



Committee Meeting

DATE: Thursday 23rd July 2009

ATTENDING MVH -Adrian W, Clare W, Rachel H, Melanie B & Keith D.

ATTENDING Non MVH – Rob Bishop (BTF)

APOLOGIES – Simon Billson & Grant McKinlay

AGENDA

1. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes & Update**

- Minutes of previous meeting revisited and approved.

2. **Tri-a-Tri Days**

- AW confirmed the first 2 have taken place and the 3rd is scheduled for the 9th of August and is effectively the junior triathlon at Barton Marina.

3. **Open Water Update & Aquathlon**

- a) 23rd of August is when Simon Moore does his Decathlon swim in the lake. He will start at 06.30 and AW will be there to see him off. He will welcome people swimming with him through the day. AW is concerned that there is no pool cover or OW swim cover for the day as a great many members are taking place in the National Relays. CW volunteered for both with help from Mel & Rachel if possible.
- b) We have been given notice that there is fishing starting in the lake in 2-3 weeks time. This will be offered everyday, 24hrs but the tickets sold on Wednesday will state that no fishing is to take place between 6.30-7.30 pm and Saturdays, none between 9-11am so it won't affect the swimming.
- c) Details have been sent out for the interclub aquathlon. **KD has asked for Nick Tompkinson-Hill's email address which AW or CW**

will provide. There haven't been too many food enquiries as yet but KD will monitor and sort.

4. **BBQ**

- Unfortunately Mel can't now host the BBQ on the 16th August and asked if we can change the date. This isn't possible as there are races or other commitments every weekend up to October.
- CW & AW have made enquiries with both the Waterfront and The Meynell.
- Waterfront will host for £8 per head plus drinks
- Meynell will host for nothing so long as we buy all drinks through the bar. We will have use of the BBQ on the main patio area & marquee for seating and setting up food. We are to provide our own food and pay for a gas bottle and can't serve food until 2.30 so we don't interfere with the pub lunch trade.
- All agreed this was fine so date booked as 16th Aug, prices to be £5 per adult & £2 per child under 16. Budget for food & instruments to be no more than £300. AW & CW will go to Cash & Carry to buy all required food and tools. Time to be 1.30 start. **AW will email details and start list of attendees.**

5. **MVH Club Championship Results**

AW stated that publishing the race results is a massive task now as there are so many people racing even if not as MVH. He would like to next year only publish those racing as MVH. All agreed this should start now.

6. **Swimming @ Meadowside/Repton/Etwell**

- Meadowside is shutting on the 5th so last swim session there will be 4th October.
- Repton have agreed in principal to open Saturday morning either 8.30-9.30 or 9.30-10.30 and the cost will be £71 for the hour including life guard cover. They are to discuss at the next committee meeting and confirm to AW.
- MB queried the numbers through winter and wondered if we should stop the kids coming to these Sat morning sessions. CW reminded that there are no other junior swim sessions through the winter as the Thurs night sessions are summer only.
- Committee discussed and decided to wait until we move and see what the average numbers per session are and then take a view on it. If enough numbers, there may be the possibility of taking 2 hours and splitting the numbers for the adults therefore being able to keep the juniors.

7. **Debrief Barton Races Inc Junior Race**

- Very nearly a disaster with the torrential downpour we had but AW would like to thank all marshals and competitors for sticking it out and keeping smiling.
- MVH took £450 on the car park so good income was made for the club. The car park for the next race will be on a rota as this because it seemed to work really well.
- Trophies were not given on the day due to the weather but they were sent/given out during the following week.
- Junior now scheduled for the 9th August and all on track with approx 70 entries already.

8. **IM Debrief**

All but 1 finished and the support and whole weekend was excellent. Looking forward to IM 70.3 next year which should see a bigger entry and therefore a bigger support and a bigger weekend.

9. **IM 70.3 Belgium – Fund Allocation**

- SB comments read out. SB do not think funds should be allocated to IM trips as there are not all members taking part.
- CW pointed out that there are other more accessible races also subsidised by the club such as the National Relays.
- MB commented that we are trying to encourage more members to take part in the longer distances and funds should be allocated.
- All voted and agreed that funds will continue to be allocated to the travelling to all future IM events.
- Once numbers are known, the allocation of funds will be decided upon and this allocation will be towards the travel and transport of equipment as a van will be provided again next time.

10. **TT & Summer Series**

- KD is disappointed in the lack of numbers entering the SS. Days and times were changed but still not a good turnout.
- AW thinks it should be an Aquathlon but KD stated that the main reason was to practice transition and as an Aquathlon that reason was taken away.
- Decision taken to finish this series and discuss next year at the next meeting.
- TT is going great guns with lots of attendance so that is working.

11. **Kit – Late Arrival**

- Kit is going to be here in August. Suppliers are overwhelmed by orders and are doing the best to get the kit out as quickly as possible.

12. **Velodrome Visit**

- KD still waiting for confirmation on availability of Manchester and wants to look at Newport as well.
- Possibly looking at 4 hrs to split the numbers and to ensure all can go.
- Manchester is booking about 6 months in advance according to sources.
- **KD to let AW know when info in.**

13. **AGM Date**

- Last year was on the 5th Nov but this could clash with bonfire parties.
- To look at dates during week comm. 12th Nov.
- **CW to find available dates at the Meynell and bring to next meeting.**
- Look at a Friday so people can stay and have a drink after.

14. **Xmas Party**

- Looking at 4th or 5th Dec and all commented how good the parties are at the Meynell however, we must ask at the Waterfront also as last year.
- **CW to get dates and deals and bring to next meeting to vote and decide.**

15. **Cycle Maintenance & Level 3 Funding**

- AW is doing and funding himself a level 1 & 2 cycle maintenance course to be able to offer services etc to club members. Part 1 will be this year and part 2 in 2010.
- AW stated that if the club felt it was appropriate, he would welcome any help from the club with this funding.
- All committee discussed and the general consensus was that this was a good idea and some funding would be made available.
- CW will not vote as she feels this would not be fair because of her relationship with AW.
- **AW to put together a business plan for "what I will do for the club in return for some funding" for next meeting and present for committee vote.**

16. **AOB**

- It was discussed if it might be acceptable to put the membership cost up by £2 next year to incorporate affiliation to UK Athletics as a great many members took part in run races. RH said that she would be interested in affiliation to a long distance swimming association.
- CW commented that the UKA idea would be good as there are a lot of members who take part in run races and obviously this would help with entry fees. She said that if we were putting the joining fee up it should be to benefit many and not few but that it would be a good idea to out to the member vote as to which clubs we should affiliate to.
- CW suggested that the membership fee goes up to £25 to cover the affiliation to UKA and "A N other" affiliation which would be voted for by the members.
- KD to find out what the fee is for joining the UKA for next meeting.
- RH to find out details and fees for long distance swimming association affiliation for next meeting.
- Committee to vote once details in at next meeting.

17. **Date & Time Next Meeting**

- Waterfront @ Marina, Tuesday 22nd September 2009, 6.30pm.