



## **East Essex Triathlon Club**

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

#### **In attendance: -**

Jenny Harley  
Ian George  
Mike Shean  
Gemma Kemp  
Jack Martin  
Chris Muers  
Paul Gribbon

#### **Apologies received from: -**

Toby Knight  
Peter Harley  
Scott Youngson  
Dermot Robinson  
Louisa Usherwood

#### **Matters arising from the last Committee Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the last committee meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

#### **Gray's Triathlon**

It was agreed that we would go ahead with the Gray's Triathlon in 2023. A date of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 was provisionally agreed and Mike was going to check that this does not clash with any other events and that Blackshots is available. We would also like to get this event included in the regional league. Mike will revert at the next committee meeting. **MS to Action.**

#### **Aquathlon**

It was agreed that we would go ahead with the Baildon Aquathlon in 2023. Ian was going to check availability with BSV but a date of Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2023 was suggested. We would also like to get this event included in the regional league. Ian will revert at the next committee meeting. **IG to Action.**

## **Kids Triathlon**

It was agreed that we would go ahead with the Kids Triathlon in 2023. Ian was going to check availability with BSV but a Saturday in mid-May would be the preferred choice. We would also like to get this event included in the regional league. Ian will revert at the next committee meeting. **IG to Action.**

## **Friday Morning Swim**

Ian mentioned that the first Friday morning swim started last week and that 6 members had attended. At present these sessions were only going to run for September to see what the take up was like, however we all agreed that we should at least run these for at least 3-months to give everyone a chance to attend.

## **End-of-Season Party**

Jack had confirmed that the end of season party or winter ball had been booked for Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at the Rayleigh Club. Jack is going to finalise details with the Rayleigh Club and revert with costs etc before we agreed what contribution the Cub would make. However, in the meantime Jack is going to get provisional details and the date out to Members. This event would also double up as the end of season prize giving and triathlete of the year etc albeit on a smaller scale compared to the end of season awards at Swayne. **JM to Action.**

It was decided that we would not go ahead with the BBQ at the Cricket Club given the fact that we are organising the end-of-season party at the Rayleigh Club.

## **Other Events**

Jack suggested we should look at organising some other events for members and one suggestion was a handicap race followed bite to eat and a drink in Old Leigh at Osbornes. This would be based on Members approximate 5k times. One of the suggestions was that we would use the course that Leigh Striders use for their Christmas Run known as the Turkey Trot. We all thought this was a great idea and Jack was going to come up with some potential dates. **JM to Action.**

## **Organising Events for the Kids**

All the committee agreed that we needed to do more to organise events for the kids.

We had tried to set up a committee to do this, however things had not progressed particularly well and thus it was suggested that with Ian's assistance, Gemma was going to try to put a group together so we can at least organise some events for the kids such as cycle rides, open waters swims and an end of season event and prize giving for the kids. Even if one person organised an event each it would at least help to spread the workload.

We know Louisa, Emma and Liz kindly agreed to help if needed but I think we need to try and get this done on a more formal basis.

In addition, other members with children in the club such as Daniel Jago, Stuart Oldham and Steve Line could also help. In fact, Stuart had already offered to help organise some kids bike rides.

Dermot had also kindly provided some options for a kid's event including base jump and laser tag and we all agreed that one of these options would be great idea which we could combine with the kids end of season prize giving and triathlete of the year etc.

Several members had indicated their willingness to help with organising kids' events, but we do need someone to oversee this. **IG and GK to Action.**

### **Club League**

It was noted that the club league had not been updated on the website recently. We are not sure if Sam hadn't passed this on to Richard or if there was a technical problem with the Club website, but Ian was going to check with Richard Fuller. **IG to Action.**

### **Social Secretary Role**

For personal reasons Dermot Robinson has resigned as the Social Secretary. It was suggested that perhaps Tina and Diane could take on this role. Tina and Diane would you be interested? **TH and DS to Action.**

### **Essex Cross Country**

Clare Boston kindly sent over details of the Essex Cross Country races for 2022/2023 along with the invoice for our participation. It was agreed that should any Member wish to take part in these races then they would be actively encouraged to do so, although there will not be a Club team manager and thus anyone taking part would need to report their finishing position to the race organiser. Ian was going to advise Richard Fuller so he can publish the dates on the Club website. **IG to Action.**

### **Financial Update**

Paul kindly provided another Treasurer's update noting that we had £6,400 in the bank which is not too far off the £7,500 we were looking at having come the end of 2022. This could of course change but we have made a significant saving by cancelling the Thursday evening swimming at Basildon Sporting Village.

Furthermore, it was also agreed that we would increase the coaching expenses from £12 for level 2 coaches to £15 and for level 1 coaches from £8 to £11. It was also agreed that the expenses paid to lifeguards would increase from £10 to £11.

To off-set this it was also agreed by the committee that we would increase the cost of the training sessions from £3.50 to £4.00 The costs of the vouchers would also be increased from £45 for 15 to £50 and from £80 for 30 to £90.

These changes are to take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and thus Members can buy vouchers at the old price until then. **IG to Action.**

Daniel Jago had also asked about an additional Gazebo for this kid's events, however Jack pointed out that we already had two that were in good condition along with two feather flags that can be used for the kid's events as and when needed and thus as a Club we didn't need to purchase an additional Gazebo.

### **Any other business**

- Hogg Hill was all booked for the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 which would include the time trials as Club league events. Ian was going to organise this as get details out to Members and ask Richard to update the Club League to include this. **IG to Action.**
- The Billericay Parkrun is a league event and will take place on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Jack is going to send a reminder out to Members. **JM to Action.**
- Several Members mentioned that they would like to have East Essex Tri on the front of their Trisuits and Gemma had now organised this option with our suppliers. Jenny also looked at doing the retroactively and Blade printing had indicated that this could be done at a cost of around £15. **GK and JH to Action.**
- Ian was going to prepare an Autumn Newsletter to send to members detailing upcoming events such as Hogg Hill, the Billericay Parkrun and the End-of-Season party/Winter Ball. **IG to Action.**
- Scott was unable to attend the meeting but he did report back that he now has access to the England Athletics portal and we appear to only have 12 members with active registrations. There is some information about the Club which Scott is going to update. EA no longer manage the London Marathon Club slots, and this is handled by the Marathon. Scott has e-mailed them and is waiting a reply.
- Scott has now updated the contact details on the Club Website with Richard Fuller's help.
- The committee meeting minutes are also now on the Club website with Richard Fuller's help.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022