they are booked and published, the better chance of them being the only ones on those days.

**Summer BBQ** – Adrian mentioned that we would be looking to hold a summer bbq in 2009 and that we would be in touch to try and arrange this at the Waterfront.

### **MVH Clothing**

Clare stated that there would be a new supplier of supporters MVH clothing similar to Hunters Active but which would offer a greater choice and a greater price range starting at T Shirts for £10. There would also be kids clothing. There will be an MVH catalogue and price list available and that the company and the brochure will be launched at the AGM. The price list will be for item with MVH logo on breast or back. Grant commented that although the Hunters Active stuff was good it was too expensive and there had to be a greater choice for people. Simon asked if logos and phrases would be available on the back of the clothing, this was confirmed and that there would be set phrases at set prices and then specific phrases would be priced individually.

### **Accounts**

Simon will provide full accounts 2 weeks before AGM which will be sent out to be approved and returned for presentation at AGM.

Simon will sort out getting the bank statements sent direct to him. Membership and other correspondence will continue to go to Fleetapple Lodge as it is a neutral address. All agreed.

Internet banking will be set up for ease of use. **AW TO SET UP FOR SIMON.**

### **Coaches (Staff) & Training**

Sam, Keith and Warren are booked onto a level 1 course and Clare & Grant are booked onto level 2.

Ben will re do his level 1 practical when the other 3 do it.

AW has discovered that clubs do not have to have a level 3 coach on the “books”, so long as they have access to level 3 that is sufficient. Therefore the level 3 money will be put toward more level 1 coaches. All agree that 3x level 2's and access to 2x level 3's, (Brian and Dave Nelson) was enough of the higher levels and so the funding should be to get more level 1's.

Sam & Keith have offered to be in charge of the shorter/novice cycles on Sundays.

### **Kit**

Warren has been doing some research into an alternative Triathlon kit supplier for the club. The cycle kit from Endura is good but there have been problems with the Tri kit. Endura have been in touch with Adrian who had sent them some Orca kit as samples of the design and quality. They have employed a Tri specific design team to work on the Triathlon side of the clothing available. They will be launching a new and improved kit shortly. Come March 2009 there will either be a new kit from Endura or a new supplier for the Tri specific kit.

### **Affiliation with Other Clubs**

All agree to carry on with our affiliation with Burntwood and DTC providing the reciprocal rates and joint ventures continue.

Plan B cycle club have approached AW regarding affiliation and want to join our cycle rides and take coaching. AW and Grant are apprehensive that this will potentially spoil the “have a go” fun side of the club and might make it too serious which all agree we do not want. Adrian has had 1 meeting with them and then hasn't heard anything else so we'll wait and see what happens but we all say no at the moment.

## **Website**

Andrew Vickers runs his own IT company and has been asked to set up a forum for the MVH. Grant said that there are too many emails now on the Yahoo group and that this should be used for club notices only and allow the forum to become the chat notice board. Adrian and Andrew are in discussion about it. Adrian will then tackle the website maintenance with Andrew and ask if he might be willing to assist in the up keep.

## **2009 Championship Co-ordinator**

Championship races for 2009 will be cut down to 20 from 30. Grant seemed to think that no-one would mind if there were only 12 or 15 in the Championship. AW to confirm final numbers at the AGM.

Simon has put together a new spreadsheet which automatically calculates the percentages and the positions from the points entered, (I think). Simon would like to be the 2009 Championship Co-ordinator. Proposed by CW, seconded by Grant. Simon will be announced as Championship Coordinator at the AGM.

## **Extra Committee Members**

Keith and Mel both have expressed an interest in joining the committee.

We agreed that we do need more people on the committee but that for 2009 we should limit the numbers to 7.

Social Secretary – responsible for all social aspects of the club including summer bbq, Xmas party, social gatherings at races.

Events/Race/?? Co-ordinator – responsible for TT Championships, assisting/liasing with race companies such as Chase Race regarding MVH races, assisting junior coordinator with races.

**ALL TO THINK ABOUT TITLE & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THIS SECOND POSITION. NEEDS TO BE DECIDED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT AT AGM.**

## **AGM**

To be held during the first 2 weeks of November. CW will check with Waterfront to see if it's possible to have the room upstairs again as last year at no charge and when it is free. Wednesday nights would be priority as we know that many members will be free Wed nights when OW swim stops.

## **AOB**

None raised

**Next Meeting Date & Time**

Next meeting will be AGM. Date and time to be confirmed following CW speaking to Waterfront.